

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## OLAYEMI ANYANECHI (MRS.)



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### PERSONAL PROFILE

Olayemi is an exceptional lawyer with 20 years' cognate experience in diverse areas of law, including Banking and Finance, Capital Markets, Energy and Natural Resources, Corporate & Commercial Law, Real Estate and Telecommunications Law. She has acted for numerous corporate organizations and multinationals in virtually all legal issues faced by corporates, including on cross-border transactions and the issues affecting businesses.

Olayemi has been recognised as a leading Corporate & Financial as well as Energy & Infrastructure Lawyer in Nigeria by IFLR1000, Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners since 2006, and is internationally commended for her “*exceptional service delivery*” (Legal 500, 2015), as “*one of the very few astute commercial lawyers who [asks] what [is the] economic objective the transaction seeks to accomplish*” (IFLR1000, 2014), and as “*very smart, and intellectually creative if you need to find a solution and sort things out*” (IFLR1000, 2013).

She plays a very active role in Nigerian business law reform. She is a Member of the Nigerian Senate Technical Committee for Financial Law Reform, and was actively involved in the drafting of the Credit Recovery Act, 2017, as well as the review of the Payment Systems Bill, 2017. She was also the Chairman of the Nigerian Bar Association Committee on the review of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, and well as a member of the Steering Committee of the Presidential Enabling Business Environment Council (PEBEC) and Nigerian Bar Association Section On Business Law Collaboration To Draft The Omnibus Bill On The Nigerian Business Climate

She is an astute speaker and prolific writer, and has written on diverse issues of law.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Sefton Fross**

Managing Partner, 2013 – Present

#### Responsibilities and Achievements

- ✚ Olayemi is the founding partner of Sefton Fross, a specialized law firm with the know-how to meet clients' commercial needs. In her role as managing partner, she has steered the affairs of the firm in less than 4 years of its establishment, into being one of the leading law firms in Nigeria. The Firm's clientele includes small and medium scale businesses, local and international conglomerates, financial institutions and energy firms as well as governmental bodies and agencies. Due to her versatility and strength of purpose, the firm continues to get laurels both at home and abroad and was awarded '*Oil and Gas Law Firm of the Year, 2014*'; as well as '*Energy Law Firm of the Year, 2015*' by ESQ Legal Awards.

**Templars** Senior Partner and Head, Finance Practice, 2006 - 2012

**Sahara Group** - General Counsel, 2005 - 2006

**Olaniwun Ajayi, LLP** - Senior Counsel and Head of Corporate Commercial Department, 2003 – 2005

## EDUCATION

**SOAS, University of London, United Kingdom, Ongoing**

- ✚ P.Dip in Financial Sector Management

**Wolfson College, Cambridge University, United Kingdom, 2003**

- ✚ LL.M, Corporate and Commercial Law, *Second Class Upper Division*

**Nigerian Law School, Victoria Island, Lagos, 1997**

- ✚ Nigerian Bar Professional Exam: *Second Class Upper Division*

**University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria, 1996**

- ✚ LL.B, Law: *Second Class Upper Division*

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- ✚ Nigerian Bar Association
- ✚ International Bar Association
- ✚ Capital Market Operators of Nigeria

### **APPOINTMENTS**

- ✚ Facilitator of the Finance Working Group of the National Assembly Business Environment Roundtable (NASSBER)
- ✚ Chairman, Mergers, Acquisitions and Corporate Reorganisation Committee of the Section on Business Law of the Nigerian Bar Association, 2017
- ✚ Member, Steering Committee of the Presidential Enabling Business Environment Council (PEBEC)/ Nigerian Bar Association Section on Business Law (SBL) for the Drafting of the Omnibus Bill
- ✚ Member of the Advisory Board of the International Energy Law Advisory Group (IELAG)
- ✚ Member, Technical Advisory Committee of The Senate Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions, 2017
- ✚ Chairman, SBL Committee for the Review of the Draft Foreign Exchange (Monitoring and Miscellaneous Provisions Act) – 2016
- ✚ Member, Advisory Board and Nigerian Correspondent of the Financial Regulation International Journal
- ✚ Chairman, SBL Committee to Review Draft Companies and Allied Matters Bill --- 2016
- ✚ Member, Advisory Board, 3Invest Real Estate Unite, 2014
- ✚ Member, Securities and Exchange Commission Industry Wide Team to regulate interface with the International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA), 2012
- ✚ Member, Securities and Exchange Commission Continuing Legal Education Committee, 2011
- ✚ Member, Nigerian Bar Association Consumer & Products Liability Committee, 2011
- ✚ Financial Secretary, Real Estate Lawyers Association of Nigeria, 2011
- ✚ Honourary Secretary, Oxford and Cambridge Club of Nigeria, 2010 - 2012

### **AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS**

- ✚ Inner Temple Pegasus Scholarship Award, United Kingdom, 2003
- ✚ Faculty of Law, University of Ibadan prize for the best graduating student
- ✚ Departmental prize for the Department of International Law
- ✚ Departmental prize for the Department of Business Law
- ✚ Justice Kayode Esho's Prize for Jurisprudence and Legal theory
- ✚ Justice Ogunbiyi's Prize for Jurisprudence and Legal theory
- ✚ Dr. Liman Ciroma Prize

- ✚ Justice Mohammed Bello Prize
- ✚ Nupemeco Prize in Law for best gradating student
- ✚ Frank James' Prize for the most outstanding female student
- ✚ University of Ibadan Law Students Union merit award
- ✚ Best Student in the 1988 WASC "O" Levels in Ondo Local Government, 1989

### **PRO BONO ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS**

- ✚ Trustee of the SeaGate Development Foundation for the support of education by sponsoring adopted schools and granting scholarship awards and bursary awards to brilliant but less privileged students

### **ARTICLES AND PUBLICATIONS**

- ✚ *"Developing a Liquidity Solution for the Nigerian Power Sector"* Published in Premium Times and This Day, August 2016 **2016**
- ✚ *Derivatives as a Risk Management Tool in Nigeria* **2015**
- ✚ *"Securities Lending in Nigeria: putting together a credible legal framework"* September, Vol. 15, Issue 7, Financial Regulation International (Informa Law & Finance), (2012), 12-15. **2012**
- ✚ *"Nationalising Failed Banks"* Article in International Law Office Newsletter, September, 2011 **2011**
- ✚ *"Ensuring Due Diligence in Structuring Real Estate Transactions"* Paper presented at the PISON Real Estate Finance Workshop **2011**
- ✚ *"Bankability in the Development of Funding Instruments for Housing In Nigeria"* Paper presented at the Real Estate Lawyers Association Seminar, July, 2011 **2011**
- ✚ *"Overcoming the Legal Impediments Facing an Effective Mortgage/Housing Financing Delivery in Nigeria"* Paper presented at the Central Bank of Nigeria Workshop of housing delivery, May 2011 **2011**
- ✚ *International Bar Association "Multi-Jurisdictional Survey on the Enforcement of Security Interests In Banking Transactions"*. **2010**
- ✚ *"Bridging the Housing Gaps in Nigeria: Legal Issues in Financing Real Estate PPP Projects"* 4th Real Estate Fair, September 2009 **2009**
- ✚ *"Developing a Viable LNG Industry: The Nigerian perspective"* SMi 11th annual LNG conference. London, March, 2009 **2009**
- ✚ *"Establishment of Joint Marketing Ventures with NOCs for Downstream LNG Sales"* 5th Annual Law of LNG Conference, 4-5 September 2008, Houston, Texas U.S.A **2008**
- ✚ *"Regulatory, Legal and Tax Considerations for Wealth Managers"* Wealth Management Conference, 12th March 2008 **2008**

- ✚ “*Role of Commercial Lawyers: Due Diligence in Developing Funding Instruments For Housing and Real Estate in Nigeria*” 3rd International Housing Finance Workshop, Lagos 30th August , 2007 **2007**
- ✚ “*Nigerian Law And Private Equity*” being a paper presented at a seminar titled 'Unlocking the Fortune At the Bottom Of Nigeria's Pyramid organised by Gemstone Capital in Lagos March 2007 **2007**
- ✚ “*Legal Risk Mitigation In Long Term Financing Of The Power Sector In Nigeria*”; Presentation At The Seminar On Investment & Financing Opportunities In The Nigerian Power Sector organized by UBA Plc. and NERC January 2007 **2007**
- ✚ “*Employment Law in A Commercial Perspective*”; Paper presented at a seminar on employment law held in Lagos, March 2004 **2004**
- ✚ “*The New Nigerian Framework For The Registration Of Telecommunications And Data Transmission*”: An Overview Of The NCC Act 2003; December 2004. **2004**
- ✚ “*Nigerian Aviation In Transition: The Economic Challenges of Open Skies*”; May 2004 **2004**
- ✚ “*The Prospects and Challenges of Private Ownership of Airstrips In Nigeria*”; May 2004 **2004**

## REFERENCES

- ✚ Available on request