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Our History

We are one of Nigeria's longest-running commercial law firms. From inception until 1990, we specialized in banking, insurance, real estate, and succession planning. We handled both contentious and non-contentious matters in these areas.

The Firm was established in Ibadan in 1967 by Chief S. P. A. Ajibade, one-time Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice of the old Western Region of Nigeria. Chief Ajibade was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple Inn of Court, London in 1960.

As a result of the establishment of our Lagos Office in 1998, the scope of the practice significantly expanded and we took on an additional partner who was responsible for the Real Estate and Succession department. Over the years, we have evolved into a partnership with 5 more partners and expanded our expertise into other specialized fields such as Corporate Finance and Capital Markets, Intellectual Property and Technology Law, Telecommunications Regulatory, Entertainment and Media Law, as well as Energy & Natural Resources.

ABOUT US

With an established reputation for providing exceptional legal services, S. P. A. Ajibade & Co is committed to ensuring the success and satisfaction of our clients. Drawing on our expertise, we are well-equipped to understand and meet our clients' goals and aspirations.

Our team of proficient and trained lawyers possess the skills and knowledge to deliver seamless, thoughtful, and effective legal services in a cost-effective and professional manner.

OUR PROMISE

- *Our promise at S. P. A. Ajibade & Co. to our clients goes beyond providing excellent technical advice; we strive to deliver solutions that align with their business objectives.*
- *We have always offered reliable technical advice and customized client solutions locally and internationally.*
- *Our clients trust us as a dependable partner and experienced advisor for a wide range of transactions and dispute resolution processes.*
- *We take pride in our ability to swiftly analyse and identify our clients' legal and commercial needs, offering strategic advice that positions them for effective competition in today's challenging business landscape.*



Our Vision & Mission

Vision

We view ourselves as an influential presence in the legal industry, leading the way in promoting healthy corporate and commercial environments characterized by integrity and innovation.

Mission

We aim to continuously provide high quality legal services to clients that need them globally. We will do this promptly, ethically, and effectively to ensure their satisfaction every time.

How We Work



As a hallmark of our commitment to providing the best possible customer service outcome, we ensure that our clients are kept up to date on developments in their instructions to us, by the issuance of regular updates.

The culture within our firm is designed to foster and maintain a personal and professional relationship with each client so that they become "clients for life". We achieve this by continuously improving our processes for the benefit of our clients and the firm's legal and non-legal teams.

At every step of the way, from the initial contact with a client to receiving instructions, to appointing team members, to managing schedules and deliverables, to the final execution of the project, to communications, we prioritise efficiency.

We seek continuous feedback on the quality of our work and the competence of our teams. This enables us to continue improving the quality of our services.



Dispute **Resolution**

At a glance

Our dynamic Dispute Resolution practice handles cases in various trial and appellate courts within Nigeria, as well as local and international arbitration proceedings across different jurisdictions.

Our team is well-versed in a wide range of legal issues, including but not limited to:

- Actionable and Fraudulent Misrepresentations Aviation
- Banking Law Carriage of Goods
- by Sea, Air and Land Company
- Law Construction Contracts, Defamation Enforcement of
- Foreign Judgments
- Enforcement of Shareholders
- Agreements Hospitality
- Contracts Insolvency Practice (Winding Up, Liquidations and
- Receiverships) Insurance Law Intellectual Property
- International Trade and Foreign
- Exchange Labour and Employment Mining and Quarrying Occupiers Liability
- Privatization Real and Personal
- Property Public Sector Civil
- Works Contracts Securities Law and Practice
- Telecommunications.
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Arbitration

We have extensive experience conducting arbitrations in accordance with institutional rules such as the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC Rules), United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL Rules) and the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA Rules), as well as through ad-hoc references.

Two members of our firm are Fellows of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in the United Kingdom whilst others are Members of this prestigious institute.

Litigation

Litigation is an integral part of our dispute resolution practice, and our dedicated team constantly provides top-tier legal advice that helps our clients avoid unnecessary costs and expenses associated with litigation.

In cases where litigation is unavoidable, we focus on achieving timely and efficient results for our clients.

We have access to an extensive arsenal of resources enabling us to not only provide excellent technical advice, but also offer solutions that facilitate the swift resolution of complex commercial disputes.



Dispute **Resolution**

Significant Disputes Work:

- We are currently engaged in multiple litigations defending the interests of a multinational hospitality company embroiled in complex investment disputes with its Nigerian co-investors before the Federal High Court, Lagos.

- We recently secured an order of injunction in favour of a multinational engaged in the advertising industry, restraining one of the sub-national governments in Nigeria from interfering with the company's contractual rights pending the reference of a dispute to ICC arbitration.

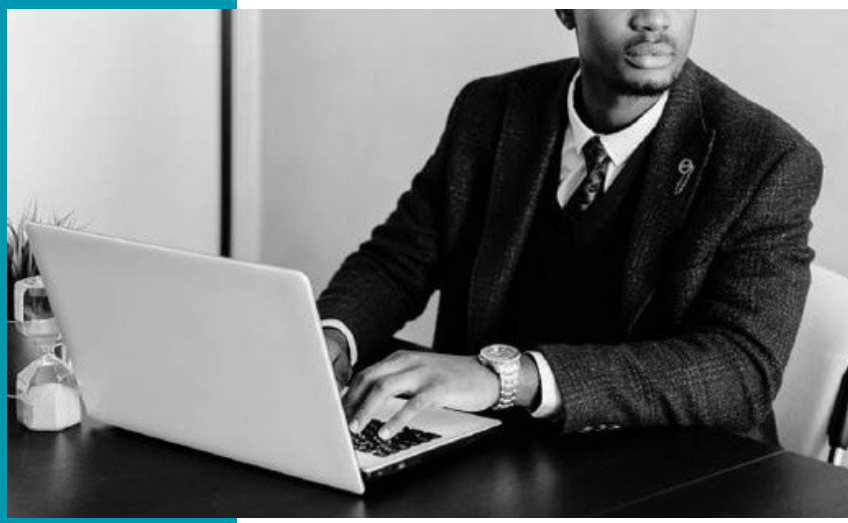
- We are presently engaged in local enforcement of an LCIA arbitration award we obtained to recover contractual debts for a leading multinational paints and coating manufacturer.

- We conducted multi-jurisdictional litigation in the Nigerian, United Kingdom and Swiss courts concerning a dispute over entitlement to receivables earned in Nigeria between Nigerian and United States joint venture partners.

- We engaged in multi-jurisdictional litigation on behalf of a client against the Government of the Republic of Ghana before the ECOWAS Community Court of Justice and before the High Court in Ghana concerning breaches of our client's fundamental human rights during the expropriation of his investments in Ghana.

- We successfully resisted the registration and enforcement of a judgment of the Kings Bench Division of the High Court of England against a Nigerian client all through to a successful final appeal decided by the Supreme Court of Nigeria.

> *SPA Ajibade & Co are very thorough, precise and incisive in their arguments. They provide various solutions to problems, and they are very quick to get back and get things going.*
>
> - ***Dispute Resolution Nigeria Chambers and Partners***



Intellectual Property, Information Technology & E-Commerce

At a glance

Our Intellectual Property unit is responsible for maintaining, protecting, and enforcing our clients' industrial and intellectual property rights.



We have a track record of working with a variety of clients from the creative industries of Entertainment, Arts and Media as well as the Sports industry.

Our services include the protection and enforcement of rights in Trademarks, Copyright, Patents, Trade Secrets, licensing, and any intellectual property issues that our clients may face.

I am consistently impressed with SPA Ajibade & Co's ability to provide high-quality guidance on a variety of topics.
- Intellectual Property & TMT Nigeria Chambers and Partners

The team is very responsive and able to quickly tackle issues as they arise.
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We are well known for our expertise in handling all maintenance tasks related to Nigerian Trademarks and Patents, which includes applying for, publishing, registering, and renewing trademarks. Our team works on the assignment of trademarks to third parties or subsidiaries, as well as recording Registered User Agreements.

Our Intellectual Property team works closely with our Dispute Resolution Department on all issues regarding enforcement rights. Our track record shows the extensive experience of our team in prosecuting and defending actions related to copyright, trademarks, and patent infringements at various levels. This may involve obtaining ex-parte, interlocutory, Anton Piller, or Class injunctions.

Clients also benefit from our experience in initiating anti-counterfeiting proceedings under the Nigerian Merchandise Marks Act.

As part of our services, we handle applications for product licenses from the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC). We also guide a host of companies on technology transfer requirements within the Nigerian investment climate through the National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP).

Some Significant Transactions in IP & ICT

- We are currently representing a European client at the Court of Appeal regarding the decision of the Federal High Court in a multi-billion-naira lawsuit against a local telecoms' giant for intellectual property theft, copyright infringement and misappropriation of trade secrets.
- We are currently managing a multi-jurisdictional trademark portfolio for a well-known Pan-African restaurant chain, in Nigeria, OAPI and ARIPO countries, Europe, the United States of America and Canada.
- We took over responsibility for and concluded a longstanding PCT patent registration in Nigeria for a Cyprus-based inventor and effected all outstanding annuity payments following the issuance of the letters patent.
- We prepared Copyright Transfer Agreements between our client, an internationally renowned author, and some creatives engaged by our client to create illustrations and graphic designs for a children's book series.
- We advised a multinational telecommunications giant, Facebook Inc. (now Meta Platforms Inc.) on its data privacy obligations associated with participating in a large telecoms project in Nigeria.

Data Privacy & Protection



Apart from being a licensed Data Protection Compliance Organisation (DPCO) in Nigeria, we also provide advisory services in Privacy and Data Protection, particularly to business organisations that process large amounts of customer personal data.

Services we provide include:

- Data protection and privacy advisory services, regulatory compliance, and breach remediation planning and support.
- Conducting information privacy audit and data privacy breach impact assessment.
- Data protection training and acting as outsourced data protection officers.
- Drafting of ad-hoc legal advice and contracts.
- Auditing regulatory compliance of client's business practices to ensure compliance with the Nigerian Data Protection Regulations (NDPR) or any Foreign Data Protection Laws or Regulations that apply in Nigeria.
- Interfacing with the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) and representing clients before NITDA.

Talk to us about our Data Privacy & Protection Services.

Telecommunications **Regulatory**

Our telecommunications regulatory team provides legal advisory/consulting services on issues centred on licensing and regulatory compliance, broadband and fibre optic backhaul installations, rights of way, international SMS transmission arrangements, advertising, consumer protection etc.

We also provide advice to our clients in the areas of compliance under the supervision of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), securing operating licenses for various telecom services, and other telecommunications-related transactions, investments, and financing.
We have advised clients in areas such as; collocation and infrastructure sharing, terrestrial wireless backhaul networks, fibre connectivity, ownership of telecoms infrastructure and type-approval of equipment, rights of way, antitrust and competition issues, publicity and advertising, spectrum and frequency allocation, licensing, and other legal and regulatory issues in the telecommunications sector.

Some of our clients include mobile telecommunications operators, support service providers, manufacturers of telecommunications equipment including computer hardware and software, and internet service providers.





Corporate **Finance**

We are highlyregardedasoneofthe premier advisorsinthefieldofcorporate financing and related transactions. This is directly due to our wealth of experience in supporting our clients in a wide range of deals, including acquisitions, joint ventures, fundraising, divestments and restructuring.

Our broad expertise extends to both domestic and cross-border transactions, encompassing major mergers, acquisitions, and joint ventures, as well as equity investments and change of control transactions.

Our diverse clientele includes public and private companies, investment banks, private equity firms, governments and government entities, as well as other institutions and individuals.

Capital **Markets**

Weare oneofthe leading lawfirms in our region providing advisory services on a wide range of issues on capital markets. This includes both complex and innovative matters.

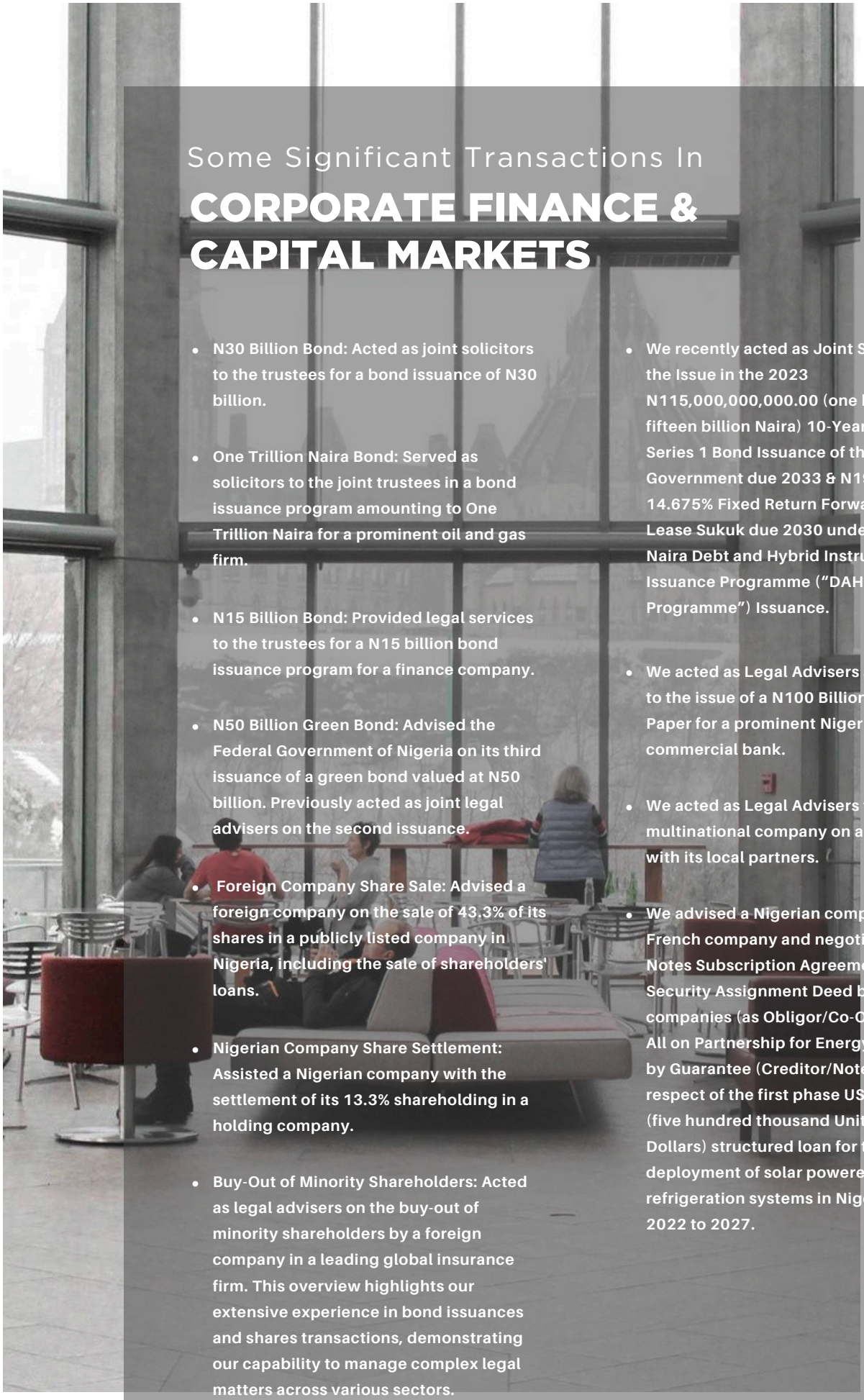
Our team has a track record of applying our technical expertise and leveraging our extensive experience in close collaboration with listing authorities and regulators.

Our strong relationships with investment banks, state governments, and corporate issuers position us as a trusted partner in navigating complex transactions. We are recognized for our innovative approach and leadership in advising and supporting clients in bringing new products to market.

Our team handles transactions in a variety of areas including equity offerings, debt offerings, securitization, derivatives, investment funds, and corporate trusts.

We understand the importance of corporate governance and ongoing reporting requirements in a complex regulatory environment.

As a value add, our clients benefit from our extensive reach and diverse contact base which gives us a deep understanding of our clients' obligations in various jurisdictions and empowers us to provide them with comprehensive advice on a broad range of capital market matters.



Some Significant Transactions In

CORPORATE FINANCE & CAPITAL MARKETS

- N30 Billion Bond: Acted as joint solicitors to the trustees for a bond issuance of N30 billion.
- One Trillion Naira Bond: Served as solicitors to the joint trustees in a bond issuance program amounting to One Trillion Naira for a prominent oil and gas firm.
- N15 Billion Bond: Provided legal services to the trustees for a N15 billion bond issuance program for a finance company.
- N50 Billion Green Bond: Advised the Federal Government of Nigeria on its third issuance of a green bond valued at N50 billion. Previously acted as joint legal advisers on the second issuance.
- Foreign Company Share Sale: Advised a foreign company on the sale of 43.3% of its shares in a publicly listed company in Nigeria, including the sale of shareholders' loans.
- Nigerian Company Share Settlement: Assisted a Nigerian company with the settlement of its 13.3% shareholding in a holding company.
- Buy-Out of Minority Shareholders: Acted as legal advisers on the buy-out of minority shareholders by a foreign company in a leading global insurance firm. This overview highlights our extensive experience in bond issuances and shares transactions, demonstrating our capability to manage complex legal matters across various sectors.
- We recently acted as Joint Solicitors to the Issue in the 2023 N115,000,000,000.00 (one hundred and fifteen billion Naira) 10-Year 15.25% Series 1 Bond Issuance of the Lagos State Government due 2033 & N19.8bn 7-Year 14.675% Fixed Return Forward-Ijarah Lease Sukuk due 2030 under the 1 trillion Naira Debt and Hybrid Instrument Issuance Programme ("DAHI Programme") Issuance.
- We acted as Legal Advisers and Solicitors to the issue of a N100 Billion Commercial Paper for a prominent Nigerian commercial bank.
- We acted as Legal Advisers to a multinational company on a joint venture with its local partners.
- We advised a Nigerian company and a French company and negotiated the Notes Subscription Agreement and Security Assignment Deed between both companies (as Obligor/Co-Obligor) and All on Partnership for Energy Access Ltd by Guarantee (Creditor/Noteholder) in respect of the first phase US$500,000.00 (five hundred thousand United States Dollars) structured loan for the deployment of solar powered refrigeration systems in Nigeria from 2022 to 2027.

Real Estate & **Succession**



Our Real Estate and Succession practice specialises in offering legal support in the sale, acquisition, and perfecting of title to landed property in Nigeria.

Our services include conducting due diligence on title and occupancy details, as well as perfecting mortgages. We also represent our client's interests in real estate financing arrangements such as joint ventures and Real Estate Investment Trusts.

In the area of succession, our team handles both contentious and non-contentious matters. We aid clients in drafting wills, obtaining probate, and letters of administration and when disputes arise, we assist them in consequential litigation, including the appointment of administrators pendente lite and other contentious probate proceedings.

Furthermore, we provide support with the re-sealing of probate and letters of administration for estate properties located outside the domicile of the deceased.

Significant Transactions Real Estate & Succession:

- Presently acting as counsel and solicitors to a company engaged in the hospitality industry, seeking to obtain an order for forfeiture of a lease, recovery of vacant possession and arrears of rent and other pecuniary remedies regarding a portion of a hotel in Victoria Island, Lagos State, Nigeria.

- From 2013 till date, we have been solicitors and advisers to a public limited liability company in respect of its ongoing 40-year lease agreement with another entity engaged in the business of rubber production and exportation.

- We recently provided comprehensive legal support and advisory services to the widow and beneficiary of an estate, where the main asset had been improperly used as security for a third-party mortgage. We successfully facilitated the full repayment of the loan by the third party, safeguarding the interests of the estate; we collaborated with the Lagos State Lands Registry to prevent an illegal title registration process without resorting to litigation and equally achieved the return of the title documents of the property to the personal representatives of the deceased's estate. This case highlights our commitment to protecting clients' rights and assets through diligent legal advocacy and effective resolution strategies.

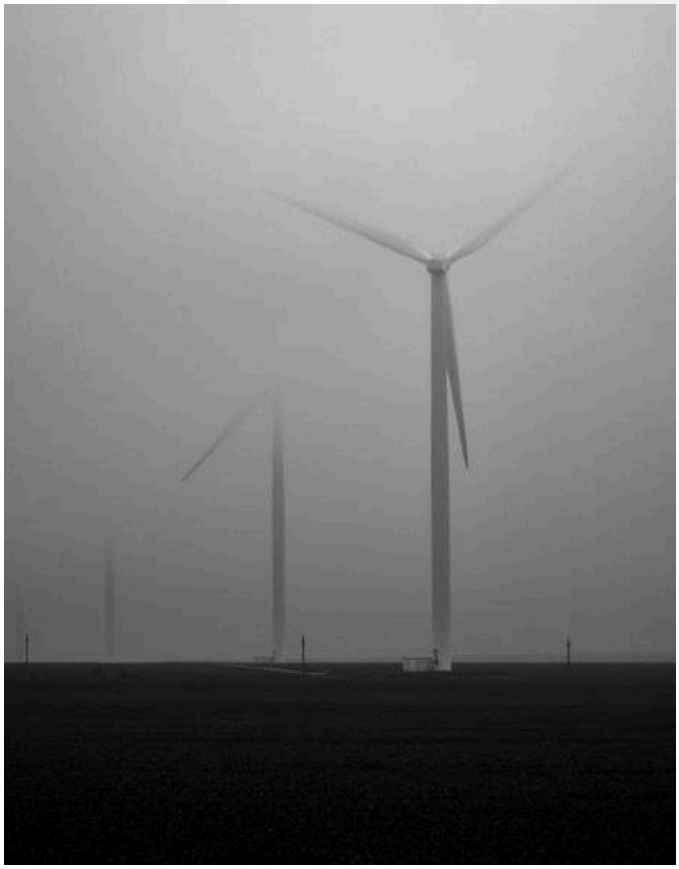
Energy & **Natural Resources**

Our Energy and Natural Resources team is experienced in advising clients on the development, financing, and acquisition of oil and gas assets /businesses, as well as electric power projects. We can also provide regulatory and policy advisory services, and project advisory from project conception to decommissioning of facilities for companies and regulators in the Nigerian energy and natural resources industries.

In our oil and gas practice, we offer advisory services to clients in the acquisition and disposal of oil and gas exploration, assets, construction, O&M plans, decommissioning, carbon capture and storage, gas and pricing disputes relating to PPAs, GTAs, GSAs, environmental, regulatory, and planning matters.

In the areas of power and utilities, we provide advisory services on the power generation, and distribution segments of the sector. Our team can also advise on the thermal energy sector for existing generation and distribution companies, and investors in the Independent Power Producers (IPPs) space. We also provide legal and transaction advice to stakeholders on supply and distribution activities in the power sector.

We provide advisory services on projects and transactions relating to minerals and precious stones. We offer advice and professional assistance to our clients concerning all material legal issues including land tenure, competition and access rights, offtake arrangements, environmental issues, and project development structures for the acquisition, exploration, and development of minerals and metals assets. We continue to build capacity in handling transactions in renewable energy and clean energy technologies such as wind, biomass and biofuels, waste, solar, hydro generation, and carbon credit trading.



Our services include regulatory issues (approvals and licenses), project structuring (including joint ventures), power purchase and offtake agreements, hedging arrangements, connection and transport agreements, fuel supply, design and construction, operation and maintenance, tenure, and project finance issues and arrangements.

Energy & **Natural Resources**

Some Significant Transactions in Energy & Natural Resources:

- We are currently advising an insurance company in respect of its obligations on a multimillion-dollar Energy Package Insurance Policy Claim involving an oil well blow out, fire and oil spill.

- We are currently acting for a major mining company in its acquisition of an existing Small Scale Mining Lease ("SSML") concerning the mining of cassiterite, columbite, lead and zinc in Plateau State and applications for two fresh SSMLs for mining of columbite, and tantalite in both Kwara and Plateau States, Nigeria.

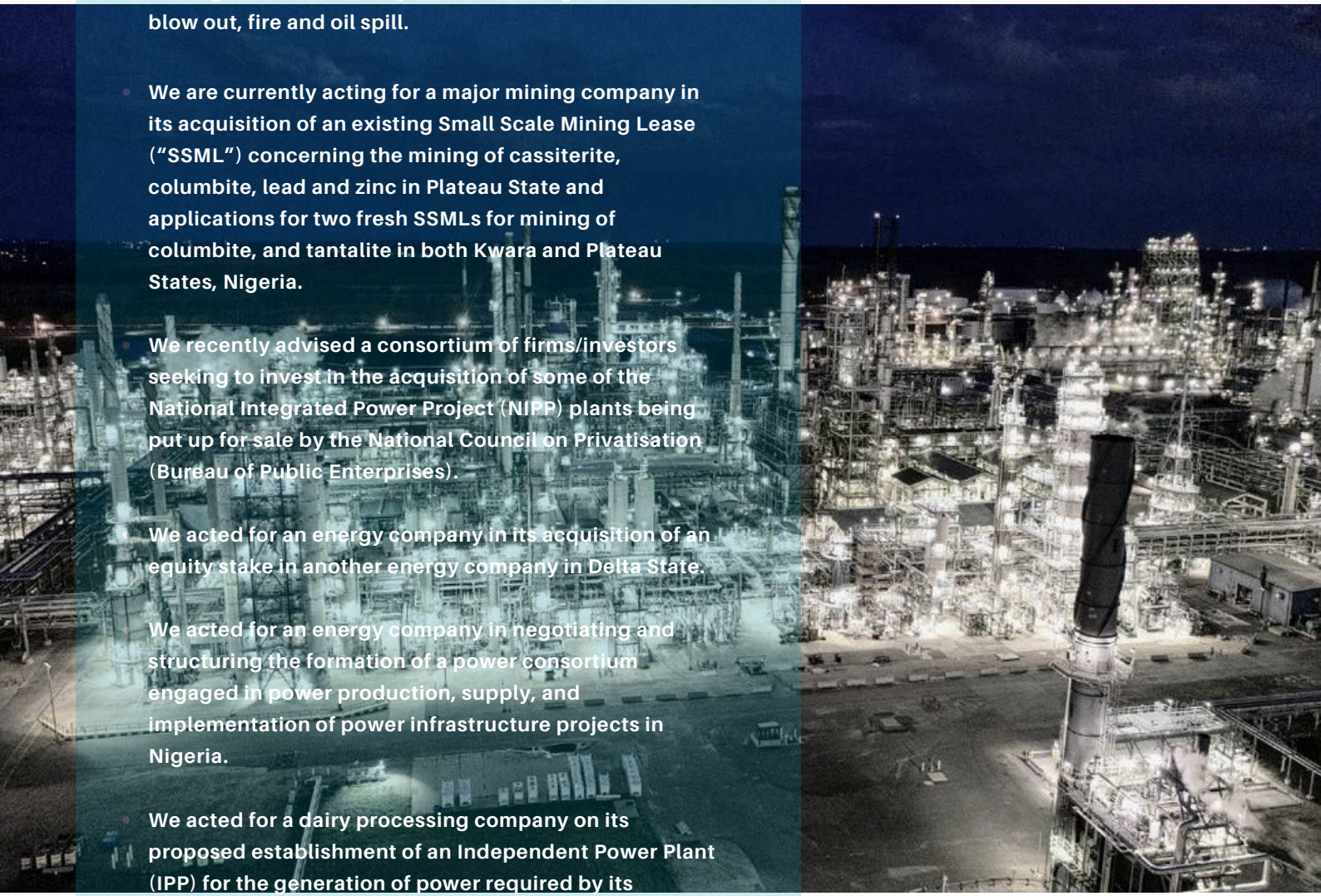
- We recently advised a consortium of firms/investors seeking to invest in the acquisition of some of the National Integrated Power Project (NIPP) plants being put up for sale by the National Council on Privatisation (Bureau of Public Enterprises).

- We acted for an energy company in its acquisition of an equity stake in another energy company in Delta State.

- We acted for an energy company in negotiating and structuring the formation of a power consortium engaged in power production, supply, and implementation of power infrastructure projects in Nigeria.

- We acted for a dairy processing company on its proposed establishment of an Independent Power Plant (IPP) for the generation of power required by its factories in Ibadan, Nigeria.

- We provided legal and statutory advisory and guidance to an investor seeking to invest in a small-scale hydropower generation project.



Company **Secretarial**

Our team is there throughout the lifecycle of our clients' businesses, and we are known to offer a range of corporate services which include the incorporation of companies, establishment of joint ventures, registration of incorporated trustees, charitable trusts and ancillary company secretarial services.

We Also Undertake:

- **Share Reconstructions.**
- **Negotiate and draft Memoranda of Understanding.**
- **Shareholders Agreements, as well as handle increases and reductions in share capital.**
- **Any alterations of name, objects and articles of association required by corporate entities.**



In today's challenging business landscape, we aim to provide our clients with strategic advice that enables them to compete effectively.

You can reach out to our Company Secretarial team if you would like more detailed information about our firm's track record in providing company secretarial services. For more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Our **Team**



Dr. Babatunde Ajibade, SAN, FCIArb
Managing Partner



Dr. John Onyido
Partner



Dr. Kolawole Mayomi
Partner



Bolaji Gabari
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Peter Olalere
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Magnus Ejelonu
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Dr. Babatunde Ajibade, SAN, FCIArb

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Dr. Ajibade is a well-regarded authority in the field of International Civil Litigation and Arbitration. He holds a doctoral degree in Private International Law from Kings College London , and his expertise extends to both including domestic and international arbitration, investment treaty arbitration.

As an International Practice Fellow of the International Bar Association and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, United Kingdom, Dr. Ajibade brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to our clients.

> *Babatunde Ajibade SAN with SPA Ajibade & Co is a highly accomplished disputes specialist with vast experience in international arbitration.*
>
> - ***Who's Who Legal***

> *...described as "a fantastic and exceptional advocate"...known to have conducted international and domestic arbitrations pursuant to institutional rules ...*
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> - ***Chambers and Partners (Press Release).***

> *He is very experienced, very calm and in control, so you have great confidence in what he says.*
>
> ***Chambers and Partners 2024***

> *Babatunde Ajibade is highly qualified, detail-oriented and a good analyst and strategist.*
>
> ***Chambers and Partners 2024***

> *Babatunde Ajibade is experienced and knowledgeable.*
>
> ***Chambers and Partners 2024***

Education:

- King's College, University of London - Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Private International Law 1996.
- King's College, University of London Master of Laws, Corporate Commercial Law (LL.M.) 1990.
- Nigerian Law School - Barrister at Law (BL) 1989.
- Obafemi Awolowo University (formerly University of Ife), Nigeria - Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) 1988.

Professional Membership:

- Nigerian Bar Association (NBA).
- International Bar Association (IBA).
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK).
- Lagos Court of Arbitration (LCA).
- Capital Market Solicitors Association (CMSA).
- Chartered Institute of Taxation (CITN).

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Dr. John Onyido
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Dr. John is a highly experienced legal practitioner with aspecialization in Intellectual Property Law. He has aproven track record of representing renowned multinational companies in securing and enforcing their intellectual property rights in Nigeria, and is well-versed in all aspects of IP maintenance and enforcement mechanisms in the country.

Dr. John is a leading practitioner in Intellectual Property (IP) Law, widely respected within the legal community. He holds a PhD in International Economic and Development Law from the University of Abuja and a postgraduate degree in IP Law from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court.

In addition to Intellectual Property Law, Dr. John also oversees our Data Privacy & Protection practice as well as our Telecommunications Regulatory practice, which is a testament to his multi-faceted expertise and capabilities.

> *John Onyido is an extremely knowledgeable lawyer.*
> - ***Chambers and Partners 2024***

> *He is also very committed and has a quick turnaround time.*
> - ***Chambers and Partners 2024***

> *John has a strong knowledge of the trade mark space.*
> - ***Chambers and Partners 2024***

Education:

- University of Abuja, Nigeria - Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in International Economic and Development Law 2025
- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law - Masters in Intellectual Property Law, (LL.M.) 2009.
- University of Lagos, Nigeria - Masters in International Law and Diplomacy, (M.I.L.D.) 1998.
- University of Lagos, Nigeria - Master of Laws, (LL.M.) 1993.
- Nigerian Law School, Lagos - Barrister at Law (BL) 1990.
- University of Benin, Nigeria - Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) with Honors, 1989.

Professional Membership:

- International Bar Association (IBA),
- American Bar Association (ABA),
- American Society of International Law (ASIL),
- Nigerian Bar Association (NBA),
- International Trademark Association (INTA).

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Dr. Kolawole Mayomi, FCIArb

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Dr. Kolawole Mayomi is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) and a top rated counsel in the field of dispute resolution, gaining recognition for his involvement as counsel/arbitrator in numerous high-stakes litigation and arbitration cases in Nigeria over the past decade. His expertise is particularly notable in handling complex claims related to construction and infrastructure projects, international trade finance, and the enforcement of shareholders' derivative rights.

Dr. Mayomi's standing as a thought leader is evident through his authored articles and book chapters on the law governing demand guarantees in Nigeria. His insights and expertise in this area have made him a go-to professional for advice on the nature of payment obligations in demand guarantees, performance bonds, and advance payment guarantees. He has leveraged his knowledge to advise banks, insurance and indemnity firms, construction companies and other business entities on these matters.

With his extensive experience and expertise, Dr. Mayomi is well-positioned to provide effective counsel and representation in resolving disputes arising from various sectors, particularly construction, trade finance, and shareholders' rights.

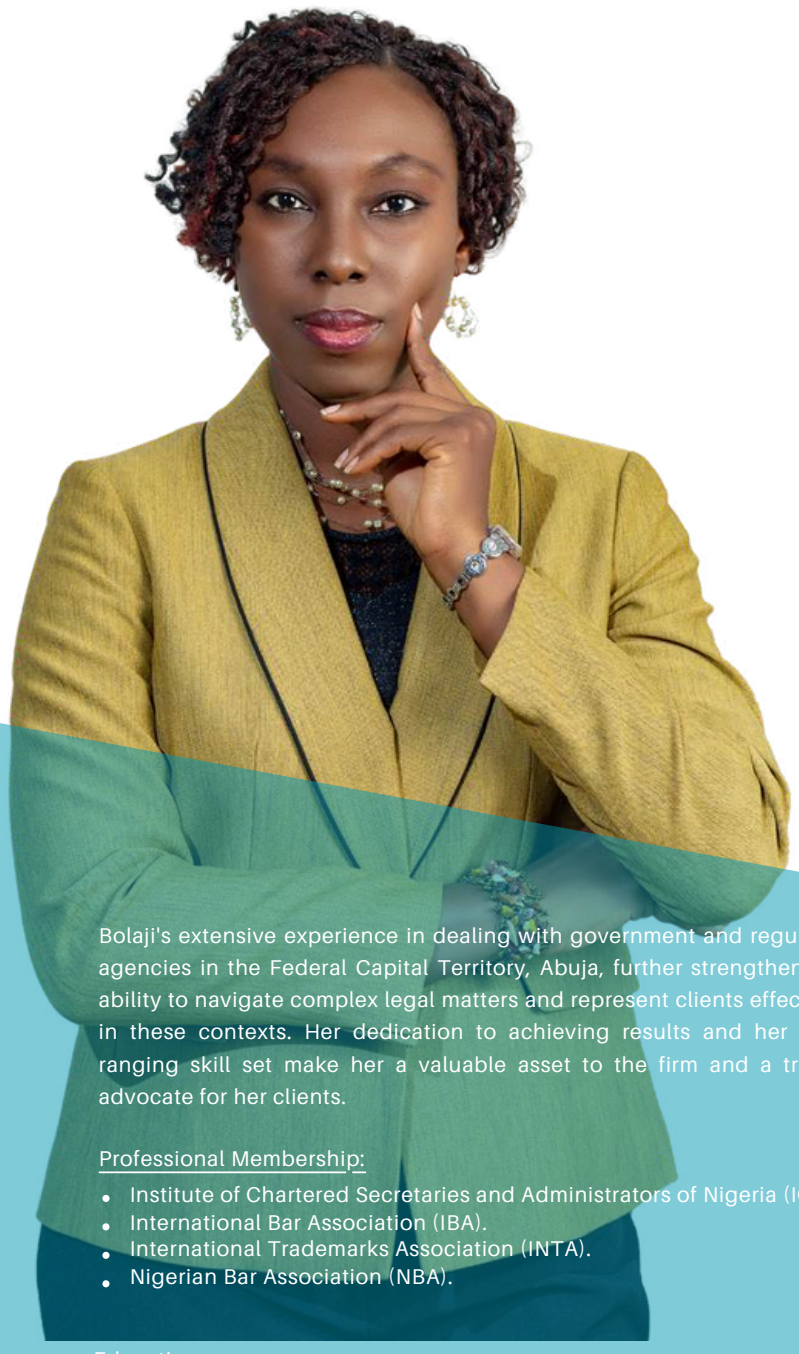
Professional Membership:

- International Bar Association (IBA).
- Society for Construction Law, Nigeria,
- The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK),
- Nigerian Bar Association (NBA).

Education:

- University of Lagos, Lagos – Ph.D. (Commercial Law)
- Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, LL.M. (Commercial Law)
- Nigerian Law School, B.L (Second Class Upper Division)
- Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, LL.B. (Second Class Upper Division)

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Bolaji is a highly skilled lawyer who heads the Firm's office in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. She possesses a wealth of experience in corporate and commercial litigation, with expertise extending to various aspects of litigation such as real estate and property matters, corporate and commercial disputes,debt recovery, and criminal litigation. Notably, she also specializes in human right enforcement, demonstrating her commitment to upholding fundamental rights and seeking justice for clients.

In addition to her litigation experience, Bolaji also practices in other areas of law, including corporate and commercial law, legal advisory, company secretarial and regulatory compliance, intellectual property, and arbitration. She works closely with other departments in the firm to ensure that clients' instructions are effectively executed, and their expectations are not just met but exceeded.

Bolaji's extensive experience in dealing with government and regulatory agencies in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, further strengthens her ability to navigate complex legal matters and represent clients effectively in these contexts. Her dedication to achieving results and her wide-ranging skill set make her a valuable asset to the firm and a trusted advocate for her clients.

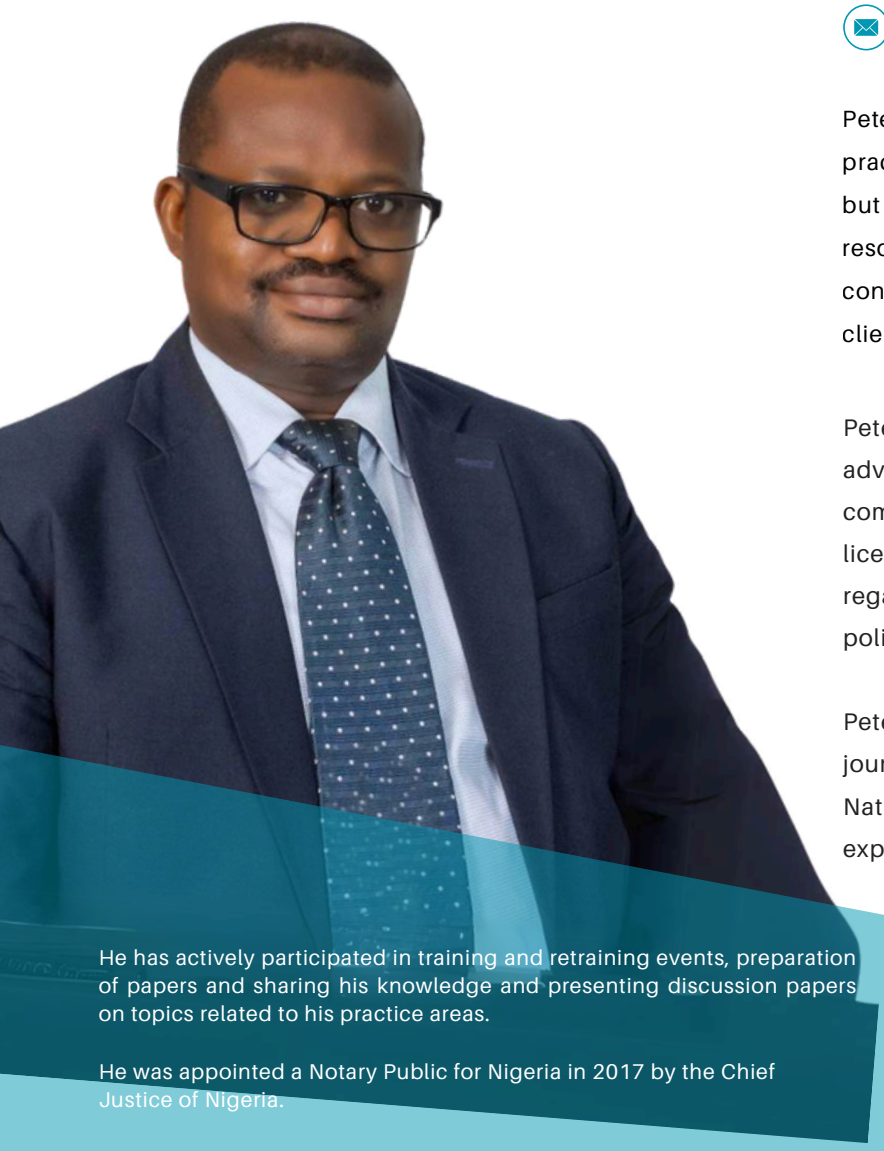
Professional Membership:

- Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators of Nigeria (ICSAN).
- International Bar Association (IBA).
- International Trademarks Association (INTA).
- Nigerian Bar Association (NBA).

Education:

- University of Liverpool - Master of Laws degree - Technology and Intellectual Property Law (2016)
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) – Advanced Certificate in Arbitration (2013).
- Nigerian Defence Academy – Masters in International Affairs & Strategic Studies (MIASS) (2013)
- Nigerian Law School - Barrister at Law (BL) 2003
- Lagos State University, Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) (Hons), 2001

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Peter leads the firm's Energy and Natural Resources practice. He is an expert in commercial dispute resolution, but his expertise extends beyond commercial dispute resolution to include providing advisory services conducting due diligence, and transaction services to clients in the Energy and Natural Resources industry.

Peter's contributions in the industry have included advising a regulator in the Nigerian oil and gas sector on complex insolvency issues involving companies holding licenses to key oil and gas assets. His input in this regard played a significant role in shaping industry policy.

Peter has authored and co-authored book chapters, journal papers, and articles in the field of Energy and Natural Resources law and is recognized for his expertise and thought leadership.

He has actively participated in training and retraining events, preparation of papers and sharing his knowledge and presenting discussion papers on topics related to his practice areas.

He was appointed a Notary Public for Nigeria in 2017 by the Chief Justice of Nigeria.

Professional Membership:

- *Nigerian Bar Association (NBA).*
- *Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK).*
- *Lagos Court of Arbitration (LCA).*
- *International Bar Association (IBA).*
- *Lawyers in Energy Network.*

Education:

- *Queen Mary University of London – Master of Laws in Energy and Natural Resources Law, 2013*
- *Nigerian Law School – Barrister at Law (BL) Second Class (Upper Division) (2006)*
- *University of Maiduguri – Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) with Honors (2004)*

Team **Profile**



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Magnus spearheads a team dedicated to delivering unparalleled legal services to a diverse clientele at the helm of the Ibadan office of the Firm. He brings to the practice a remarkable career marked by verifiable expertise across various facets of commercial litigation. With a keen focus on areas such as banking, real estate, succession planning and property rights, fundamental rights enforcement, industrial and labour relations, and energy law, Magnus exemplifies professional versatility with an aptitude for navigating complex legal matters. In addition to his proficiency in litigation, Magnus Possesses exceptional legal advisory, drafting and negotiation skills. His adeptness in providing sound legal counsel, coupled with his skill in drafting meticulous legal documents, underscores his reputation as a trusted legal advisor.

Magnus's extensive legal experience is underpinned by a his solid academic foundation. Having obtained postgraduate degree in Law from the prestigious University of Ibadan, he continues to augment his knowledge and expertise through ongoing scholarly pursuits. Currently enrolled in a doctoral program at the Department of Mineral, Energy, and Economics (DMPEEL), University of Ibadan, Magnus remains steadfast in his quest for academic and professional excellence.

Professional Membership:

- *Nigerian Bar Association (NBA).*
- *Lawyers in Energy Network*

Education:

- *University of Ibadan - Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Energy Law - in view.*
- *University of Ibadan - Master of Laws (LL.M.) - 2016.*
- *Nigerian Law School - Barrister at Law (BL) - 2012.*
- *University of Benin, Nigeria - Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) - 2011.*
- *University of Benin - Diploma in Law (DIL) - 2007*

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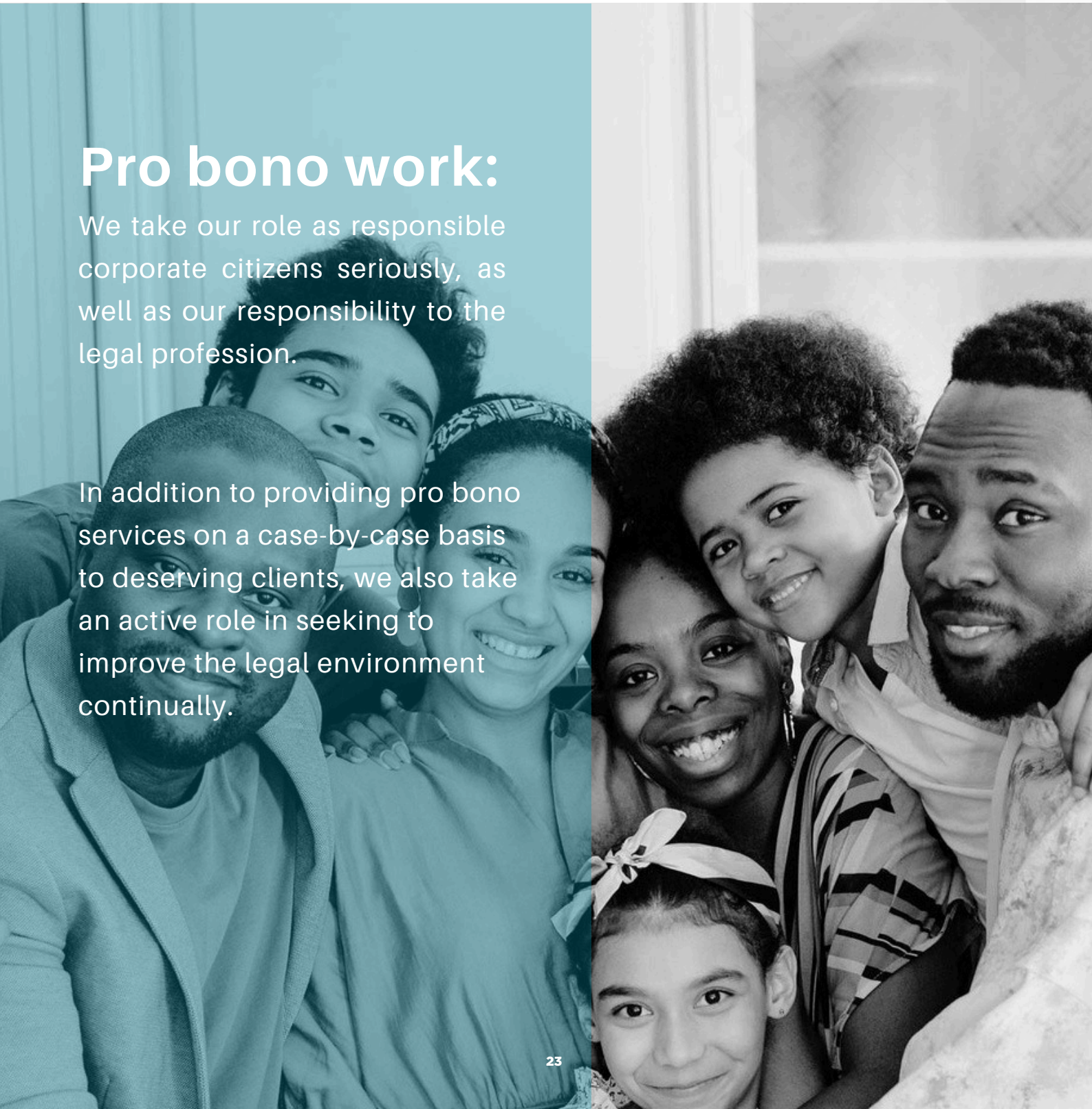
- International Bar Association (IBA)
- American Bar Association (IBA)
- Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
- New York State Bar Association (NYSBA)
- International Trademark Association (INTA)
- American Society of International Law (ASIL)
- Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, UK
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Nigeria
- London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
- Lagos Court of Arbitration (LCA)
- Capital Market Solicitors Association (CMSA)
- Chartered Institute of Taxation (CITN)
- Intellectual Property Law Association of Nigeria (IPLAN)
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- Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators of Nigeria

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We take our role as responsible corporate citizens seriously, as well as our responsibility to the legal profession.

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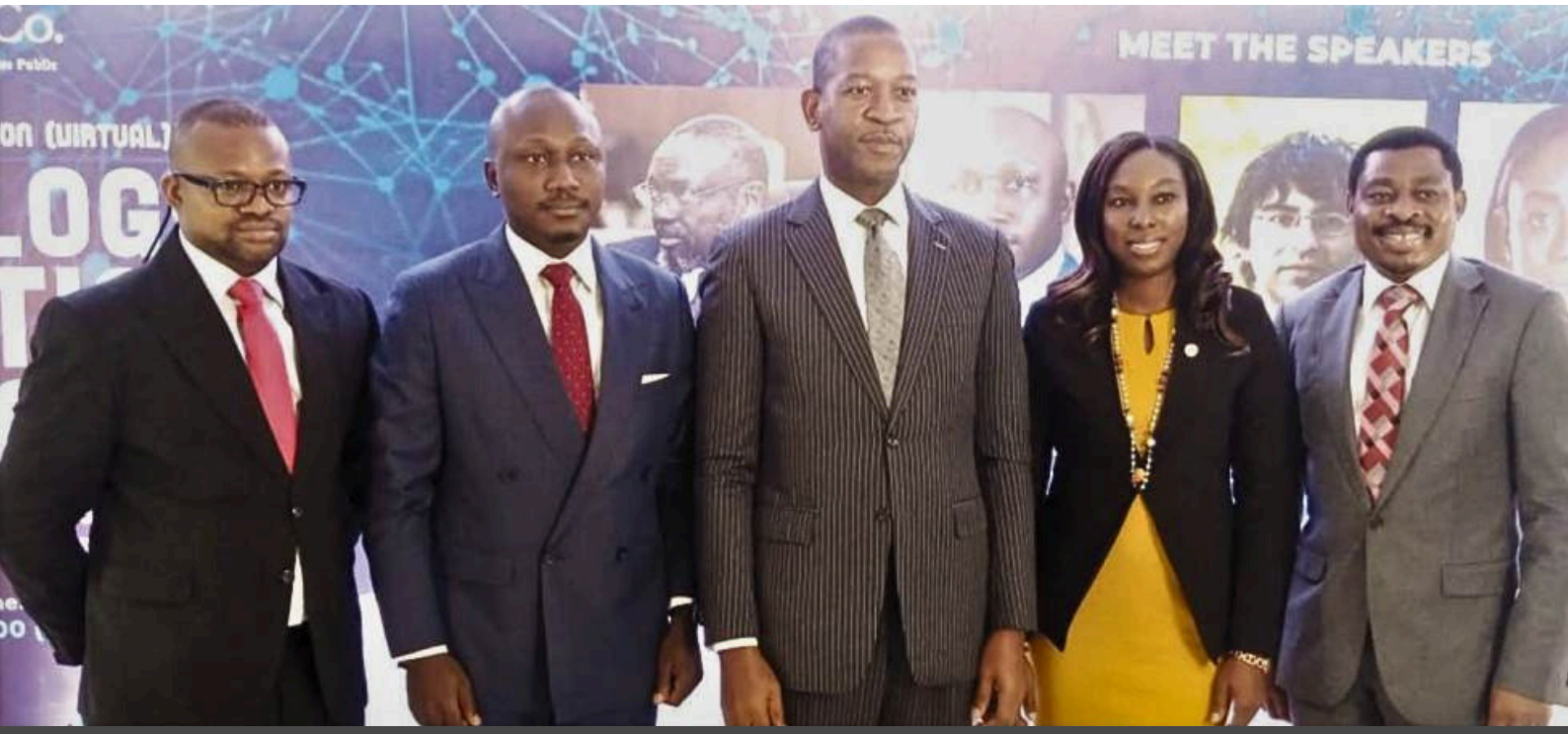
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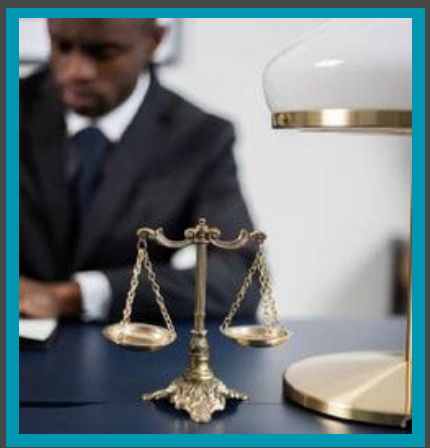


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2015 – "The Future of Legal Practice in Nigeria – Regulation and Discipline in the Legal Profession."

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2022 - "Talent Retention Challenges and the Future of Legal Practice in Nigeria."

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