



**NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION  
SECTION ON LEGAL PRACTICE**

**2023 NBA-SLP**

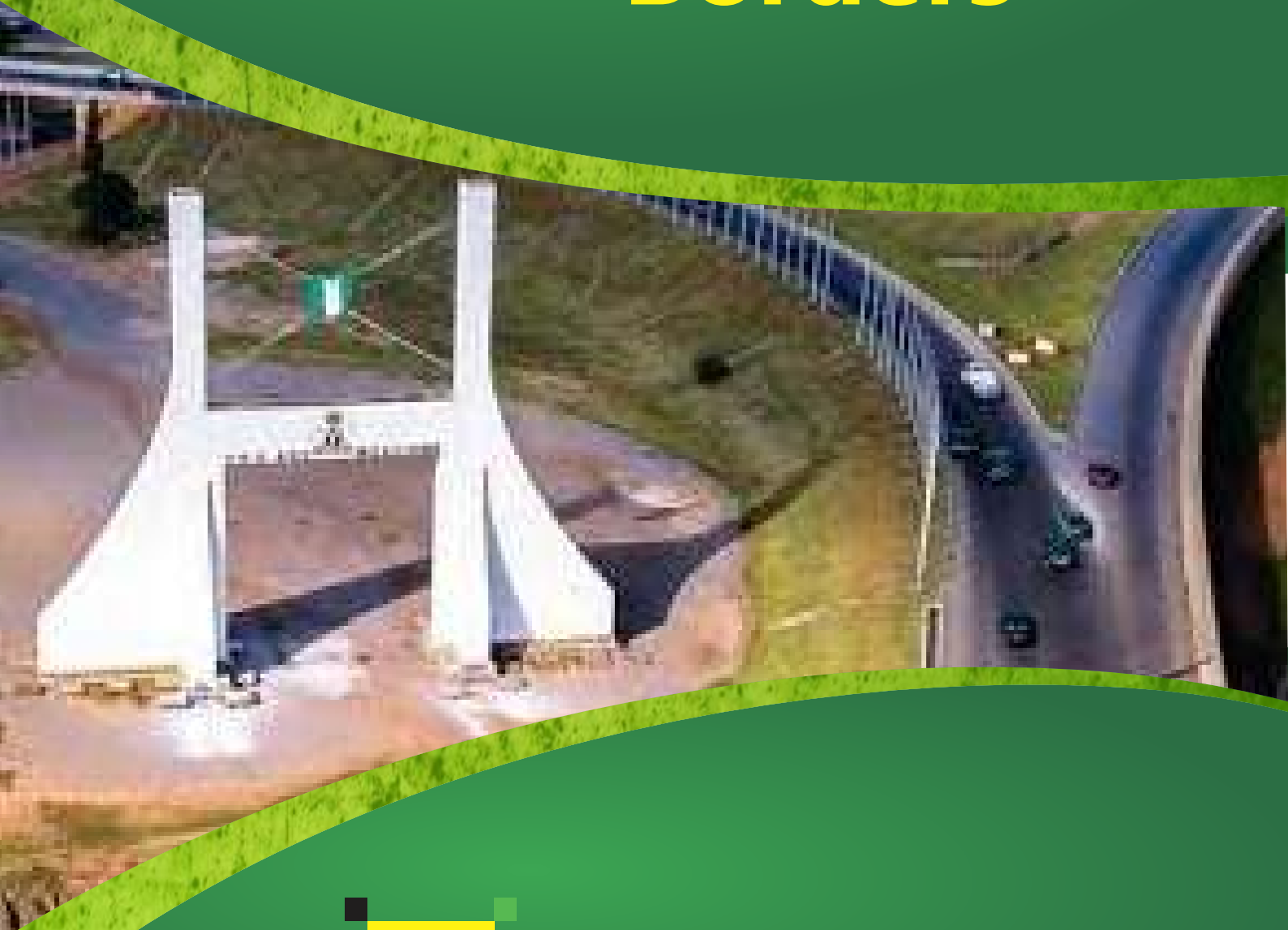
**ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**#ABUJA2023**



*Theme:*

# **Legal Practice without Borders**



**JULY  
16 -19  
2023**

**NBA NATIONAL SECRETARIAT  
(NBA HOUSE) CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT  
ABUJA, FCT, NIGERIA.**



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## THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Arise, O compatriots,  
Nigeria's call obey  
To serve our fatherland  
With love and strength and faith  
The labour of our heroes past  
Shall never be in vain  
To serve with heart and might  
One nation bound in freedom,  
Peace and unity.

Oh God of creation,  
Direct our noble cause  
Guide our leaders right  
Help our youth the truth to know  
In love and honesty to grow  
And living just and true  
Great lofty heights attain  
To build a nation where peace  
And justice shall reign.

## THE NATIONAL PLEDGE

I pledge to Nigeria my country  
To be faithful, loyal and honest  
To serve Nigeria with all my strength  
To defend her unity and uphold her honour and glory  
So help me God.

## THE NBA PRAYER

Almighty God our creator  
We pray you to be with us in all our  
deliberations and to direct our  
endeavours so that we shall  
continue in all humility to glorify  
Thy name and do that which is  
right and just for our profession,  
its members, our fellow men and  
our country. Amen





# SLP OBJECTIVES

To promote the exchange of information and views among members of the Section and other like-minded bodies as to the laws, practices and other procedures affecting the Section locally and internationally

To assist members develop and improve their legal services to the public

To undertake such related activities as may be approved by the Section's Council from time to time

To promote and provide Continuing Legal Education



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### DEPARTURE

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HIS EXCELLENCY  
**BOLA AHMED TINUBU, GCFR**

PRESIDENT & COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA



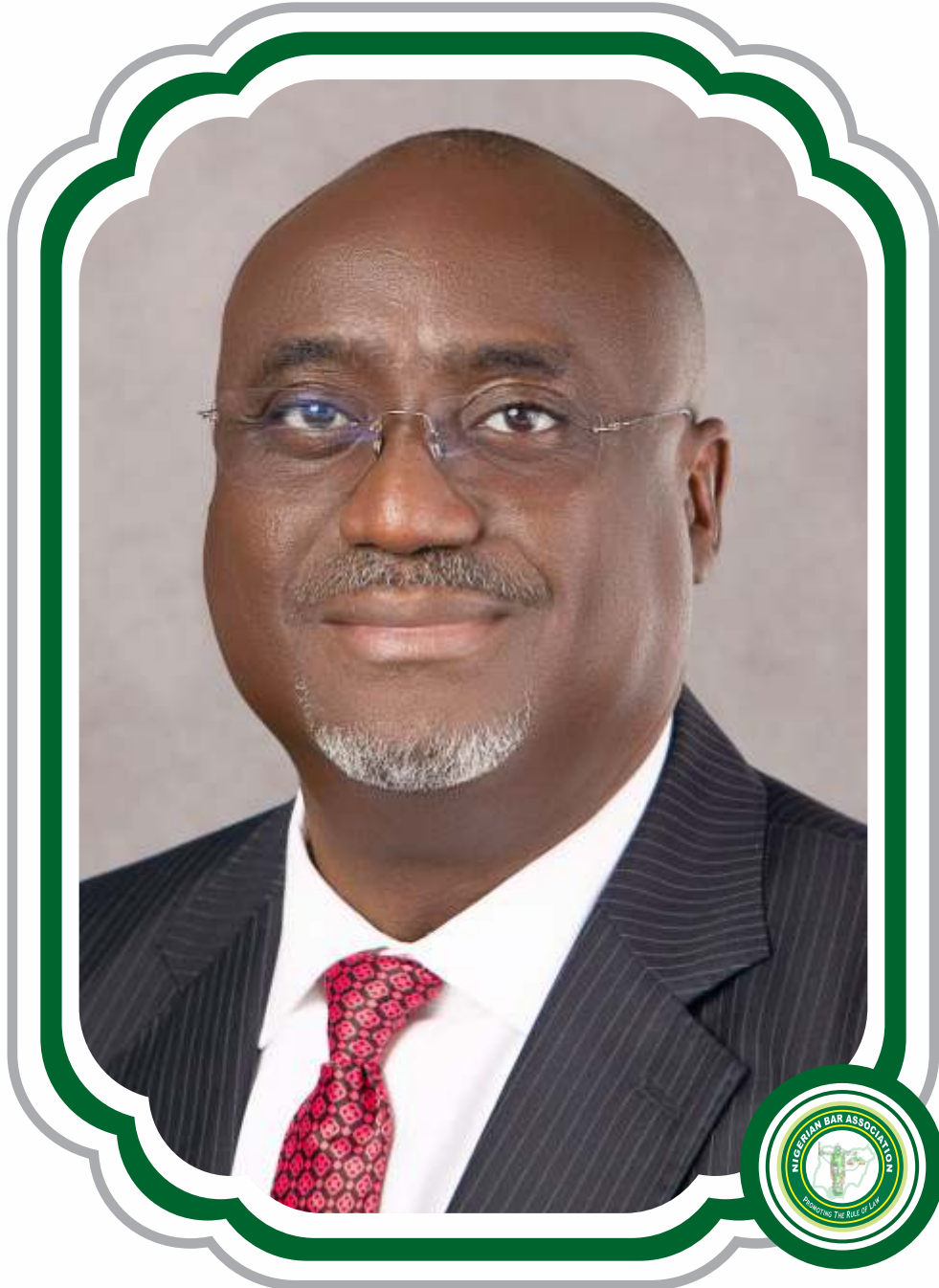
**HON. JUSTICE OLUKAYODE ARIWOOLA, GCON**  
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**CHIEF FERDINARD ORBIH, KSG SAN**  
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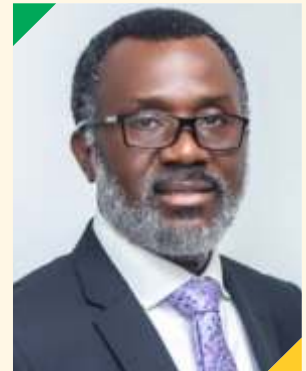
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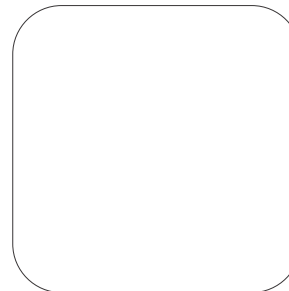
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## WELCOME SPEECH

MR. PAUL HARRIS OGBOLE, SAN

CHAIRMAN, NBA-SLP 2023 CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE





## WELCOME ADDRESS

### WELCOME ADDRESS OF THE CHAIRMAN NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION SECTION ON LEGAL PRACTICE, CHIEF FERDINAND ORBIH SAN, FCArb AT THE NBA-SLP 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE HOLDING AT THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA FROM 16TH JULY 2023- 19TH JULY 2023.



The Chief Justice of Nigeria, NBA President, my lords and members of the bench, Your Excellencies, NBA NEC members, Senior Advocates of Nigeria, senior members of the Bar, distinguished colleagues I welcome everyone to the 2023 NBA-SLP conference holding in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. This year's conference is remarkable for many reasons.

Firstly, it is the last conference in the course of my tenure as Chairman of the Section on Legal Practice (SLP) of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA). Secondly, the Conference is not only remarkable but is unique because unlike other previous Conferences, this year's SLP annual Conference was not sponsored by any government at any level in Nigeria. Put differently, we did not receive any donation from any government in Nigeria. Rather we reached out to the SLP Council members, Senior Advocates of Nigeria and our other professional colleagues as well as our friends, clients and well wishers of the SLP for donations and sponsorship. Let me cease this opportunity not only to acknowledge and thank all those who made this conference possible. Thirdly, the 2023 elections have thrown up new leaders for the country at all levels with accompanying policy changes that have had profound effects on Nigerians and our profession. It is a thing of pride that our members are in the vanguard of managing the fallouts of the elections for peace and stability of our nation, considering Nigeria's strategic position regionally and globally.

The nobility of the legal profession is in the huge resource it brings to bear to resolve complex challenges at every stage of society's growth and development. This is the philosophy that underpins NBA-SLP conferences. Our well thought-out conferences answer to the needs of our existence at every time and season. In the year 2021 in Uyo, it was "Law, Lawyers and the Next Generation". In Asaba in 2022, it was "Legal Practice, Our Reality, Our Future". In Abuja in 2023 we have chosen to go with the theme "Legal Practice Without Borders" to engage with global issues of transformation in the legal profession which have come upon us; the challenges thrown up by medico-legal solutions to healthcare needs, the age of Artificial Intelligence (AI), the largely unexplored legal spaces, et al. 'Legal Practice Without Borders' interrogates the widening scope of the legal services market and lifts the veil of jurisdictional stonewalling. The road map for effectively dealing with contending issues in this context are in the various sessions lined up in this conference.

I enjoin you to take the bait. Be part of the discussion and let your views be heard. It may just be the solution the world has been waiting for. Take time to unwind, life is for the living. From the Bwari Pottery Village to the city center, there are great places guaranteed to relax your nerves for the duration of the Conference. Abuja, as the federal capital territory and one of the fastest growing cities in the world has so many opportunities that can be mined. I invite you to look keenly and take advantage of them, build enduring partnerships, alliances and working collaborations to impact on your legal practice in our borderless circumstance.

My profound gratitude goes forth to our distinguished guests, resource persons, sponsors and members of the Executive Committee of the SLP; you have made this event a reality. May I specially commend the Conference Planning Committee under the very able leadership of Paul Harris Ogbole, SAN aa Chairman and Tonye Krukubo, SAN. The Committee went the extra mile to ensure that you are more equipped for a "Legal Practice Without Borders" after this Conference. Please do not hesitate to ask any member of the Executive or the Conference Planning Committee should you have need for any assistance in-order to make this conference an unforgettable experience. Finally we thank the conferees, delegates, resource persons and special invitees, gentlemen of the press, distinguished ladies and gentlemen for honouring our invitation. Without your presence here, there will be no conference. We thank you most profoundly.

The taste of this richly prepared pudding is in this nourishing conference buffet. Have a wonderful SLP conference. You are welcome.

Thank you.

**CHIEF FERDINARD ORBIH,** SAN FCArb, DSSRS, KSG.  
CHAIRMAN, NBA-SECTION ON LEGAL PRACTICE



# Visit to **BWARI POTTERY VILLAGE**



SUNDAY, 16.07.2023



2.00 PM - 5.00 PM



**BWARI POTTERY VILLAGE**  
Near Nigeria Law School,  
Old Suleja Road, Bwari, FCT, Nigeria



# Welcome COCKTAIL



SUNDAY, 16.07.2023



6.00 PM - 8.00 PM



**NBA NATIONAL SECRETARIAT  
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ABUJA, FCT, NIGERIA.**

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# AEROBICS CARNIVAL



MONDAY, 17.07.2023



6.00 AM - 7.00 AM



**NBA NATIONAL SECRETARIAT  
(NBA HOUSE) CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT  
ABUJA, FCT, NIGERIA.**



DAY TWO: MONDAY 17 JULY 2023

# OPENING CEREMONY

10.00 AM -11.30 AM



## COORDINATORS:

TONYE KRUKRUBO SAN- LEAD | BLESSING UDOFA | JAMES BANK HUOMA

## COMPERES:

ALEX MUOKA | MS. MIMI AYUA (NBA ABUJA BRANCH)

1. **OPENING PRAYER -NBA PRAYER**
2. OPENING REMARKS: CHAIRMAN, CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE:  
**MR. PAUL HARRIS OGBOLE, SAN**
3. WELCOME REMARKS: CHAIRMAN, NBA ABUJA (UNITY BAR) BRANCH - **AFAM OKEKE**
4. WELCOME ADDRESS: CHAIRMAN, NBA SECTION ON LEGAL PRACTICE  
**CHIEF FERDINARD ORBIH, SAN FC Arb.**
5. REMARKS: PRESIDENT, NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION - **MR. Y.C. MAIKYAU, OON SAN**
6. REMARKS: CHIEF JUDGE, HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY  
**HON. JUSTICE HUSSEINI BABA-YUSUF**
7. KEYNOTE ADDRESS: **Prof. Peter Terkaa Akper, PhD, SAN, OFR**
8. OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE: CHIEF JUSTICE OF NIGERIA AND SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR - **HON. JUSTICE OLUKAYODE ARIWOOLA GCON**
9. VOTE OF THANKS: SECRETARY, NBA-SECTION ON LEGAL PRACTICE  
**PROF. AUGUSTINE ROBERT AGOM**
10. GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS



**TEA BREAK**

11:30AM – 12:00PM

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DAY TWO: MONDAY 17 JULY 2023

**PREMIUM SHOWCASE SESSION**

**12:00 PM – 1:30 PM**

# TRANSFORMATION OF LEGAL PRACTICE IN NIGERIA

**COORDINATORS:**

Mrs. Folashade Alli, CArb - Lead  
Dr. Orowhuo Okocha  
Sanni Abass

**CHAIRPERSON**



**AUGUSTINE ALEGHEH, SAN**  
Past President, NBA

**SYNOPSIS:**

This session will examine legal practice and administration of justice in Nigeria. Are they where we want them to be; if they are not, what factors are responsible for the shortcomings?

Where do we stand compared to other jurisdictions such as the United Kingdom, Singapore, and our neighbours in Africa?

What is the tomorrow we seek or desire for legal practice and administration of justice in Nigeria and how do we attain same?

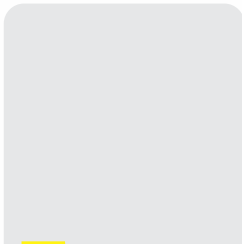
**PANELISTS:**



**ISAIAH BODERICK BOZIMO Esq.**  
Lead Speaker



**HON. JUSTICE DAKETIMA KIO**



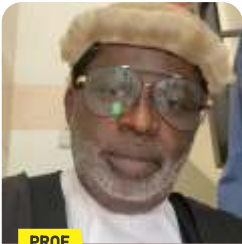
**DR. NKIRUKA MADUEKE NIALS**



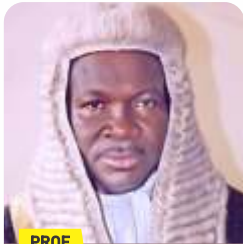
**HON. JUSTICE TAIWO TAIWO RTD.**



**PROF. ISA HAYATU CHIROMA, SAN**  
(DG, LAW SCHOOL)



**PROF. AGBO MADAKI**  
(DEAN, LAW BAZE UNIVERSITY)



**PROF. MIKE A. OZEHOME, SAN**

**BYTE SIZE SERIES:**

**1:30PM – 1:45PM**

**THE PEDAGOGY OF LAW IN A DIGITAL AND INCREASINGLY BORDERLESS LEGAL SERVICE MART**

**PROF ISA HAYATU CHIROMA (15 MINS)**



**LUNCH**

**1:45PM – 2:30PM**

**BYTE SIZE SERIES:**

2:30PM – 2:45PM

*BULLET POINTS ON THE INNOVATIONS OF THE NEW ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION ACT 2023; THINGS TO NOTE*



DR. AGADA ELACHI

**COORDINATORS:**

Gloria Ohia - Lead  
Rex Erameh  
Osatohanmwun Uwagboe

2:45PM – 4:00PM

**PLENARY SESSION ONE**

# ORGAN DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION UNDER NIGERIAN LAW

**CONCEPT NOTE:**

This session attempts to X-ray legal and medicolegal legislations and protocols regarding organ donations, transplantation and patient’s autonomy.

What is the consent protocol for organ donations? When can it be said that an organ is legally donated? What are legal impediments in organ transplantation?

What are the medicolegal criteria for organ transplantation? These and many more issues shall be copiously discussed by industry experts.

CHAIRPERSON



OLUSEUN ABIMBOLA, SAN  
Past Chair, NBA-SLP

PANELISTS:



DR. YEMI JOHNSON



DR. DAMILOLA ADEJUWON



JOYCE ESENI ESQ.



OTUNBA LAOLU OSANYIN

4:00PM – 5:00PM

PLENARY SESSION TWO

# LEGAL PRACTICE ISSUES IN MIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION

COORDINATORS:

## CONCEPT NOTE

Increasing cross border movement of human capital have thrown up challenges and opened up new vistas for the legal profession. *Japa* is a novel diction in Nigeria's immigration lexicon. What does this resource drain portend for country and the legal profession in Nigeria? What does this translate to in terms of clients' need and the itinerant legal practitioner who forays beyond his national boundary? How and what skills set are required in the legal services market for migration services. The Panel is expected to examine the legal framework for movement within Nigeria and beyond. What legal expertise is required to meet services of clients who desires to relocate to Nigeria or out of Nigeria? Panelists may want share experiences in other jurisdictions to empower conferees in the journey of legal practice without borders.

CHAIRPERSON



HON. JUSTICE

YAKUBU BADAMASI



DELE KELVIN OYE

(Principal Partner, Dele Oye & Associates)

PANELISTS:



CHIEF EMEKA  
OBEGOLU SAN

AMINAT IBRAHIM



SULE USMAN, SAN

DR. (MS)

DUBEM ANENE

## VARIETY NIGHT:

8:00PM – 10:00PM

Games,  
Poetry,  
Comedy, etc.

**BYTE SIZE SERIES:**

9.00AM – 9.15AM

**CROSS BORDER CRIME PROSECUTION/DEFENCE AND THE CONCEPT OF INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION COURT**



**CHARLES PHILLIP ADEOGUN**

**PLENARY SESSION ONE**

9:15AM – 10:15AM

**LEGAL PRACTICE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD ABUSE MATTERS: A JURISDICTIONAL COMPARISONS**

**COORDINATORS:**

Wada Ahmed Wada - Lead | Ogbom Goodluck

CHAIRPERSON



HON. JUSTICE

**EJEMBI EKO**

PANELISTS:



HON. JUSTICE

**OPUFAA BEN-WHYTE**



**AMINA AGBAJE**



**OLUMIDE OMOSEBI**



CSP

**DOLAPO BADMUS**  
NIGERIAN POLICE FORCE

**CONCEPT NOTE:**

Gender based violence and abuse of children is a common occurrence in Nigeria and other countries. It is as much a social issue as it is a legal one. In our jurisdiction, laws have been put in place to punish offenders. What has been the journey so far with the Violence Against Persons (Prohibition) Act and similar laws? How effective have the laws and their implementation been? As social engineers, what additional role(s) if any; should lawyers play in ensuring effective implementation of prosecution of offenders of gender-based violence and child abuse cases? Are our courts; like the family court equipped to effectively dispense justice in these cases? What is the position/experience in jurisdictions outside Nigeria? Are any takeaways that would require amendments to extant laws in Nigeria?



**TEA BREAK**

10:15AM – 10.45AM

**BYTE SIZE SERIES:**

10:45AM – 11:00AM

**CHATGPT AND ITS POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON LAW PRACTICE**



FERNANDEZ  
MARCUS OBIENE

**COORDINATORS:**

Bayo Omole - Lead  
Rashidat Mohammed  
Eva Amadi

11:00AM – 12:00PM

**PLENARY SESSION TWO**

**LAW PRACTICE IN THE DIGITAL AGE:  
BALANCING PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
AND TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION**

**CONCEPT NOTE:**

The objective of this session is to explore the ethical consideration of practicing law in a technologically advanced environment, emphasizing the need to balance professional responsibility with the ever-evolving landscape of technological innovation. The session will shed light on the legal implications surrounding client confidentiality in the digital era and address the evolving regulatory landscape, including data protection laws, privacy regulations, and industry-specific compliance requirements that lawyers and legal professionals must navigate to ensure and maintain the ethical mandate of the profession.

It will examine among others, the following:

- the legal framework and regulations on data privacy, and information security in the use of digital communication tools and platforms, AI and Legal Technology;
- Safeguarding clients' personal data and digital assets in a fast-developing digital space;
- Lawyers' role in ensuring the confidentiality, privacy, and compliance in line with local and international practice standards.

**CHAIRPERSON**



HON. JUSTICE

PETER A. AKHIERO

Judge, High Court of Edo State

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Head Legal, NITDA



INEMESIT DIKE



DR.

MARYAM SHEHU  
MOHAMMED

**BYTE SIZE SERIES:**

12:00PM – 12:15PM

**BUSINESS FACILITATION ACT**

**PLENARY SESSION THREE**

12:15PM – 1:45PM

**EXPLORING THE FRONTIERS OF**

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN INVESTMENT MATTERS IN NIGERIA: INVESTMENTS & SECURITIES TRIBUNAL IN FOCUS**

**COORDINATORS:**

Ahmed Tijani Abubakar - Lead  
Marvin Ibem  
Etaba Agbor

CHAIRPERSON



HON.

**AMOS ISSAC AZI**  
Chairman, Investment Securities Tribunal



HON.

**JUDE IKE UDUNNI**  
Member IST

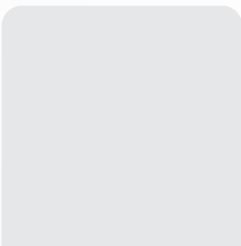


HON.

**NOSA SMART OSEMWENGIE**



**ALEX MOUKA**



**ONYEDIKACHI O. EDEH**



PROF.

**A.R. AGOM**

**CONCEPT NOTE:**

The Investments & Securities Tribunal (IST) is a world-class specialist court in the Nigerian financial system that decides investment disputes within 3 months. The Supreme Court's decision of 13/1/2023 confirming its exclusive jurisdiction makes an understanding of the peculiar facilities & features of the IST imperative for visionary lawyers to be able to meet clients' needs & expectations in an ever increasing borderless commercial environment.

The expository session, from the broad views of judges, legal practitioners & academia, is to equip legal practitioners on the when, where & how to approach the IST.



**LUNCH**

1:45PM – 2:45PM

**BYTE SIZE SERIES:**

2:50PM – 3:05PM

**THE NEW ELECTRICITY ACT,  
WHAT A LAWYER SHOULD KNOW**



CEPHAS CALEB Esq

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3:05PM – 4:15PM

**PLENARY SESSION FOUR**

# TYRANNY AND DICTATORSHIP OF ELECTION PETITION: WHERE IS JUSTICE?

**CONCEPT NOTE:**

The phrase *justice delayed is justice denied* is an old phrase popularised by former British Prime Minister William Ewart Gladstone on 16 March 1868 during a debate in the British House of Commons.

Its election "season" once again and matters are now pending before several Election Petition Tribunals across Nigeria. We are also confronted with the concerning scenario of Judges in courts being posted to various jurisdictions across the country to adjudicate over election petition matters. The immediate consequence is that "normal" civil, commercial and criminal cases amongst others have to "suffer" essentially because there are no judges to preside over them. William Ewart Gladstones phrase rings true of what afflicts the justice sector this season. What steps can be taken to assure the litigating public that justice is meted out equally to the ordinary man on the street and the one who wants to elective position? How can we ensure expedited justice and preserve its quality? Notwithstanding constitutional provisions, how can we have justice system that is unaffected by seasonal hiccups caused by election petitions? Are there examples in other jurisdictions that can be followed etc.

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DAY THREE: TUESDAY 18 JULY 2023

**BYTE SIZE SERIES:**

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AGAINST PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES ACT**

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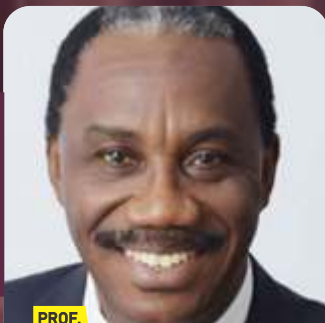
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**VOTES OF  
THANKS**

6:00PM – 6:10PM



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**NETWORKING  
& PHOTOGRAPHS**

6:10PM – 6:30PM

**CLOSING DINNER & AFTER PARTY**



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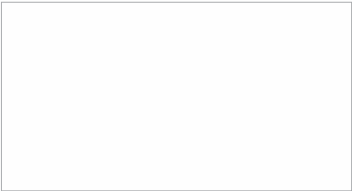
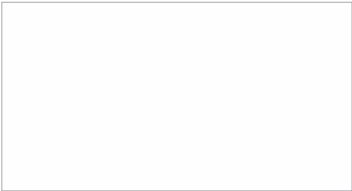
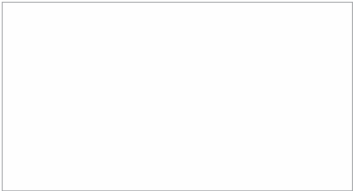
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