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### SENIOR ADVOCATE OF NIGERIA | CHARTERED ARBITRATOR | CHARTERED SECRETARY | CEDR ACCREDITED MEDIATOR | NOTARY PUBLIC

- A Senior Advocate of Nigeria, Notary Public and a Domestic and International Arbitrator with over 29 years' experience. Renowned Solicitor and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria with extensive expertise in the prosecution of civil and commercial matters in the various law courts in Nigeria namely: State High Courts, Federal High Court, National Industrial Court, Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court.
- Pragmatic, solution-driven, continuously leverages a combination of legal proficiency, objectivity and sound judgment. A brilliant negotiator, an expert in mediation, conciliation and arbitration matters. He has a unique ability to drive positive resolutions to complex legal matters and disputes.

#### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

International Finance and Investment Law | Insolvency and Business Recovery | Employment and Professional Negligence | Commercial Transactions and International Investment | Land Transactions | Admiralty Matters | Copyright, Patents and Designs | Probate and Administration of Estates | Debt Recovery | Aviation, Maritime and Transport Insurance Claims | Life and Personal Injury Claims | Dispute Resolution | Litigation

#### APPOINTMENTS

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| ▪ Chairman, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) Nigerian branch  | 2019 - Date |
| ▪ Designated Representative of Nigeria to the Arbitration Panel of the ICSID (International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes) Washington DC. | 2016- 2022  |
| ▪ President, Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators of Nigeria  | 2011 -2013  |
| ▪ Director, Corporate Affairs Commission   | 2010- 2011  |
| ▪ Special Assistant to the Hon. Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice   | 2006- 2007  |
| ▪ Member, the Nigerian delegation at The London Club Debt Restructuring meeting  | 2006        |
| ▪ Special Assistant to the Hon. Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice   | 2010- 2011  |

#### HONOURS

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| ▪ Elevated to the Inner Bar as a Senior Advocate of Nigeria  | 2014 |
| ▪ Listed Arbitrator with the Lagos Multi-Door Courthouse, Nigerian Communication Commission Arbitration Scheme, Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, Lagos and the Kigali International Arbitration Centre, Rwanda. |      |
| ▪ Appointed as Notary Public of the Federal Republic of Nigeria  |      |

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Engaged in solicitors' practice and advocacy with particular attention to commercial law practice, protection of intellectual property, documentation and perfection of transactions, etc.; handled many cases from the lower Courts (State High Courts and Federal High Courts) to Appellate Courts (i.e. Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Nigeria) and was appointed as Arbitrator in several arbitration matters across Nigeria.

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| ▪ <b>CHAIRMAN</b> , VFD Group Plc. Lagos State                             | 2018 – Date |
| ▪ <b>FOUNDING PARTNER</b> , Akinwunmi & Busari, Lagos State                | 1993- Date  |
| ▪ <b>DIRECTOR</b> , Trans Nigeria Assurance Co. Limited, Ibadan, Oyo State | 1999-2001   |
| ▪ <b>ASSOCIATE</b> , Babalakin & Co, Lagos State                           | 1990- 1993  |
| ▪ <b>LEGAL ATTACHÉ</b> , Molajo & Co, Lagos State                          | 1989        |

- **TUTOR**, Government Day Secondary School, Borno State 1984-1985

### EDUCATION

- Masters of Law (LL.M) 1997  
University of Lagos, Lagos State
- Barrister at Law (B.L) 1989  
Nigerian Law School, Lagos State
- Bachelor of Laws, LL. B 1988  
University of Ibadan, Oyo State
- B.Sc. Political Science 1984  
University of Ife, (*Obafemi Awolowo University*) Osun State

### RESEARCH WORK AND PUBLICATIONS

- Participant, International Bar Association publication of "Who is Who Legal".
- Manufacturers' Burden with particular reference to Consumer Protection in Nigeria.
- Land Use Planning and the Land Use Act 1978.
- A case for Insolvency Law and Practice in Nigeria.
- Industrial Democracy: The German and Japanese Experience.
- The role of Arbitral Institutions in the Promotion of Arbitration in Nigeria and Africa in general.
- Corporate Governance: Myth or Reality.
- Emergency Arbitrator and Commercial Disputes: Some Practical Issues.
- Making Your Mark as a Professional in Nigeria: Issues to Contend With.

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb.), United Kingdom (Nigeria Branch)
- Fellow (FCIS), Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSAN), United Kingdom
- Distinguished Fellow, Professional Excellence Foundation of Nigeria (DFPEFON)
- Member, Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
- Member, International Bar Association (IBA)
- Member, Pan African Law Union (PALU)
- Member, Business Recovery and Insolvency Practitioners Association of Nigeria (BRIPAN)
- Member, Insol International; International Federation of Insolvency Practitioners
- Member, Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Professional Practice Group)
- Member, Lagos Court of Arbitration
- Member, Intellectual Property Law Association of Nigeria (IPLAN)
- Member, Executive Council of the Nigerian Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, United Kingdom
- Member, London Court of International Arbitration, Pan African Council
- Mediator, Center for Effective Dispute Resolution, United Kingdom (CEDR)
- Member, Executive Council of the Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, (Nigeria Branch)
- Member, Negotiation and Conflict Management Group, Lagos
- Member, Steering Committee of the Lagos Multi-Door Court House (ADR) Project.
- Member, National Committee on the Reform and Harmonisation of Arbitration and ADR Laws
- Member, National Committee in the Harmonisation of Road Traffic Laws
- Member, National Working Group on the Review of Investment Laws in Nigeria
- Member, The National Committee for the Reform and Harmonisation of Arbitration and ADR Laws in Nigeria
- Member, Education and Membership Committee (EMC), Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.
- Fellow, The Professional Excellence Foundation of Nigeria
- Member, Management Committee of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce, International Arbitration Centre (LACIAC)

### LEADERSHIP & DELEGATIONS

- Leader, Federal Government of Nigeria's delegation and appointed Rapporteur at the 44th Session of the United Nations Commission on International Trades Law (UNCITRAL), Working Group III (on Online Dispute Resolution) on the work of its 22nd session held at Vienna, Austria.

- Tutor, Assessor and Examiner on the Entry Courses, Accelerated Membership Courses and Accelerated Fellowship Courses organised by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Nigeria branch in Nigeria, Ghana and Rwanda.
- Designated Representative of Nigeria to the Arbitration Panel of the ICSID (International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes), World Bank and Washington DC.

#### **RECENT CONFERENCES & SEMINARS**

- 2nd Biannual African Arbitration Roundtable Conference organised by the International Centre for Arbitration and Mediation in Abuja, October 2017.
- Law Week organised by the Nigerian Bar Association, Lagos Branch in Onikan, Lagos, October 2016.
- The 56th Annual General Conference of the Nigerian Bar Association with the theme “Democracy and Economic Development, organised by the Nigerian Bar Association, August 2016.
- Training in the Introduction to Investment Treaty Law and Arbitration organised by Africa International Legal Awareness, September 2015.
- Roundtable on the Pivotal Role of the Corporate Secretary held at Mid Valley, Kuala Lumpur, October 2013.
- 2nd CSIA International Corporate Governance Conference, organised held at The Ashok, New Delhi, April 2013.
- Annual Conference of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators organised by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) Nigeria Branch, 2012.
- Institute of Company Secretaries Convention, Amby Valley City, India, October 2012.
- Training Seminar on Secured Credit and Business Insolvency in Nigeria organised by Business Recovery and Insolvency Practitioners Association of Nigeria, February 2011.
- Annual Conference of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators organised by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) Nigeria Branch, 2011.
- Marine Law organised by Lloyd’s Maritime Academy in London, November 2009.
- Advanced Arbitration Workshop organised by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, held in Abuja, March 2009.
- Distance Learning Advanced Course on Arbitration and Mediation Procedure by the World Intellectual Property Organisation, November 2008.
- First Practice Maritime Dispute Resolution Seminar organised by the Maritime Arbitrators Association of Nigeria and the Centre for Law and Development Studies (CLDS), March 2008.
- Oil and Gas Disputes resolution Course, University of Dundee, Scotland, August – September 2007,
- Congress of the West African Monetary zone meeting in Ghana, November 2006.
- The Pan African Law Union Congress held in Dakar, Senegal, 2006.
- Workshop on the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Project Workshop organised by the World Bank in Washington, DC, June 2006.
- Workshop on the introduction of the Fast Track Court system for Commercial Court Workshop in Ghana, March 2006.
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Training Workshop organised by the National Centre for State Courts Nigeria Rule of Law Assistance Project, Abuja, June 2004.
- Accessing the Capital Market for Tourism Development organised by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation held in Cross River, June 2004.