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2. PRESENT POSITIONS

- Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) equivalent of Queen's Counsel (QC) since 2009
- Professor of Law, Rivers State University, Port Harcourt, Nigeria
- Partner, Okibe Lawhouse (Legal Practitioners, Arbitrators, Notary Public), Port Harcourt, Abuja, Lagos, Enugu all in Nigeria
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK FCIArb (UK)
- Fellow, Institute of Construction Industry Arbitrators FICIArb

3. ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL RECORD

a. Institutions Attended

i. Community Primary School, Onicha-Agu, Amagunze, Nkanu-East LGA, Enugu State 1971 – 1976

ii. Colliery Comprehensive Secondary School, Ngwo, Enugu 1976/77 – 1980/81

iii. University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri

1984/85 – 1987/88

iv. Nigeria Law School, Lagos

1988/898

v. University of Lagos

Feb. – Oct. 1995

vi. University of Stellenbosch, South Africa [LL.D (Ph.D)] thesis writing ongoing (with interruptions)

b. Qualifications Obtained

i. First School Leaving Certificate (Credit)

1976

ii. General Certificate of Education & West African School Certificate (Ordinary Levels)

1980,1981

iii. Advanced Level GCE

1983

iv. LL.B (Hons); August (Second Class Upper Division)

1988

Core Courses Studied: Nigerian Legal System, Law of Contract, Constitutional Law, Law of Evidence, Criminal Law, Law of Torts, Equity & Trusts, Land Law, Company Law, Family Law, Jurisprudence & Legal Theory, International Law

v. BL (Nigeria Bar Finals); Nigeria Law School, Lagos

1989

Core Courses Studied: Civil Procedure, Criminal Procedure, Law of Evidence Company Law, Legal Drafting & Conveyancing, Professional Ethics

vi. Called to the Nigerian Bar vii. LL.M Dec. 1989

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Courses Studied: Comparative Company Law, International Economic Law, Secured Credit Transactions, Planning Law & Compulsory Acquisitions vii. LL.D (Ph.D equivalent in South Africa) in view – in International Commercial Arbitration

c. Areas of Specialisation

- Commercial Law, especially International Commercial Arbitration and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods (ADRs), Maritime, Transnational Economic and Monetary Law, Commercial Litigation; Oil and Gas Law, Secured Credit Transactions, the Law of Evidence.

4a. PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London
- ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADRs
- Arbitrator & Mediator, World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), Switzerland
- Lagos Court of Arbitration, Lagos, Nigeria
- International Council for International Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)
- Nigerian Bar Association
- Nigerian Society of International Law
- International Bar Association (Section on Business Law)
- Advocates International
- Society for Corporate Governance, Nigeria
- Institute of Construction Industry Arbitrators

4b. PANELIST (AS AN ARBITRATOR) IN THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS/ASSOCIATIONS

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Lagos Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration
- Lagos Court of Arbitration
- ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADRs
- International Council for International Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)
- WIPO as Arbitrator & Mediator
- Institute of Construction Industry Arbitrators

4c. PANELIST (AS AN ARBITRATOR) IN THE FOLLOWING MULTI-DOOR COURTHOUSES

- Abuja Multidoor Court House, Abuja
- Enugu Multidoor Court House, Enugu
- Rivers State Multidoor Court House, Port Harcourt
- Abia State Multidoor Court House, Umuahia

5. PUBLICATIONS / PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH WORK

(A) <u>Books (earliest - latest)</u>

- 1. Andrew I. Okekeifere, *Circumstantial Evidence in Nigerian Law* (Port Harcourt, Nigeria: Lawhouse Books, 2000) [308 pages of text + 28 preliminary pages. When published in the year 2000, this was the only text in print anywhere in the world dealing wholly with this branch of the Law of Evidence.]
- 2. Andrew I. Chukwuemerie, *Studies and Materials in International Commercial Arbitration* (Port Harcourt, Nigeria: Lawhouse Books, 2002) [516 pages of text + 26 preliminary pages. A timely addition to the literature on this branch of the Law, examining in great detail in several chapters the jurisprudence of the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration, 1985 and relevant issues of Arbitration in the Oil & Gas Sector and in the developing world.]
- **3. -** *The Law and Practice of Affidavit Evidence* (Port Harcourt, Nigeria: Lawhouse Books, 2004) [696 pages of text + 64 preliminary pages. This examination of Affidavit Evidence from all ramifications is the only textbook on the subject in any jurisdiction.]
- **4. -** *Growing the Law, Nurturing Justice: Essays in Honour of Niki Tobi, JSC*, (Port Harcourt, Nigeria: Lawhouse Books, 2005) [508 pages of text + 50 preliminary pages. A collection of well written and well edited essays calculated to point the way, in the different areas covered by the 13 chapters, for the maximal growth of the law (Nigerian and international) and maximal nurturing of justice in the Courts and other dispute resolution fora.]
- **5. -** *New Dimensions in Commercial and Oil & Gas Laws*, (Port Harcourt, Nigeria: Lawhouse Books, 2007) [857 pages of text + 42 preliminary pages. An examination of topical issues in the globalising world in Commercial Law as well as Oil and Gas, particularly as they touch the developing world including Nigeria.]

(B) Chapters in Books (earliest - latest)

- 1. **Andrew I. Okekeifere, "Delay and Congestion in Nigerian Courts: Some Urgent Steps and Viable Alternatives"**, in U. U. Chukwumaeze & S. Erugo (eds.), *In Search of Legal Scholarship*, (Uturu: Abia State University Law Centre, 2001) 239 257.
- 2. Andrew I. Chukwuemerie, "Client Relations: The Law Office Worker as a Marketer and Public Relations Officer", in CAJ Chinwo (ed), *Modern Law Office Service in Nigeria*, (Port Harcourt: Christian Lawyers Fellowship of Nigeria, 2002) 20 42
- 3. "A Synergy of Opposites: Effective Commercial Justice, Rights and Liberties in African Jurisprudence", in A. Chukwuemerie (ed.), *Growing the Law and Nurturing Justice, Essays in Honour of Niki Tobi JSC*, (Port Harcourt: Lawhouse Books, 2005) 184 263
- 4. **"The Case for Specialist Courts in Nigeria"**, in A. Chukwuemerie (ed.), *Growing the Law, Nurturing Justice: Essays in Honour of Niki Tobi, JSC* (Port Harcourt: Lawhouse Books, 2005) 467 505
- 5. "Financing of Terrorism and Religious Fanaticism: New Frontiers of Financial Crimes in Nigeria", in Emeka Chianu (ed), Legal Principles and Policies: Essays in Honour of Justice C. Idigbe, (Lagos: Distinct Universal Ltd, 2006) 289 308

- "Lifting of the Corporate Veil in Nigeria and Britain" in A. I. Chukwuemerie (ed.), New Dimensions in Commercial and Oil & Gas Laws (Port Harcourt: Lawhouse Books, 2007) 566-616
- "Advancing the Rule of Law in Nigeria's Developing Political Culture through Arbitration and the ADRs", in Chief M. A. Ajanwachukwu & H. P. Faga (eds.), Contemporary Legal Thoughts: Essays in Honour of Chief Jossy Chibundu Eze, (Abakaliki: Izu Publishers, 2008) 247 289
- **"Circumstantial Evidence and Proof of Civil Cases in Nigeria"** in Collins Chijioke & Hon Justice AU Kalu (eds), *Readings in Contemporary Issues in Law: Essays in Honour of Hon. Justice Sunday Ndudim Imo*, (Umuahia: Impact Global Publishers Ltd, 2010) 248 280
- 9. **"International Commercial Arbitration and Third Party Interests: A Call For Urgent Reform"**, in Hon Justice C. C. Nweze (ed.), *Contemporary Issues in Public International and Comparative Law: Essays in Honour of Prof. Okeke*, (Florida: Vandeplas Publishing, 2011) 289 317, available at **www.vanderplas.com** (USA).
- 10. **"The Propriety or Otherwise of Law Teachers Engaging in Private Legal Practice: the Needless Controversy"** in Paul Idornigie et al (eds), *Articles in Honour of Chief J K Gadzama, SAN*; (Abuja: JKG & Partners LLP, 2012) 223 258
- "Exploring the Boundaries of Legal Certainty in Nigeria, UK and USA: Stare Decisis, Justice and Injustice" in Ernest Ojukwu & C K Nwankwo (eds), Law and Social Development: Essays in Honour of Chief Echeme Emole, (Abuja: Helen-Roberts, 2012) 269 318
- "The Freedom of Information Act and the Enforcement of Human Rights" in Olanrewaju Fagbohun & Benson Oloworaran (eds), *Readings in Contemporary Law and Policy Issues:*Essays in Honour of Hon. Justice Iche Ndu (Port Harcourt: Pearl Publishers, 2013) 1 32
- "Anatomy of Disputes, Dispute Prevention, Mapping, Mitigation & Resolution" in B. Onwuka Igwe, Esq; Chuma Nwokolo, Esq & Gerry Onwusi, Esq (eds.) Law & Justice in the Service of Humanity, Legal Discourse in Honour of Hon. Christopher Mitchell Chukwumah-Eneh, CON, Justice of Supreme Court of Nigeria (Lagos: Gwandustan Ltd, 2014) 55 83.
- "The Evidence Act, 2011: Gains and Challenges" in B. Onwuka Igwe, Esq; Chuma Nwokolo, Esq & Gerry Onwusi, Esq (eds.) Law & Justice in the Service of Humanity, Legal Discourse in Honour of Hon. Christopher Mitchell Chukwumah-Eneh, CON, Justice of Supreme Court of Nigeria (Lagos: Gwandustan Ltd, 2014) 123 152.
- "Examining the Law, the Facts and the Fiction of the Legal Framework for Electronic Voting System Presently In Nigeria" in OVC Okene (ed) Excellence in Governance and Creativity, Legal Essays in Honour of Chief (Barr.) Nyesom Ezenwo Wike, Executive Governor (Lagos: Princeton & Associates Publishing Co. Ltd, 2019) 600 626.

- (C) <u>Journal Articles (Earliest Latest)</u>. N.B: Journals in the specialist area of Arbitration are still not many throughout the world, necessitating repeated publications in some of them particularly the oldest and most respected amongst academics, the Journal of International Arbitration.
- 16. Andrew I. Okekeifere, "Stay of Court Proceedings Pending Arbitration in Nigerian Law" 13 Journal of International Arbitration 3 (1996), 119 142 (Switzerland)
- 17. "The Enforcement and Challenge of Foreign Arbitral Awards in Nigeria" 14 Journal of International Arbitration 3 (1997), 223 242 (Switzerland)
- 18. "The UNCITRAL Model Law and the Problem of Delay in International Commercial Arbitration" 14 Journal of International Arbitration 1 (1997), 125 139 (Switzerland)
- 19. **"The Recent Odyssey of Customary Law Arbitration and Conciliation in Nigeria's Apex Courts"** (1998) 5 *Abia State University Law Journal*, 1 16; repeated with permission in (2000) *Modern Practice Journal of Finance and Investment Law*, 103 121
- 20. "Commercial Arbitration as The Most Effective Dispute Resolution Method: Still a Fact or Now a Myth?" 15 Journal of International Arbitration 4 (1998) 81 105 (Switzerland)
- 21. "The Parties' Rights Against a Dilatory or Unskilled Arbitrator: Possible New Approaches" 15 Journal of International Arbitration 2 (1998), 129 144 (Switzerland)
- 22. "Public Policy and Arbitrability Under the UNCITRAL Model Law" (1999) International Arbitration Law Review, 70 77 (double pages) (UK)
- 23. "International Commercial Arbitration and the UNCITRAL Model Law Under Written Federal Constitutions: Necessity Versus Constitutionality in the Nigerian Legal Framework" 16. Journal of International Arbitration 2 (1999), 49 71 (Switzerland)
- 24. **"Appointment and Challenge of Arbitrators Under the UNCITRAL Model Law: Agenda for Improvement"** (1999) *International Arbitration Law Review*, 167 174 (Part 1, double pages; Part 2 equal no. of pages) (**UK**)
- 25. "The Common Law and the Protection of the Environment" (1999) 3(3) Modern Practice Journal of Finance and Investment Law, 529 545
- 26. Andrew I. Chukwuemerie, "Enhancing the Implementation of Economic Projects in the Third World Through Arbitration" (2001) 67 Journal of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, 240 253 (UK)
- 27. "An Appraisal of the Nigerian Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act 2000 as an Instrument against Financial Crimes" (2003) 10 No. 3 Journal of Financial Crime, 275 294 (of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London) (UK)
- 28. "Commercial and Investment Arbitration in Nigeria's Oil and Gas Sector" 4 Journal of World Investment 5 (2003), 828 866 (Switzerland).
- 29. "Ownership of Discovered and Produced Gas in Nigeria Under the Old Joint Venture Contracts" (2003) 1 *OPEC Review*, 9 23 (Austria)

- 30. "The Inheritance Rights of Women Under the Nigerian Customary Law: New Developments and Unresolved Questions" (2003) 8 Abia State University Law Journal, 96 132
- 31. "Between Law, Policy and Good Governance in Nigeria's Petroleum Sector: New Conflicts and Expediencies" (2003) 1 Rivers State University Journal of Public Law, 129 149
- 32. "New Hopes and Responsibilities in the Maturing Process of Arbitration Law and Practice in Africa: Nigeria as a Case Study" (2004) 2(1) Nigerian Bar Journal, 55 74
- 33. "Restricted Rights of Non-lawyers and Foreigners to Practice Arbitration in Nigeria: Lawmakers' Inadvertence or National Legal Policy?" (2004) 1 Mediation and Dispute Resolution Law Journal, 57 69
- 34. "Dispute Resolution in the Church (Body of Christ)" (2005) 3 (1) Sound Counsel (of CLASFON), 5-13
- 35. **"The Law on Petroleum Pollution in Nigeria: Agenda for Reform"** (2005) 9(1 2) *Modern Practice Journal of Finance and Investment Law*, 173 200.
- 36. "Practical Steps in the Conduct of an Arbitral Proceeding in Nigeria" (2005) 9(3 4) Modern Practice Journal of Finance and Investment Law, 331 344
- 37. "Contractual Incapacity of Infants in Nigeria: Old Rules Governing New Realities" (2005) 9(3 4) Modern Practice Journal of Finance and Investment Law, 578 591
- 38. "Arbitration and the ADRs as Panacea for the Ills in the Administration of Justice in the Third World" (2005) 1 Ebonyi State University Law Journal, 102 140
- 39. "Preliminary Meetings, Preliminary and Interlocutory Orders in Secured Credit Arbitrations" (2005) Nigerian Bar Journal, 81 98.
- 40. "Salient Issues in the Law and Practice of Arbitration in Nigeria" (2006) 14(1) African Journal of International and Comparative Law (RADIC), 1 52 (UK)
- 41. "The International Legal War Against the Financing of Terrorism: A Comparison of Nigerian, US, UK, and Canadian Laws" (2006) 9(1) Journal of Money Laundering Control, 71 88 (UK)
- 42. **The Nigerian Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act, 2004: A Tighter Noose"** (2006) 9(2) *Journal of Money Laundering Control,* 173 190 (UK)
- 43. "The Internationalisation of African Customary Law Arbitration" (2006) 14(2) African Journal of International and Comparative Law (RADIC), 143 175 (UK)
- 44. **"Affidavit Evidence and Electronically Generated Materials in Nigerian Courts"** (2006) 3:3 *SCRIPT-ed* (*online Journal of Law & Technology*), 149 175, available at http://www.law.ed.ac.uk/ahrb/script-ed/vol13-3/affidavit.asp (online)

- "Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods as Frameworks for Bank Debt Recovery in the Post Consolidation Era" (2006) 1(1) Justice Gazette (of Bayelsa State Min of Justice), 45 58 (A4 size pages)
- "Problems of Jurisdiction and Modes of Human Rights Enforcement under Federal Constitutions in Developing Political Cultures: The Case of Nigeria" (2006) 1(2) Abakaliki Bar Journal, 15 60
- 47. "Arbitration and Human Rights in Africa" (2007) 7 African Human Rights Law Journal, 103 141 (South Africa)
- 48. "Commercial and Investment Arbitration in the African Customary Law: Myths or Realities?" (2007) *The Beacon* (CLASFON, Nig. Law School), 48 54 (A4 size 3 column pages)
- 49. "Domestic Issues of Law, Power and Justice in State Ownership of Natural Resources in Developing Political Cultures: New Perspectives in Nigeria" (2007) Port Harcourt Bar Journal, 42 73.
- 50. **"Principles and Pitfalls of Law Textbook Writing in Present Day Nigeria"** (2007) 2 *Ebonyi State University Law Journal*, 1 25; repeated with permission in (2013) *Sound Counsel*, 1 21; republished with permission in (2013) *The Scribe, Journal of Law, Faith and Ethics* 8.
- "Exploring the Boundaries of Legal Certainty in Nigeria, UK and USA: Stare Decisis,
 Justice and Injustice" (2009) Ebonyi State University Law Journal, 1 30
- 52. "Necessity as the Mother of Trail Blazing: Applying Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms to Political Party Disputes in Africa" (2009) 2 Journal of Politics and Law, 122 137, available at www.ccsenet.org/journal.html (Canada)
- 53. "The New Face of Legal Practice in Nigeria: the Place of the Law Office Support Staff" (2010) 7 University of Uyo Law Journal, 89 106
- 54. **"Some Contemporary Legal Problems in the Operations of the Federal Road Safety Commission"** (2011) *Ebonyi State University Law Journal*, 1 17; repeated with permission in (2012) *Equity* (publication of the Legal Aids Forum NYSC, Rivers State) 5 13 (double pages)
- "Fresh Perspectives in Lawyers' Training: What the Universities and Law School Fail to Teach" (2011) 1 EBSU Journal of Society, 1 10 (double pages); repeated in (2012) 1 Nigerian Journal of Contemporary Law, 185 205; republished with permission in 2012(1) The Nigerian Journal of Contemporary Law185.
- 56. "Building an Effective Ministry of Justice in Present Day Nigeria" (2012) 2 Section on Legal Practice Law Journal, 73 97
- 57. "The Multidoor Courthouse Concept and Justice Administration in Nigeria" (2012) 1 EBSU Jnl of Commercial & Industrial Law 103
- 58. "Welcoming Chaos: The Legal Profession, Law Firms' Websites and the New Rules on Advertising" forthcoming in (2011) EBSU Journal of Society

- 59. "Anatomy of Disputes, Dispute Prevention, Mapping, Mitigation and Resolution" forthcoming.
- 60. "The New Nigerian Evidence Act 2011: the Gains and the Challenges" forthcoming in 2014 RADIC, African Journal of International and Comparative Law
- 61. "The Freedom of Information Act and the Enforcement of Human Rights: Innovations in Difficulties" forthcoming
- 62. Third Party Funding of Arbitration in Nigeria in the 'New Normal' forthcoming
- (D). Ongoing/Forthcoming Journal Articles
- 63. The Legal Validity of Arbitration and Mediation Conducted by Local Government Administrations and Community Leaders
- 64. The Child's Rights Act, CAMA and the Maturity Age for Contracts in Nigeria: Not Yet Uhuru Parading Wishes as Horses: The New Jurisdiction of the Federal High Court
- 65. The Government as a Bully: Unjust Rules in the Enforcement of Judgements and Arbitral Awards Against Nigerian Governments
- 66. The Nigerian Law and Effective Social Engineering Yesterday and Today: Win Some, Lose Some
- The Nigerian Law and Effective Social Engineering in the Future: Some Impending Distortions
- (E) Ongoing/Forthcoming Books/Thesis
- 1. **The Law of Contract** a practitioner's material in the genre of Chitty on Contract, targeted for publication by Lawhouse Books, Port Harcourt.
- 2. **The Law of Banking** a practitioner's guide to the banking law and practice in Nigeria after the various and serious changes of the preset decade
- 3. **Africa and the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration** a thesis currently being written for the LL.D (i.e. equivalent of Ph.D) degree of the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa
- (F) <u>Seminar/Workshop Papers (with papers presented; earliest latest)</u>
 - 1. **Andrew I. Okekeifere, Enhancing Project Implementation Through Arbitration** presented at the Seminar on Community Relations and Project Implementation organised by Anpez Environmental Law Centre Port Harcourt at Eastern Garden Chinese Restaurant, Port Harcourt, February 1996
 - 2. -, The Benefits of Arbitration and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods
 - 3. **Enforcement and Challenge of Awards in Nigeria.** 2 & 3 presented at the Seminar on Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods organised at Hotel Presidential, Port Harcourt, Nigeria by Lawfair Communications Ltd. April 3, 1997.

- 4. -, The Common Law and the Protection of the Environment in Nigeria written for the Anpez Environmental LawSeminar Series, 1996
- 5. -, Commercial Law Practice in Nigeria: The Option of Arbitration presented at the Christian Lawyers Fellowship of Nigeria (CLASFON) PH in-house Seminar, May 1999.
- 6. **-, Decongesting the Courts: The Role of the Lawyer** presented at the Annual National Conference of the Christian Lawyers Fellowship of Nigeria, Jos, Nigeria, September 6, 2000
- Arbitration and the ADRs as Panacea for the Ills in the Administration of Justice in Nigeria presented at the Seminar on Alternative Dispute Resolution organised at Onitsha, Anambra State of Nigeria by the Christian Lawyers Fellowship of Nigeria April 26 27, 2001.
- Andrew I. Chukwuemerie, Client Relations: The Law Office Worker as a Marketer and Public Relations Officer presented at the Seminar on the Enhancement of Law Office Work organised in Port Harcourt for law office staff by the Christian Lawyers Fellowship of Nigeria, August 8 9, 2001
- 9. -, The Non-Adversarial Processes of Debt Recovery: How and When They Work presented at the Seminar on Recovery of Bank Debts organised at Eko L'Meridien Hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos, February 15th 17th 2002 by DCON Consulting
- 10. **-, Salient Issues in the Law and Practice of Arbitration in Nigeria** presented at the Colloquium on International Commercial Arbitration and the African States organised by the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, and the King's College at the Senate House, University of London, June 4 6, 2003
- 11. -, The Law as a Catalyst for Sustainable Development: Socio-economic and Health Challenges (a discussion paper on the main paper of the same title) at the Law Teachers' Conference, University of Jos, 2004
- **-, Development of Trade Unionism in Nigeria** presented on 2nd August 2004 at the Okibe Ventures Ltd seminar for staff labour union leaders of the Port Harcourt Refining Co. Ltd. On Strategies for Improving Labour-Management Relations, Excellence Hotel, Ijaiye Isheri Road, Ogba, Ikeja, Lagos, August 2 4, 2004
- **-, Labour-Management Relations** presented on 3rd August 2004 at the Okibe Ventures Ltd seminar for staff labour union leaders of the Port Harcourt Refining Co. Ltd. On Strategies for Improving Labour-Management Relations, Excellence Hotel, Ijaiye Isheri Road, Ogba, Ikeja, Lagos, August 2 4, 2004
- 14. **-, Key Factors for Superior Executive Leadership** presented on 4th August 2004 at the Okibe Ventures Ltd seminar for staff labour union leaders of the Port Harcourt Refining Co. Ltd. On Strategies for Improving Labour-Management Relations, Excellence Hotel, Ijaiye Isheri Road, Ogba, Ikeja, Lagos, August 2 4, 2004
- **-, Interpersonal Skills for Effective Teamwork** presented on 5th August 2004 at the Okibe Ventures Ltd seminar for staff labour union leaders of the Port Harcourt Refining Co. Ltd. On Strategies for Improving Labour-Management Relations, Excellence Hotel, Ijaiye Isheri Road, Ogba, Ikeja, Lagos, August 2 4, 2004
- **-, Salient New Principles for the Running of a Trade Union in the New Global Village** presented on 6th August 2004 at the Okibe Ventures Ltd seminar for staff labour union leaders of the Port Harcourt Refining Co. Ltd. On Strategies for Improving Labour-Management Relations, Excellence Hotel, Ijaiye Isheri Road, Ogba, Ikeja, Lagos, August 2 4, 2004
- **-, Synoptic Guide to Practical Arbitration Proceedings in Nigeria** presented at the several Workshops organised in Port Harcourt and Abuja on Alternative Dispute Resolution by DCON Consult, Lagos in conjunction with other organizations at Abuja (October 2004), Port Harcourt (November 2004 and March 2005) and Calabar (April 2005).
- 18. -, Public Sector Legal Practice Support Services: Expectations and Challenges presented at the Seminar for Law Office Workers in Port Harcourt organised by the Christian Lawyers Fellowship of Nigeria, 29th 30th April 2005, Bar Centre Complex, Port Harcourt

- 19. **-, Legal and Spiritual Implications of Cultism** presented at the Youth Fellowship Conference, Methodist Church Nigeria, Rumuomasi, Port Harcourt
- 20. -, Preliminary Meetings, Preliminary Orders and Interlocutory Orders in Secured Credit Arbitrations written for a staff training workshop of the Bank of Industry, 17th 18th Nov. 2005
- 21. **-, The Youth, the Law and Government** presented at the Port Harcourt Diocesan Convention of Methodist Youth Fellowship, Port Harcourt, May 4, 2007.
- **-, Advancing the Rule of Law in Nigeria's Developing Political Culture: Any Role for Arbitration and the ADRs?** presented at the colloquium in honour of Hon. P. Nnaemeka-Agu (retired Justice of the Supreme Court), Conference Room, Court of Appeal Building, Enugu, March 24, 2008.
- 23. -, Sketch & Summary of Proposals for Reform to the Companies and Allied Matters Act presented at the Nigeria Law Reform Commission Workshop on Reform to CAMA, Reitz Continental Hotel, Abuja, April 2008
- 24. **, Conducting an Effective Arbitral Proceeding** presented at the DCON Consult Workshop on Arbitration and the ADRs, Bar Centre, Port Harcourt, May 2008.
- **-, Oversight Functions of the Local Government Council** presented at the Workshop on Enhancing Good Governance at the Local Government Level by the Centre for Arbitration and Development Studies in collaboration with the Ebonyi State Ministry of Local Government at the Women Development Centre, Abakaliki, June 25 27, 2008
- **-, Law Making By a Local Government Council** presented at the Workshop on Enhancing Good Governance at the Local Government Level mentioned in No. 18 above
- **-, The Legal Profession: the Last Hope of Our Nation** presented at the Ebonyi State University CLASFON Annual Workshop, EBSU Faculty of Law, Abakaliki, July 24th, 2008
- 28. -, Applying the ADRs to Political Party Disputes presented at the INEC Workshop on Resolving Political Disputes in a Democratic Setting: the Place of ADRs, Yar' Adua Centre, Abuja, Nigeria, December 15, 2008
- 29. **-, The Nature of Arbitration and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods (ADRs)** presented at the Continuing Legal Education Programme full credit earning arbitration introductory training course for the Abakaliki Branch of the NBA, Abakaliki, March 26 27, 2009
- 30. **-, The Practical Conduct of an Arbitral Proceeding** presented at the Continuing Legal Education Programme full credit earning arbitration introductory training course for the Abakaliki Branch of the NBA, Abakaliki, March 26 27, 2009
- 31. **-, The Making and Nature of an Award, the Enforcement of and Recourse Against an Arbitral Award** presented at the Continuing Legal Education Programme full credit earning arbitration introductory training course for the Abakaliki Branch of the NBA, Abakaliki, March 26 27, 2009.
- NB: -, Nos. 29-31 above have also been presented (sometimes with another paper added) to some other branches of the NBA in the country such as Ilorin Branch.
- 32. -, An Overview of Arbitration and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods (ADRs) presented at the inaugural workshop of the Rivers State Multidoor Courthouse, Rivers State Ministry of Justice Auditorium, May 27th, 2009.
- **-, Principles and Pitfalls of Law Textbook Writing in Present day Nigeria** presented at the CLASFON Directorate for Advancement of Legal Education and Research Workshop, Precious Palm Royal Hotel, Benin City, August 7, 2009.
- 34. -, The Emergence of Law Firms' Websites: Do We have Any Rules on Advertisement? presented at the NBA ICLE's Symposium on Ethics, Rules of Conduct and Discipline of Lawyers, Rivers State Ministry of Justice Auditorium, PH, October 16th, 2009

- 35. -, What they Don't Teach You at the Nigerian Law School (Unwritten Hallmarks of Success in the Profession) presented at the CLASFON New Lawyers Reception Seminar, Bar Centre, Port Harcourt, October, 2009.
- **-, The Legal Validity of Arbitration and Mediation Conducted by a Local Government Administration and Community Leaders** − written for presentation at the Peseo Consulting Workshop for Ebonyi State Local Government Service Commission, Local Government Chairmen, Secretaries etc on Managing Disputes, Public petitions and Conflicts in Local Government Administration, Abakaliki, December 10 − 11, 2009. Presentation handled by Alozie Echeonwu, Esq to whom one delegated the task.
- **-, Arbitration and ADRs: Responsibilities of Para-legal Staff** presented at the Law Office Workers Seminar 3, Bar Centre, Port Harcourt, 19th February 2010 organised by Amazing Grace Partners.
- **-, Essentials of Preliminary Meetings** presented at the Chattered Institute of Arbitrators Port Harcourt Chapter Meeting, NBA PH
- 39. -, What they Do Not Teach You in the Universities and at the Law School written for presentation at the Young Lawyer's Forum, NBA Annual National Conference, Kaduna 24th August 2010. Presentation handled by Caleb Mutfwang, Esq to whom one delegated the task.
- **-, Striving For Mastery in the Legal Profession** presented at the New Lawyers' Induction Programme of CLASFON PH Branch, NBA Complex, PH October 4, 2010.
- **-, Challenges in Justice Administration in Nigeria: the Multidoor Concept to the Rescue** presented at the NBA National Conference, Civic Centre, PH August 24th 2011
- 42. -, Review of **Beyond Bar Advocacy: Multidisciplinary Essays in Honour of Anthony Okoye Mogbo, SAN** presented at the public presentation of the book at Hotel, Independence Layout,
 Enugu, 2011
- -, Some Contemporary Legal Problems in the Operations of the Federal Road Safety Commission presented at the FRSC Lawyers Forum, Enugu, October 13, 2011
- **-, The Freedom of Information Act and the Enforcement of Human Rights -** presented at the NBA, PH Branch 2011 Annual Law Seminar, State Ministry of Justice, PH, December 8, 2011
- **-, Building a Viable Ministry of Justice -** presented at the Enugu State Ministry of Justice Staff Retreat, Nike Lake Resort Hotel, Enugu, April 12, 2012
- 46. -, Anatomy of Conflict, Conflict Analysis, Prevention and Mitigation presented at the Nigeria Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Conference on Oil and Gas Contract and Dispute Resolution, Benizia Hotel, Asaba, May 2, 2012
- 47. **The New Nigerian Evidence Act 2011: the Gains and the Challenges** presented at the NBA Enugu Branch Law Week Seminar, Universal Hotel, Enugu, December 4, 2013
- 48. The Electoral Act, 2011: Challenges and Necessary Reforms for the Nigerian Environment presented at the Nigeria Bar Association Conference of the Section on Legal Practice, Makurdi, November 19, 2013
- 49. Nigeria, Separating Law and Politics: Challenges to the Independence of the Judiciary presented at the Christian Lawyers Fellowship of Nigeria Regional/National Conference, 6th August, 2015 at Udeme Hotels, Yenagoa
- 50. **Christocentric Education -** presented at the Methodist College, Enugu Saturday October 31st, 2015
- 51. **The Right of Appeal by Persons Interested the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal: Law, Practice and Procedure by ST Hon, SAN** presented a discussion of the paper at the NBA Law Week, 2015 on 9th December, 2015
- 52. **Electoral Offences Tribunal and Electoral Reform in Nigeria** a presentation to the Presidential Committee on Electoral Reform, Enugu Resort Hotel, Nike, Enugu, 2017.
- Securitisation as a Catalyst for Economic Growth in Nigeria

- Bankruptcy Proceedings as a Viable Debt Recovery Tool in Nigeria
- The Role of a Liquidator in Winding-up Proceedings
- The Trust Concept: Duties of a Trustee
- Nos. 53 56 above presented at the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in-house (Capacity Development for the Commission Staff) 2017, Capital Market Institute, Abuja, July 18 20, 2017
- **A Review of the Rules of the High Court, Rivers State, 2010, Orders 17 24** presented at the Colloquim for the Review of the Rules of the High Court, Rivers State 2010, NBA House, Port Harcourt, 27th 28th July, 2017
- 58. The Legal Framework for the Electronic Voting System in Nigeria: The Law, the Facts and the Fiction presented at the CLASFON National Conference, 2017 at EEMJM Hotel, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, July 2nd 5th, 2017
- 59. Arbitrability and Public Policy Consideration in the Enforcement and Enforceability of Domestic and Foreign Awards in African States presented at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Nigerian Branch at the Landmark Event Centre, Lagos, November 8, 2019.

6. SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED (without papers presented)

- 1. Nigeria Bar Association, National Conferences, and the Port Harcourt Branch Annual Law Week Seminars since 1995
- 2. Seminar on Community Relations and Project Implementation Organised by Anpez Environmental Law Centre Port Harcourt, Nigeria February 1996.
- 3. Annual Conferences of the Christian Lawyers Fellowship of Nigeria since 1989 (except one).
- 4. Seminar on Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods organized at Hotel Presidential, Port Harcourt, Nigeria by Lawfair Communications Ltd. April 1997.
- 5. Workshop on Commercial Law Practice in the Next Millenium organised by Human Edge Ltd. for lawyers of George Etomi & Partners at Sheraton Hotel & Towers, Lagos, Nigeria July 24 26, 1999
- 6. Seminar on Specialisation and Developing Expertise in Legal Practice organised by the Christian Lawyers Fellowship of Nigeria (CLASFON) as part of the 1996 National Conference at Gboko September, 1996.
- 7. Seminar on Conflict Resolution and Sustainable National Development Organised at Hotel Presidential Port Harcourt by the Yakubu Gowon Centre in May, 1998.
- 8. International Commercial Arbitration in the African Sub-region: Meeting the Users' Need, organised by the Asian–African Legal Consultative Committee Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, Lagos, Nigeria at the Old National Assembly Building, Lagos April 27 29 1999.
- 9. Christian Lawyers Fellowship of Nigeria (CLASFON) PH in-house Seminar, May 1999.
- 10. Seminar on The Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry: The Law and the Environment organised by the Legal Sub-Committee, Oil Producers Trade Section of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Hotel Presidential, Port Harcourt Nigeria, November 17, 1999.
- 11. Seminar on Cost of Arbitration as part of the Annual General Meeting and Seminar/Workshop of the Nigerian Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London, March 28, 2000 at the Nigerian Law School, Lagos
- 12. Seminar on Laws, Regulations and Guidelines for the Nigerian Oil Industry Organised by The Centre for Petroleum, Environment and Development Studies at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers, Lagos, Nigeria, May 10, 2000.
- 13. Nigerian Law Teachers Conference, Lagos State University, 2002
- 14. Seminar on Alternative Dispute Resolution Organised at Onitsha by the Christian Lawyers Fellowship of Nigeria April 26 27, 2001.

- 15. Seminar on Enhancing Law Office Work organized in Port Harcourt for law office staff by the Christian Lawyers Fellowship of Nigeria, August 8 9, 2001 delivered the paper Client Relations: The Law Office Worker as a Marketer and Public Relations Officer.
- 16. Seminar on Recovery of Bank Debts Organised at Eko L'Meridien Hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos, February 15th 17th 2002 presented a paper on **The Non-Adversarial Processes: How and When They Work.**
- 17. Colloquium on International Commercial Arbitration and the African States Organised by the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, and the King's College at the Senate House, University of London, June 4 6, 2003 presented the paper Salient Issues in the Law and Practice of Arbitration in Nigeria
- 18. Nigerian Law Teachers Conference, University of Jos 2004
- 19. Workshops organised on Alternative Dispute resolution by DSCON Consult, Lagos in conjunction with other organizations at Abuja and Port Harcourt in October and November 2004 and in Port Harcourt and Calabar in March and April, 2005 respectively.
- 20 Conference of the Advocates International, Doing Justice With Compassion, Hilton Hotel, Washington DC, USA October 25 31, 2004,
- 21. Seminar of the Christian Lawyers Fellowship of Nigeria, PH Branch for Law Office Workers, April 2005, Bar Centre Complex, Port Harcourt.
- 22. African Regional Conference of Advocates Africa, Eskom Conference Centre, Madrid, South Africa, October 19 23, 2005
- 23. African Regional Conference of Advocates Africa, Sun n' Sand Beach Hotel, Mombasa, Kenya September 3 5, 2007
- 24. Colloquium in Honour of Hon. P. Nnaemeka-Agu (retired Justice of the Supreme Court), Conference Room, Court of Appeal Building, Enugu, March 24, 2008.
- 25. Conference of Advocates International on **Redeeming Law**, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Washington DC, USA, October 6 12, 2008.
- 26. INEC Workshop on Resolving Political Disputes in a Democratic Setting: the Place of ADRs, Yar' Adua Centre, Abuja, Nigeria, December 15, 2008
- 27. Continuing Legal Education Workshops in Port Harcourt, Abakaliki and Ilorin as a resource person. Others already lined up for different branches of the Bar Association across the country.
 - Nos. 25 47 above, in which presented the papers shown therein.

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7. OTHER WORKS

- 1. A Review of *Principles and Practice of Constitutional Law in Nigeria* by CAJ Chinwo, 200..
- 2. **MY LORD THE HON. JUSTICE NIKI TOBI IS GONE THE WAY OF ALL MORTALS** a presentation to at the Rivers High Court during one of the Court Sessions in the Interment programme of Justice Niki Tobi a beloved Justice of the Supreme Court, for whom all those in attendance testified that it was a befitting farewell to that man of letters and character
- 3. Review of the book, *Beyond Bar Advocacy: Multidisciplinary Essays in Honour of Anthony Okoye Mogboh, SAN* Chima Centus Nweze et al, Impact Global Publishers Ltd, Umuahia, Nigeria 2011
- 4. Citation on the Hon. Justice Chima Centus Nweze, JSC, Ph.D on the occasion of the reception in his honour by the Enugu State Judiciary for his elevation to the Supreme Court

- 5. Contribution to a **Witness Statement** to a Book in Honour of Justice Syverline Iragunima, *The Journey, Echoes, Essays & Selected Judgements: A Compendium in Commemoration of the Retirement of the Hon Justice Syverline Iragunima* Alozie Acheonwu, Esq (ed) Evo Printing Press, 2021.
- 6. A Review of Review of *Missions: The Central Focus of the Methodist Church* Very Rev (Bro) Peter Dim, xcessideas ltd, Port Harcourt, 2021

8. APPOINTMENTS AS ARBITRATOR ETC, COUNSEL, TRAINING, EDUCATION AND WORK GENERALLY IN ARBITRATION & ADRs

A. As Arbitrator, Mediator, Negotiator Etc

Appointed Chairman/Presiding Arbitrator, Member of Arbitral Tribunals and as Sole Arbitrator in simple as well as complex Oil and Gas Arbitrations, Maritime and Related Issues, Telecommunications, Construction, Hospitality and Tourism. He has also been involved in Investment Arbitration Arbitrations involving Nigeria.

Subject has also appeared as counsel in complex and simple arbitrations, mediations, negotiations etc matters. He has advised parties as well as counsel on Nigerian Law and International Laws in Oil and Gas Arbitrations, Maritime and Related Issues, Telecommunications, Construction, Hospitality and Tourism etc.

As samples of cases that he has been involved in, Prof Chukwuemerie has handled,

- a contract between two companies working for a major Nigerian oil and gas company for the pilling and civil works at a plant in the Niger Delta area
- a case involving a big multinational company and a Nigerian company for marine dredging contract governed by Nigerian Law.
- another case involving a major Nigerian marine company and another company for the dredging of a jetty and underwater survey
- a case for the construction and expansion of a House Boat and the servicing and maintenance of a part thereof
- a claim for the supply of hospital equipment for several Community hospitals in a state in Nigeria
- a hotly contested dispute of labour relations between a major Petrochemicals company and its member of staff
- a dispute arising out of a contract for the dredging and sand filling of a Lighter Terminal between two Nigerian companies, on the approval and recommendation of the Nigerian Ports Authority
- a provider services agreement resulting in a dispute between a major privately owned hospital and a health care provision company on debts
- a dispute arising out of a construction contract involving the building of numerous two, three and four semi-detached and detached bungalows for one of the parties

- a dispute over the ownership of a vast tract of land on which oil and gas activities take place in the Ogoni area of Rivers State of Nigeria
- a dispute over a Port Service Contract between a multinational and a Nigerian company for the provision of shipping movement, cargo handling and miscellaneous services.
- another dispute over a Port Service Contract between the multinational and another Nigerian company for the provision of shipping movement, cargo handling and miscellaneous services.
- yet another dispute over a Port Service Contract between the multinational and three other Nigerian companies for the provision of shipping movement, cargo handling and miscellaneous services.
- a dispute between two companies on the management of a hotel
- a hotly contested matter between an Oil and Gas company and another for the construction of the oil facilities on a rig
- a dispute on the construction of a vast mega ultra-modern church building in Port Harcourt, the oil and gas capital of Nigeria
- contest over the ownership and lease of equipment for dredging
- an arbitration over the execution of a government contract for the construction of housing estate for a State Government in Nigeria
- a dispute over the contract for the construction of a Central Administration Building of a University in Nigeria

B. As Counsel in Proceedings

Appointed Counsel to parties in several complex Arbitration and ADR matters of domestic and international character, and in litigation matters connected with Arbitration such as,

- in 1996 to argue an application for stay of Court proceedings pending Arbitration between a large multinational and another company from which I wrote my first article in a learned journal, "Stay of Court Proceedings Pending Arbitration in Nigerian Law" 13 *Journal of International Arbitration* 3 (1996), 119 142 (Switzerland)
- for a hotly contested Arbitration between a hospital and its corporate patient for a large scale of debts
- over a dispute between a large restaurant organization and a company that it serves following UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules
- in respect of a matter that has travelled through the High Court (in which the award was successfully recognized and enforced) up to the Court of Appeal for an award which was made but which the Respondent was not willing to pay
- Etc, Etc

C. Other Works Generally in the field

- became Associate, Member and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK through promotions based on experienced Arbitrators route: no examination
- Panelist and speaker (trainer) in workshops and seminars of both domestic and international nature on International Commercial Arbitration (as indicated in section 6 hereof)
- On Panel List as Neutral (Mediator & Arbitrator) of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), Switzerland since 1997
- On Panel List of the Lagos Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (set up jointly by the AALCO and the Nigerian Government) since 2002.
- On Panel List of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Nigeria Branch
- On Panel List of Lagos Court of Arbitration
- On Panel List of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADRs
- On Panel List of about 5 State Multidoor Court Houses in Nigeria
- On Panel List of the International Council for International Commercial Arbitration (ICCA); LCIA etc.
- Consultant on procedures, strategy and widening of patronage to the Lagos Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration since 2002.
- Consultant to corporate organisations on Arbitration and ADRs generally
- Accredited trainer, Arbitration and the ADRs in the NBA Continuing Legal Education programmes across the country through Centre for Arbitration Studies and the Settlement House
- Principal Partner and Head of the Arbitration and ADR practice of Okibe Lawhouse (Legal Practitioners & Arbitrators) since 2000
- Ever since 1998, Prof. Chukwuemerie has been teaching International Commercial Arbitration, Investment Arbitration including aspects of interpretation and application of BITs old and new emphasizing investment protection standards, principles of attribution, expropriation, exhaustion of local remedies, etc.
- Research Director, Centre for Arbitration Studies, Port Harcourt, Nigeria since 2000
- Chief Examiner, Arbitration and ADRs (in Advanced Litigation and Dispute Settlement) in the LL.M programme Abia State University, Nigeria 1998 2003 and in EBSU LL.B programme
- Examiner, ABSU, RSUST, EBSU and RSU's numerous LL.M and LL. B dissertations in Arbitration since 1998

9. POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY HELD (NOW AND BEFORE)

- i) Member, Academic Sub-Committee, Legal Practitioners Privileges Committee, Abuja, 2014 Date
- ii) Chairman, Governing Council, the Federal Polytchnic, Ugep, Cross River State
- iii) Member, World Methodist Council, 2011 2016

- iv) Member, National Executive Committee, Nigeria Bar Association, 2010 2012
- v) Member, Executive Committee, Academic Forum, Nigerian Bar Association, 2012 2012
- vi) Methodist Church Nigeria Diocesan Legal Adviser (1998 2010), Archdiocesan Legal Adviser (2007 2010), Diocesan Lay President (of D/Line Diocese) 2010 2016
- vii) Chairman, Legal Education Committee (National) of the Nigeria Bar Association, 2010 2012
- viii) Chairman, Post Graduate Committee/Post Graduate Coordinator, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Nigeria, Jan 2006 March 2008
- ix) Editor, Ebonyi State University Law Journal, Abakaliki, Nigeria, November 2005 2011
- x) Chairman, Board of Management (Directors), Port Harcourt Christian Council Project, Elekahia, Port Harcourt (community service) June 2007 June 2011
- xi) Scholar of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law and the King's College London on International Commercial Arbitration and the African States, June 2003.
- xii) Acting Dean of Law, Abia State University, Uturu at different times during the Dean's absence between 2001 and 2003
- xiii) Head, Department of Private and Property Law, Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt; April 2004 Sept. 2005.
- xiv) Head, Department of Jurisprudence, Public and International Law, Faculty of Law, Abia State University, Uturu, Nigeria 2000 2003.
- xv) Research Director, Centre for Arbitration Studies, Port Harcourt, Nigeria 2000 date.
- xvi) Hall Warden, Ike Nwachukwu Hall, Abia State University, Uturu, 2000 2003.
- xvii) Managing Partner, Okibe Lawhouse (Legal Practitioners and Arbitrators) P.H., Nigeria
- xviii) Head of Arbitration & ADR Practice, GEORGE ETOMI & PARTNERS 1994 June 2000
- xviv) Deputy Head, Port Harcourt offices of ABUKA, AJEGBO, ILOGU & NWAOGU and GEORGE ETOMI & PARTNERS
- xx) Member, Seminar and Publications (and later Seminar and Continuing Legal Education) Committee, Nigerian Bar Association, Port Harcourt Branch, 1994 1998, 2000 2002
- xxi) Member, Seminar and Continuing Legal Education Committee, Christian Lawyers Fellowship of Nigeria (CLASFON) Port Harcourt Branch 1999 2005
- xxii) Member, Students Representative Council, Nigerian Law School, 1988/89
- xxiii) Assistant Secretary-General, National Union of Anambra State Students (NUASS), University of Maiduguri 1984 1985
- xxiv) President, General Secretary etc. of Christian Fellowships and Church from 1987
- xxv) Member Board of Trustees of two Christian Ministries
- xxvi) Patron of a Christian Law Students' Fellowship

10. WORK RECORD AND EXPERIENCE

A. October 2017 – Date Professor of Commercial Law, Rivers State University, Port Harcourt, Nigeria

(Work schedule includes teaching Company Law in the LL.B programme, Law of Commercial and Consumer Transactions and International Commercial Arbitration in the LL.M; supervision of undergraduate and post graduate dissertations; mentoring of students and academic staff.

B October 2005 – Professor of Commercial Law, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, September 2017 Nigeria

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(Work schedule included teaching Company Law and International Commercial Arbitration to undergraduates; supervision of undergraduate and post graduate dissertations; the foundational work that birthed post graduate studies in the Faculty and continuing research

especially in those areas of the Law and the Law of Evidence; in the case of Arbitration mainly on comparative analysis basis).

C. October 2012October, 2013

Sabbathical, Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt, November 2012 – October 2013 (now Rivers State University, Port Harcourt)

D.

Roving Guest Lecturer, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Lagos/Abuja; Nigerian Law Reform Commission

E. July 1, 2003 – September 2005 Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt, Nigeria.

(Work schedule included teaching Law courses such as Banking and Insurance to undergraduates and Comparative Company Law to post graduate students; continuing research especially in those areas of the Law and the Law of Evidence and International Commercial Arbitration; in the case of Arbitration mainly on comparative analysis basis. Involved in the supervision of undergraduate and post graduates thesis and dissertations.)

F. October 2002 – June 30, 2003

Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Abia State University, Uturu, Nigeria (appraisal effected for the year 2002 when I had already left for UST)

G. November, 1998 – June 2003

Lecturer 1, Faculty of Law, Abia State University, Uturu, Nigeria. (Engaged in teaching Law courses such as Oil and Gas Law and the Law of Contract to undergraduates as well as International Commercial Arbitration to post graduate students; continuing research especially in those areas of the Law and the Law of Evidence; in the case of Arbitration mainly on comparative analysis basis. Involved in the supervision of undergraduate and post graduates thesis and dissertations.)

H. January 1, 1999-Date

Research Director, Centre for Arbitration Studies, Port Harcourt Nigeria. Oversees the research work and intellectual activities of the Centre in its rigorous study of the law and practice of Arbitration and the ADRs and their effective application to business and polity.

I. Private Legal Practice Experience (It is both lawful and eminently desirable- and in several universities actually encouraged - for law teachers to engage in practical private practice for balanced education of the students.)

i.	July 1, 2000 – Date	Partner, OKIBE LAWHOUSE (Legal Practitioners, Arbitrators,
		Notary Public), Port Harcourt, Nigeria.
ii.	November, 1994 – June 30,	Member, GEORGE ETOMI & PARTNERS (Legal
	2000	Practitioners) ("GE&P") with offices in Lagos, Port Harcourt and
		Abuja in Nigeria and London in the United Kingdom
iii.	1992 – October, 1994	Member, ABUKA, AJEGBO, ILOGU & NWAOGU (Legal
		Practitioners) ("AAIN") with offices in Lagos, Port Harcourt and
		Abuja, Nigeria.
iv.	October, 1990 – 1991	Associate in the firm, Dr. T.C. OSANAKPO, & CO., Port

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a) As Counsel in these offices:

(i) Legal Work

Engaged (then and now) in an extensive Commercial and Corporate Law practice in the following areas amongst others:

- Arbitrations involving enormous sums and intricate legal and commercial principles
- Conciliations, negotiations and other forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution
- legal aspects of foreign investment work in Nigeria including the preparation of joint venture agreements and incorporation of joint venture companies
- mergers, acquisitions and reconstruction of companies
- Insolvency proceedings and general debt recoveries
- shipping and maritime
- Prosecution and defence of oil and gas pollution cases, and other environmental impact compensation claims
- Investigation of local incidents on behalf of foreign law firms and realisation of foreign judgments in Nigeria
- Industrial and labour relations matters
- all processes of acquisition and disposal of property titles and perfection of same
- criminal matters especially those arising out of commercial transactions, corporate matters and high stake politically motivated criminal proceedings
- Compensation claims with respect to the acquisition of private property by government or multinational companies
- Conduct of litigation (involving these and other areas of the law in the Nigerian courts from the lowest courts up to the Court of Appeal
- Academic research involving the writing and publication of articles, preparation and delivery of seminar papers and writing of complex legal opinions for clients and for other lawyers.

In the course of practice as outlined above, Subject rendered and still renders services to individuals, firms and companies in various sectors of the Nigerian and foreign economies such as Oil and Gas, Shipping, Banking and Finance, Manufacturing, Construction, General Commerce and General Services.

(ii) Company Secretarial Work

As part of the practice above, Subject also rendered Company Secretarial Services under the sister secretarial firms, CENTRAL NOMINEES LIMITED and GE & P NOMINEES LIMITED and now under that of Okibe Lawhouse. These include the attendance of Company Board and General Meetings and the taking of minutes of those meetings, filing of documents and making of appropriate returns to the government and its agencies etc.

(b) (i) As Partner of OKIBE LAWHOUSE

Subject is personally involved in the firm's aggressive drive to fulfill its corporate mission which is, To be a most efficient, most specialised christian, commercial law firm that applies the law for results – to solve rather than create or compound business problems; and to be one of the three (3) best law firms in the world within 20 years. Subject co-ordinates the work of other partners and members of staff to see that the corporate vision as thoroughly considered and understood each time in the firms work and history is realised.

(b)(ii) As Deputy Head, Port Harcourt Office of AAIN and later GE&P

Subject did administrative work by deputising for the Resident Partner in the management of the office, managing same in their sometimes long absences and in having oversight of other professional and support staff. Subject also did quasi-administrative work by liasing with clients, ensuring prompt and effective response to their requirements and by taking steps for the attraction of new work and expanding clientele.

I. October, 1989 – September, National Youth Service Programme with the Rivers State Christian Corpers Body as President.

Engaged in the organisation and direction of the activities of Christian Youth Corps Members in the Old Rivers State (present Rivers and Bayelsa states) including their rural community free medical services programme.

11. SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

I have been involved in the supervision of well over 250 undergraduate students and well over 30 post graduate (LL.M) students.

12. COMMUNITY SERVICE

- i) Conduct of several cases and briefs free of charge for indigent persons and for Christian religious organisations since call to Bar in December 1989
- ii) Settlement of several disputes and potential disputes through the use of Arbitration and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods (especially mediation) in local communities and churches since 1995 when I acquired working expertise in those dispute resolution media
- iii) Chairman, Legal Education Committee of the Nigeria Bar Association in which capacity helped study the problems and challenges of legal education in the country with a view to finding solutions. Recommendations formed the basis of some aspects of the Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Bill now pending before the National Assembly.
- iv) Chairman, Board of Management (Directors), Port Harcourt Christian Council Project, Elekahia, Port Harcourt, June 2007 date
- v) Member, Christian Lawyers Fellowship of Nigeria (a public spirited organisation) since Call to Bar in December 1989, member of the student arm between 1987 and 1989
- vi) Prison visitation and Christian help work to prisoners between 1988 and 1990
- vii) Christian volunteer work through the Methodist Church Nigeria a member of which I have been since birth and worked in different capacities such as Diocesan Legal Adviser 2 (1998 2010), Archdiocesan Legal Adviser (2007 date), Lay President of D/Line Diocese (2010 date) and member, World Methodist Council, the highest global organ of Methodism/World Methodist Movement (2011 date)
- viii) Member, Seminar and Publications (and later Seminar and Continuing Legal Education) Committee, Nigerian Bar Association, Port Harcourt Branch, 1994 1998, 2000 2002
- viv) Member, Public Legal (Law Related) Education Committee, Nigerian Bar Association, PH Branch 2008 2010
- x) Member, Seminar and Continuing Legal Education Committee, Christian Lawyers Fellowship of Nigeria (CLASFON) Port Harcourt Branch 1999 2005
- xi) Member (indeed Chairman), Directorate for Legal Education and Research, CLASFON, 2008 till date
- xii) Member, Students Representative Council, Nigerian Law School, 1988/89
- xiii) Member, National Union of Anambra State Students (NUASS i.e. old Anambra State), University of Maiduguri 1984 1985
- xiv) Member of student Christian Fellowships and non-student Fellowships since 1984

13. ATTRIBUTES NORMALLY BROUGHT TO BEAR ON WORK

A perspicacious understanding and articulation of issues that engender their down to earth analysis and simplification for understanding by others and for implimentation

A canny attention for details and a deliberate tendency for perfection, an insistence on the very best in line with personal life motto of **optimum aut nihil** i.e. **The Best or Nothing.**

A deep hatred for procrastination or delayed execution of decisions and visions

A team playing ability combined with an insistence on going on with those who can come whilst encouraging the others to follow

As of now, one of the two most outstanding scholars of International Commercial Arbitration and the ADRs in the African continent and the most in the Nigerian University system and possibly in the entirety of Commercial Law as well

14. HOBBIES

Poetry, Reading biographies, Photography.

The following poems have been written and are awaiting publication under the title Nascent Verses.

- 1. Hello Lawyer A Self Laugh
- 3. The Grinding Stone of Stars
- 5. A Letter to my Dad
- 7. The Wedding of My Best Friend
- 9. Crescendo Ode
- 11. The Dieing Breed
- 13. Progenitor Anthem

- 2. The Triumph of Hope

 1. Nostalgia Verse Em
- 4. Nostalgia Verse Emotional Songstrokes
- 6. Training My Tongue
- 8. Some Golden Sixth Morn
- 10. Build Me a Temple
- 12. Victories Flying Home
- 14 The Concert of Darkness (Tribute to Dele Giwa)
- 15. 36 Steps of Error (Independence Tirade)

15. REFEREES

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