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22nd April, 2026.

The Secretary,
Nigerian Bar Association,
Branch Election Appeals Committee,
Eastern Zone,
Nigeria.

Dear Sir,

RE: OHAKA EGBURUWHUO ESQ. (APPELLANT) – DISQUALIFICATION FROM PARTICIPATING AS A CANDIDATE IN THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION, PORT HARCOURT BRANCH ELECTIONS BY THE BRANCH ELECTORAL COMMITTEE ON THE 16TH DAY APRIL, 2026.

RE: ADDENDUM TO APPEAL LODGED ON 21ST APRIL, 2026 AND ACKNOWLEDGED ON 22 APRIL, 2026.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Nigerian Bar Association, Port Harcourt Branch Electoral Committee on the 16th day of April, 2026, made a publication with the title “Publication of list of cleared and disqualified candidates for the June 2026 Forth Coming election”, wherein I was disqualified for the singular reason that my Sponsor/Nominator had only three (3) appearances regarding attendance to branch meetings; precisely January, February and March meetings, as set out in the said letter. That it is now necessary to call the Nigerian Bar Association, Port Harcourt Branch Electoral Committee to order as the ground for my disqualification was not looked into properly before it was made. Hence this appeal.

2. ADDITIONAL FACTS


2.1. The Appellant hereby relies on the entirety of his appeal dated 21/04/26 and in furtherance to the said Appeal, makes the following facts:

- 2.2. That my nominator has duly deposed to an affidavit stating his name and Nigerian Bar Association, Port Harcourt Branch membership details which is exclusive to him. Annexed hereto is the copy of the said affidavit marked as ANNEXURE 5
- 2.2. That the Branch Electoral Committee publishing its notice dated 21/04/26 refers to the publication of 16/04/2026 as the only document that clarifies status of candidates that are qualified and disqualified, even though it was only signed by the Secretary of the Electoral Committee as against the normal practice of co-signing with the Chairman of the Electoral Committee. Annexed is a copy of the said notice of clarification marked as ANNEXURE 6.
- 2.3. That the attendance register is normally recorded in a book and transcribed digitally into a list of lawyers who attended the branch meeting based on the category of call for ease of reference, and then the said document is adopted on the floor of the house and of which forms both the minutes of meeting and the attendance for each month a branch meeting holds. I have duly applied for the said attendance and the Electoral Committee has refused to make it available to the Appellant.

3. PRAYERS

- 3.1. That having complied with Sections 14 (2) (a) (b) and (5) of the Nigerian Bar Association Constitution 2015 (as amended in 2025), the Appellant humbly urge the Branch Elections Appeals Committee to dismiss the decision of the Branch Electoral Committee made the 16th day of April, 2026, wherein I was disqualified to contest for the position of Secretary, Nigerian Bar Association, Port Harcourt Branch.
- 3.2. That the Branch Elections Appeals Committee sets aside the publication made by the Branch Electoral Committee on the 16th day of April, 2026 and also clears the Appellant or asks the Branch Electoral Committee to immediately clear me to contest for the position of Secretary, Nigerian Bar Association, Port Harcourt Branch.
- 3.3. That any step or acts taken by the Branch Electoral Committee prior to the decision of the Branch Elections Appeals Committee in the Appellants absence as a result of my disqualification shall be set aside or rendered null and void.

Thank you.



Ohaka Egburuwhuo.
Candidate for Position of Secretary,
NBA PHC BRANCH,

