



MID-WEST BAR FORUM

Motto: Promoting The Rule of Law.

Secretariat: Gottungst Villa, 27 Gbiaye Street, 3rd Marine Gate, . Warri, Nigeria

July 7, 2026

To all members of the Midwest Bar Forum

RE: PURPORTED "DIRECTIONS AND OUTCOMES" ATTRIBUTED TO THE HONOURABLE ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION ON THE 2026 NBA NATIONAL ELECTIONS

The Midwest Bar Forum notes with concern the publication titled "DIRECTIONS AND OUTCOMES OF THE HONOURABLE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION PRINCE LATEEF O FAGBEMI, SAN ON THE REPORT OF THE 3-MAN COMMITTEE SET UP TO LOOK INTO CAUSES OF THE PRESENT CONFLICTS WITHIN THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION (NBA), PARTICULARLY ON THE WAY FORWARD IN MATTERS RELATING TO THE UPCOMING 2026 ELECTIONS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION", purporting to emanate from the office of the Honourable Attorney-General of the Federation currently circulating in relation to the forthcoming Nigerian Bar Association National Elections scheduled for July 18, 2026.

If indeed the said publication emanated under the hand of the Honourable Attorney-General of the Federation, it is, with respect, a regrettable development. While the Honourable Attorney-General of the Federation occupies a highly respected constitutional position, he possesses no constitutional or statutory authority to issue directives, decisions, or pronouncements regarding or affecting the conduct of elections into any office of the Nigerian Bar Association.

The Nigerian Bar Association is an independent professional body governed by its Constitution, and matters relating to its electoral process fall exclusively within its internal governance framework. The National Executive Council of the Nigerian Bar Association remains the only body vested with the authority to make decisions, issue directives, or determine the modalities concerning the conduct of NBA elections. Any external directive purporting to regulate or alter that process cannot supersede the constitutional structures of the Association.

The Midwest Bar Forum wishes to reaffirm its unwavering confidence in the integrity of the NBA's electoral institutions and the ongoing electoral process scheduled for July 18, 2026. We hereby call on the ECNBA to follow thorough with the process and come out with a free, fair and credible election as no person has the power and authority to stop the NBA election other than as provided by the NBA constitution.

We believe that the strength and credibility of our Association lie in our collective commitment to constitutionalism, the rule of law, and respect for institutional processes.

Accordingly, we call on all members of the Midwest Bar Forum to remain calm, focused, and resolute. We urge every eligible member to participate actively in the forthcoming election by voting peacefully and freely for the candidate of their choice, guided solely by what is in the best interest of the Nigerian Bar Association.

The Midwest Bar Forum remains committed to the preservation of the independence of the Bar and will continue to support every lawful process that strengthens our Association and its democratic institutions.

Please be guided accordingly

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