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EDUCATION

Master of Laws (L.L.M.) -2005

Lagos State University, Post Graduate School (Ojo, Lagos, Nigeria)

- Maritime and Commercial Law

Post-Graduate Diploma (P.G.Dip) -2000

Lagos State University, Post Graduate School (Ojo, Lagos, Nigeria)

- Maritime Law

Barrister-at-Law (BL) and Called to the Nigerian Bar -1984

Nigerian Law School (Victoria Island, Lagos State, Nigeria)

Bachelor of Laws (L.L.B. Hons.) -1983

University of Lagos (Akoka, Lagos, Nigeria)

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Senior Counsel 2020 to present

Mike Igbokwe (SAN) & Co (Dolphin Estate, Ikoyi, Lagos State, Nigeria.)

- Part-time management of and consultancy for the law firm with the support of its Practice Coordinator

Principal and Managing Counsel 2004 – 2019

Mike Igbokwe (SAN) & Co (Dolphin Estate, Ikoyi, Lagos State, Nigeria.)

- Key player and a leading lawyer in the transportation, corporate, insolvency and commercial sectors of Nigeria.
- Managed the law firm's practice, business plans and development and gave it leadership and focus.
- Supervised the law firm's work with the Practice Coordinator.
- Ensured excellent client's service delivery to retain clients.
- Developed and grew the law firm's business and brought in clients.
- Prepared court processes and documents for clients and use in courts.
- As lead counsel, appeared in trial and appellate courts and arbitral Tribunals to conduct complex cases and arbitrations (as practitioner and co-arbitrator) on the core areas of the law firm's practice.

Principal and Managing Counsel **1990 – 2004**

Mike Igbokwe & Co (Surulere, Glover Street, & Wharf Road, Apapa, Lagos State, Nigeria.)

- Managed the law firm’s practice and gave it direction and focus.
- Supervised law firm’s work and ensured excellent client’s service delivery
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- Appeared in trial and appellate courts and arbitral Tribunal to conduct complex cases on the core areas of the law firm’s practice.

Associate and subsequently, Assistant Head **1989-1990**

The Chambers of Mr. H. A. Lardner, SAN (Victoria Island, Lagos State, Nigeria.)

- Assisted in interviewing, hiring, training and supervising junior counsel and staff.
- Prepared court processes and legal documents of various types.
- Provided satisfactory services to clients by promptly responding to their requests, inquiries, suggestions, instructions, and concerns.
- As Pupil Counsel, was led by Mr. Lardner, SAN and conducted research, **1985-1987**
court hearings.
- Acquired professional, managerial and entrepreneurial qualities and legal drafting and advocacy skills which he has put to use and improved upon in the organisation and successful management of the law practice.

Arbitration Practitioner **2005 – Present**

Neutral Arbitrator **- 2016**

- Lagos Court of Arbitration, Lagos.

FCI Arb, Nigeria **-2013**

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Nigeria
- Fast Track Fellowship Programme

ACI Arb, UK **-2005**

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London, UK
- Associate Membership Course, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK

Professional Activities & Employment-related Positions

- Chairman, Planning Committee, 4th ICC Africa Regional Arbitration Conference. **-2019.**
- Member Governing Council, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Nigeria **-2019 to date.**
- Chairman, Energy and Power Committee of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Nigeria. **-2017-2018.**
- Member, Executive Committee, Maritime Arbitrators Association of Nigeria. **-2008-to date**
- Member, Arbitration & ADR Committee of the International Bar Association (“IBA”). **-2000 to date**
- Member, International Chamber of Commerce Commission on Arbitration and ADR, Nigeria. **-2010 to date**

Arbitration Work Related Experience

- Party's Representative/Counsel in a multi-million US Dollars Charterparty dispute between a shipping company and an International Oil Company.
- Party's Representative/Counsel in a multi-Million Naira road Consultancy.
- Party's Representative/Counsel in an Application to the Federal High Court to set aside an Award in a Construction dispute between a Government Agency and an Architect.
- Party's Representative/Counsel in an Application to enforce an arbitral Award in a Construction dispute between a Government Agency and an Architect.
- Party-appointed Arbitrator in a claim for damages for breach of Independent Service Provider Agreement for testing meters determining the crude oil and gas lifted from terminals.
- Institution-appointed Sole Arbitrator in an international arbitration claim for breach of contract of cargo clearing and forwarding agency contract that failed.
- Institution-appointed Sole arbitrator in a domestic arbitration claim for breach of contract that failed.
- Chairman of Arbitral Tribunal in a commercial dispute between a Contractor and a State Government in Nigeria involving multi million Naira claim and multibillion Naira counter-claim arising from a construction contract dispute.
- Party-appointed arbitrator in a multi-billion Naira Construction contract dispute that failed.
- Party-appointed arbitrator in a multi-million Naira Breach of ports consultancy contract between a Government Agency and a Consultant.
- Party-appointed arbitrator in a multi-million Naira investment in a ship dispute.
- Resource Person for Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Nigeria. **-2016**
 - Teaching on the Writing of Arbitral Awards.
 - Teaching on Professional Ethics and conducting moot arbitration proceeding on Arbitration at its Fellowship Award Programmes. Marked and graded the scripts.
 - Conducted Moot Arbitral Proceedings for its intending Fellows **-2018 to date**
- Speaker and Presenter on arbitration topics at Arbitration conferences.

NOTABLE PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND SPECIALIZATION

Senior Advocate of Nigeria

2004

- Awarded the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), Nigeria's equivalent to Queens Counsel (QC) with appurtenant privileges for life, in recognition of good character, excellence in the legal profession and distinction in litigation.

Notary Public, in Good Standing

1992-date

Participant, ICC Institute's Advanced Training

2019

- Drafting Enforceable Awards

- Participant, ICC Institute’s Advanced Training** **2018**
- The Conduct of the Proceedings and Case Management – The Arbitrator’s Perspective
- Participant, The Australian Centre for International Arbitration** **2017**
- Training Programme on IBA Arb40 Toolkit for Arbitral Award Writing
- Professional Leadership**
- Member, Maritime Transport Consortium, a think-tank for the Federal Ministry of Transport on local content in the maritime transport sector. 2003
 - Member, National Maritime Authority’s [NMA] Consortium of Consultants, by virtue of which he was appointed NMA’s consultant on Cabotage services for Cargo Support Programme and Cabotage for Indigenous Maritime Capacity Enhancement and Indigenous Vessels Expansion and Acquisition Programme. 2001
 - Chairman, the Ad Hoc Strategic Committee set up by the Transport Association of Nigeria to fine-tune the Association’s multi-modal transport presentation and inputs into the formulation of the National Transport Policy at the 5th National Council on Transport held on 29th-31st August, 2000 at the ECOWAS Secretariat, Asokoro, Abuja. 2001
 - Chairman, session on “An overview and implications of the Anti-Corrupt Practices Act, 2000” at the “National Seminar on the Eradication of Corruption and Sharp Practices in the Seaports: Stakeholders Summit” which was organised by the Nigerian Ports Authority in collaboration with the Nigerian Consultative Council and held at the Eko Le Meridien Hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos from 24th to 26th October, 2000. 2000
 - Reviewer at the 6th Maritime Seminar for Judges, organised by the Nigerian Shippers’ Council in conjunction with the Nigerian Judicial Institute at the Sheraton Hotels and Towers, Abuja, of the Council’s book on the papers presented at the 5th Maritime Seminar for Judges, held at the Eko Le’ Meridien Hotel Victoria Island, Lagos from 23rd to 25th May, 2000.

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS DELIVERED

1. “Covid-19 & Nigerian Maritime Sector: Lessons and Way Forward.” (June 2020). Discussed the Maritime Dispute Resolution Perspective as a Panelist at the Mike Igbokwe (SAN) & Co’s Zoom Webinar Series 1 held on 10 June 2020.
2. “The ECOWAS Energy Protocol: Genesis, Objectives and State of Play” (2018) delivered at the 3rd ICC African Arbitration Conference, Lagos, 2018.
3. “Award Writing-Writing of Directions and Procedural Orders” (2017), delivered at the Fellowship Training of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Nigeria, 2017.
4. “Award Writing- Purpose, Requirements and Elements” (2017) delivered at the Fellowship Training of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Nigeria, 2017.

5. "The Growing Importance of Arbitration in the Resolution of Commercial Disputes in Nigeria" (2017), delivered at the Fellowship Training of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Nigeria, 2017.
6. "Professional Ethics in Arbitration", (2017) delivered at the Fellowship Training of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Nigeria, 2017.
7. "Recent Developments in Nigeria Maritime Litigation" (2012) being a Paper delivered at the NIMASA 4th Strategic Admiralty Law Seminar for Judges held at the Lagos Oriental Hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos from 5th to 6th December, 2012.
8. "The Cabotage Act & Oil and Gas Vessel Operators: Requirements, Opportunities, Challenges and Suggestions for Improvement" (2011); presented at the Cabotage & Marine Vessel Contracting Workshop organized by Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company Limited (SNEPCO), Ikoyi, Lagos, July 2011.
9. "Maritime Security Issues in Nigeria" (2010); presented at the International Maritime Law Conference: Shipping in the New Financial Era in Connecticut, USA, March, 2010.
10. "In rem or in personam: Mode of exercise of admiralty jurisdiction" (2010) ; presented at the Admiralty Resources Services' NIGERIAN ADMIRALTY MASTERCLASS, Lagos, 2010.
11. "Laws and Procedure Guiding Coastal and Inland Shipping" (2004); presented at the Continuing Legal Education: Workshop Series of Lawquest Limited, Port Harcourt, 2004.
12. "Ship Arrest and Release: A synoptic guide on Procedure and Laws" (2003); delivered at the Eleventh Workshop series of Alpha Juris Continuing Legal Education Department, Port-Harcourt, Rivers State, June 2003.
13. "Loss Payable Clauses in Marine Insurance Policy: Implications of the Contracts [Third Parties] Act, 1999 of UK" (2003) published in the Nigerian Journal of Maritime Law 18-28.
14. "Admiralty Jurisdiction and Maritime Litigation" (2001), a paper presented at a Workshop on Financing and Leasing of Ships, Aircraft and other Mobile assets, organised by the Centre for Law and Development, Lagos on 6th September, 2001.
15. "Advocacy paper for the promulgation of a Nigerian Maritime Cabotage Law Part 2.... Present & Potential Problems of Cabotage and Recommended Solutions", (2001) presented at the Public Hearing on Nigerian Cabotage Bill organised by the House Committee on Transport at the National Assembly Complex, Abuja in February, 2001.
16. "Abolition of Cargo Sharing Policy: Matters Arising" (2000) published in the Maritime Newsletter (a quarterly journal on Maritime Law in Nigeria April-June 2000); MaritimeWatch page of the Guardian Newspapers Law Series, April-May, 2000.
17. "Admiralty Action in Rem and its significance" (2000) published in the Maritime Newsletter

(a quarterly journal on Maritime Law in Nigeria Jan-March 2000) and the Maritime Watch page of the Guardian Newspapers Law Series, February, 2000.

BOOKS AUTHORED

1. The Dynamism of Law Practice in Nigeria (Published by CLDS Publishing, 2019).
2. The Trajectory of Excellence in Legal Practice: Insights from Legal Experts (Published by CLDS Publishing, 2019).
3. Nigerian Maritime Cabotage Policy and Law: The Case and Advocacy (Published by One United Thursday Company, 2006).

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Fellow, Business Recovery and Insolvency Practitioners Association of Nigeria **2018**

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Ltd/Gte **2013**

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Governing Council Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Nigeria **2018 – Present**

Governing Council Member, Business Recovery and Insolvency Practitioners Association of Nigeria, affiliate of INSOL International **2018 – Present**

2nd Vice President, Nigerian Maritime Law Association, affiliate of CMI **2015 – Present**

Executive Council Member, Maritime Arbitrators Association of Nigeria **2010 - Present**

Planning Committee Chairman, 4th ICC Africa Regional Arbitration Conference **2019**

Chairman, Energy and Power Committee, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators **2017 - 2018**

Africa Regional Representative, Maritime Committee of the Maritime and Transportation Law Section, International Bar Association **2016 – 2018**

Member, Business Recovery & Insolvency Practitioners Association of Nigeria **2013 to present**

Associate Member, UK Chartered Institute of Arbitrators **2005 to present**

Member , Task Force on Malpractices in Banks and Financial Institutions, Nigerian Bar Association	2002
Officer , Maritime Committee of the Section on Business Law of the Nigerian Bar Association	2005-2007
Member , International Bar Association	2000 to present
Member , Insolvency International	2013 to present
First Chairman , African Intellectual Property Agents Association	1998
Associate , Nigerian Shippers' Council	2000 to present
Governing Board Member , Nigerian Chamber of Shipping	2006-2008
Associate Member , Indigenous Shipowners Association of Nigeria	2006 to present
Member , International Chamber of Commerce Commission on Arbitration and ADR	-2010 to date
Deputy-Chairman , Maritime Trade Group of National Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines & Agriculture (NACCIMA)	2019 to present
Member , Nigeria-Turkey Business Council	2020 to present
Representative , Maritime Trade Group of NACCIMA at AfCFTA Committee	2020

LANGUAGE AND INTERESTS

Languages:

- Fluent in English, Igbo, and Yoruba.

Interests:

- Reading, sports, music and travelling.
- Bridge the business, trade and investment gaps between Canada and emerging markets in Africa especially Nigeria.