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PLACE OF BIRTH: ZARIA, KADUNA STATE

NATIONALITY: NIGERIAN

STATUS: MARRIED WITH CHILDREN

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS / QUALIFICATIONS:

1963 – 1968 CAPITAL SCHOOL, KADUNA

1968 – 1972 ST. GREGORY'S COLLEGE, OBALENDE, LAGOS;

WASC

1973 – 1974 SCHOOL OF BASIC STUDIES (SBS), AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY, ZARIA;

SBS CERTIFICATE

1974 – 1977 FACULTY OF LAW, AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY:

LLB (Hons)

1977 – 1978 NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL, LAGOS:

BL

1982 – 1983 SCHOOL OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF HULL, UK.

LLM

1984 – 1986 SCHOOL OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF HULL, UK.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Barrister-At-Law (BL) Called to The Nigerian Bar in **1978** (42 years post call experience)
2. Fellow of The Chartered Institute Of Arbitrators – Nigeria **2011**
3. Elected Member of The Royal Institute of International Affairs London.
1985

CAREER PROFILE:

2010 - Present: Managing Partner, House Of Laws (Advocates And Solicitors) Lagos and Abuja (www.thehouseoflaws.com)

- General Legal practice and tax advisory and auditing services to state and many corporate clients (List available upon request).
- Capital Market practice: Legal Advisory Services to clients in this sector; e.g. acted as Joint Legal/Transaction Adviser to the Issuer in the AMCON, N3 trillion Debt Bond Issue.

2005 – 2010: Nigeria Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) Commissioner - Legal, Licensing and Enforcement. Pioneer Commissioner and Board member, Nigeria Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC). Guided from scratch the successful take off, growth and development of the Legal, Licensing and Enforcement Division of NERC.

- Advised the Government of Nigeria on developing and implementing appropriate regulatory policies for Nigeria's deregulated electricity industry.
- Designed, drafted and developed the framework and regulations for licensing power generating, transmission and distribution companies.
- Supervised development of the rules and regulations governing the Arbitration, Mediation and Settlement of Disputes within Nigeria Electricity Industry.
- Screened the development of Transmission Network suite of Agreements.
- Supervised the development and codification of Grid, Distribution and Metering Codes, plus the Health and Safety Manuals for the Nigerian Electricity Industry.
- Developed and supervised the operation of NERC's quasi-judicial and adjudicatory procedures and processes.
- Developed and implemented the NERC's enforcement framework
- Provided legal advice to NERC and initiated / defended suits on behalf of NERC.
- Recruited staff to the Legal, Licensing and Enforcement Division of NERC.
- Organised appropriate regulatory training for staff of NERC in and outside the country.

2000 – 2005: Chairman, National Iron Ore Mining Company, Itakpe, Kogi State. Presided over a (7) seven-man Board of Directors of the Company with an average annual budget of N2.5billion with a 600-work force.

- Successfully turned around the company, changed the old management team and prepared the company for Commercialisation and privatization.
- Saved the Federal Government of Nigeria N250million in plant procurement and operation exercise

1989 – 2005: Principal Partner, House of Laws (Advocates and Solicitors) Lagos and Abuja

1978 – 1986: Legal Officer; A. Abdul-Razaq (SAN) & Co. Ilorin, Abuja & Lagos from Junior counsel to Partner.

- Handled legal briefs and appeared in cases for many clients in the Banking, Maritime, and Insurance industries.
 - Appeared before Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, Federal High Courts, States High Courts, Magistrate Courts and Tribunals across the country on behalf of clients.
 - Prepared multi-million naira syndicated Loan Agreements, Trust and Mortgage Deeds, for several financial institutions.
 - Prepared and advised clients on multifarious Commercial Agreements, including Deeds of Sale, Deeds of Assignments, etc.
 - Defended and sponsored numerous Human rights causes for awaiting trail internees across Nigeria.
 - Campaigned for Democracy and Civil Rights of Nigeria against Military rule and draconian decrees.
 - Provided pro-bono (free) legal services for deserving clients.
- 1977 – 1978: NYSC: Legal / Administrative Officer, Nigeria Air Force, Kano

DIRECTORSHIPS:

- Co-Founder /Chairman, The Bridge House College, Ikoyi, Lagos, 2004 to Present.
- Chairman: Forte Upstream Services Limited (2019- Present)
- Member, Technical Committee, National Council on Privatization 2011-15
- Director Gateway Insurance Co. Limited 1983-1989
- Director Investment Co. Limited Kwara 1985-1986

SELECTED COURSES AND SEMINARS ATTENDED

- Utility Regulation, Imperial College, London; **Jan 2006**
- International Bar Association (Section on Energy Law)
- African Forum Lagos; **June 2006**
- World Bank International Training on Utility Regulation, Public Utility Research Centre, University of Florida; **July 2006**
- Annual International Bar Conference, Chicago; **Sep 2006**
- Advanced Rate Setting and Subsidy Design: Strategies for Utilities and Regulators Institute of Public and Private Partnership (Ip3), Washington Dc; **Oct 2006**
- Advanced Issues in Electricity and Water Utilities International Law Institute, Georgetown University, Washington; **Dec 2006**
- Strategic Negotiations, Harvard Business School, Harvard University, Boston, USA; **May 2008.**

OTHER POSITIONS/HONOURS

1. **RECIPIENT:** Alumni Laureate of The University of Hull, UK. (For Outstanding Contribution to The Development of Law, Education and Regulatory Governance.; **2015.**
2. **RECIPIENT:** St. Gregory's College, Lagos 75th Anniversary Distinguished Alumni Award; **2003**
3. **RECIPIENT:** Award for Professional Excellence by The West Africa International Magazine; **2003**
4. **RECIPIENT:** African Role Model Leadership Gold Awards for Excellence; **2003**
5. **MEMBER:** Reebok USA International Human Rights Awards Nomination Panel; **1995.**
6. **PRESIDENT:** School of Basic Studies, Ahmadu Bello University National Alumni Association; **2000**
7. **MEMBER:** Federal Government Legal Study Group on Privatisation And Commercialisation (TCPC); **1991-1992**
8. **MEMBER:** Federal Government Delegation to The International Bar Association Conference on Cross-Border and Financial Crimes; Dublin Ireland; **1995**
9. **MEMBER:** FGN Presidential Delegation on State Visits to Russia, Japan, Poland. 2001
10. **PATRON:** Law Society of The University of Benin
11. **PATRON:** University of Ilorin Law Society.
12. **PATRON:** National Association of Kwara State Students
13. **PATRON:** National Association of Ilorin Emirate Students
14. **PATRON:** Institute of Chartered Training Managers
15. **FOUNDER and FIRST EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Nigerian Council for Human Rights: (Sponsoring Numerous Human Rights Causes Including Campaigning for Release of Many Awaiting Trial Internees in Prisons) **1983 – 1993**
16. Sponsor of The Alh. A.G.F Abdulrazaq (San) Professorial Chair in Public Law at The University of Ilorin, Kwara State. **1999**

SELECTED ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS/ARTICLES

1. The European Convention on Human Rights and The Margin Of Appreciation (University of Hull) **1982**
2. Marine Insurance in The Third World (University of Hull) **1982**.
3. The OAU And the Protection of Human Rights in Africa (University of Hull) **1986**
4. Legal Status of O.P.E.C. (Hull)**1983**
5. Law of The Sea and The Developing Nations of Africa (Hull) **1983**
6. Developing Energy and Mining Projects in Emerging Market. Licensing Regime Under NERC (Iba Conference, Lagos). **2006**
7. Competition Law as it Affects the Electricity Sector in Nigeria (Nigeria Bar Conference, Port-Harcourt. **2006**
8. Competition Law and Energy Reforms in Nigeria (Annual AELEX Lecture, Lagos) **2006**
9. Regulating Power in A Developing Economy (International Bar Association (Iba) Annual Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina **2008**

REFEREES:

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST