

## **David Ofosu-Dorte, Senior Partner – AB & David (Ghana)**

David Ofosu-Dorte is the founder and Senior Partner of AB & David Africa, a pan-Africa business law firm with offices in six (6) countries and a network of firms in 24 other African countries. His experience cuts across about three (3) decades of lead advisory role in construction contracts advice, infrastructure deal structuring, public policy development and implementation advice, public-private partnerships (PPPs), project finance and the power sector. He has been described as *“highly regarded”* (IFLR 1000, 2020) and *“.... an illustrious name in the Ghanaian legal market. He is well regarded for his commercial practice, with notable engagement in project development in addition to general corporate matters”* (Chambers Global 2021).

His recent arbitration related roles include:

- (a) ICC international arbitration between an African state entity and an international road contractor – April 2021 to date
- (b) a construction dispute involving an international mining company and a major construction company in West Africa – May 2019-April 2021
- (c) a member of a Dispute Adjudication Board in a \$100m road construction project West Africa – June 2021 to date
- (d) Mediator: international dispute between Egyptian / Ghanaian JV contractor and a multi-lateral institution based on UNCITRAL dispute model

David has also acted as counsel for various respondents and claimants in international arbitration matters including representing a sovereign entity in four (4) ICC international arbitration cases.

He also leads AB & David Africa’s strategy and implementation which has led to the growth of the firm and the winning of several awards including the African Law Firm of the Year (Large Practice), 2021 and ranking in Africa Top 50 law firm list.

### **Academic Degrees / Qualifications**

- Post Graduate Certificate in Contemporary Management, Noble International Business School, Ghana
- Master of Applied Business Research, Swiss Business School
- Master in Public Administration
- Barrister-at-Law
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport (UK)

## Professional Experience

- Lawyer
- Arbitrator / Mediator
- Transport and Construction Sector Expert

## Papers/Publications:

- Department of Urban Roads – *2019 Management Meeting: Creating A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Urban Roads Infrastructure – Some Things to Consider*: 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.
- *Procurement of IPP - Government Negotiators Academy: ABFLA Accra Seminar*, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.
- *Litigating Construction Contracts: Basic Flaws, Lessons and Matters Arising*: presented at the IBA Litigation and Dispute Resolution Conference held Accra, Ghana - 16 November, 2018 Accra, Ghana.
- *Joint Ventures and Consortia in the Construction Industry in Ghana and Selected African Countries*. Presented at the International Bar Association Conference in Rome, Italy - October, 2018.
- *Nigerian Bar Association Annual Business Law Conference: Law in the time of the Continental Free Trade Area: Reimagining the African Lawyer* – 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.
- *Captive bullies: the case of non-negotiable clauses of DFI borrower nations*. Presented at the International Bar Association Conference (International Construction Projects Committee) in Sydney, Australia - October, 2017.
- *International Construction Disputes in Ghana, 2013* - Construction & Infrastructure Disputes (Global Law & Business Research).
- *Using PPPs to Bridge Africa's Infrastructure Deficit – Emerging Legal and Institutional Issues* (Africa Regional Forum of the International Bar Association (IBA), March, 2010).
- *Opportunities & challenges of PPPs in Ghana* (World Bank/Ministry of Finance sponsored workshop - November 2008).

- *“Award of Contracts” - Procedure, Pitfalls & Abuse*: Presented at The Institute of Economic Affairs Business Forum on 21<sup>st</sup> Jan, 1999 as a discussion paper for the institute’s business meeting of January, 1999.
- *“Procurement In Project Finance - Best Practices”* (IBA Joint Session of Committees on International Construction Projects & Engineering Law – Singapore); October 2007.
- *Fast-Tracking The Procurement Of Infrastructure Projects In Africa” – The Case for Ghana’s Railway*: address to the International Bar Association, Auckland – New Zealand, October 2004.