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20<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY APRIL, 2026.**

**RE: APPEAL**

## **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. FACTS**

- 2.1. That I duly obtained an expression of interest form for the position of Secretary, from the Nigerian Bar Association, Port Harcourt Branch Electoral Committee and submitted accordingly.

- 2.2. That on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026, the Nigerian Bar Association, Port Harcourt Branch Electoral Committee, published a list of qualified and disqualified candidates and I was shocked to see my name among the disqualified candidates. The said publication is annexed hereto and marked as ANNEXURE 1.
- 2.3. That the ground for my disqualification was misconceived and made in bad faith.
- 2.4. That I was never at any point in time invited, summoned or communicated with, by the Branch Election Committee on any issue bordering on my electoral form, documents attached or my Sponsors; particularly, DAVID GBAIMEZA UDURU, ESQ.
- 2.5. That the sole reason for the Appellants disqualification being that DAVID GBAIMEZA UDURU, ESQ., who joined in the Appellant's nomination, only made three (3) attendance to branch meetings, is grossly false and can at best, be only a decision made in a hurry.
- 2.6. That the Branch Election Committee never reached out to the Appellant or the said DAVID GBAIMEZA UDURU, ESQ., for better clarification on the issue to ensure fairness as it did with other candidates but the committee went ahead and made the said publication regardless.
- 2.7. That a cursory look at the attendance of our branch meetings which is attached to the minutes of meetings and are duly adopted by branch members on the floor of the house, and can be seen clearly that DAVID GBAIMEZA UDURU, Esq., duly attended six (6) branch meetings in April, 2025, (No. 201), May, 2025 (No. 82), October, 2025 (No. 304) inclusive of January, 2026 (No. 202), February, 2026 (No. 222), and March, 2026 (already acceptable to the Branch Electoral Committee), consecutively. Copies of the branch meetings for April, May and October are annexed hereto and marked as ANNEXURE 2, ANNEXURE 3 and ANNEXURE 4, respectively.
- 2.8. That paragraph 4 above, resolves the wanting ground of the Appellant's disqualification made by the Election Committee and in turn proves that the Appellant's Sponsor/Nominator complied with the requirement of attendance to meetings for nomination of candidates.

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



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