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Arise, O compatriots,
Nigeria's call obey
To serve our fathers'land
With love and strength and faith
The labor of our heroes past
Shall never be in vain
To serve with heart and might
One nation bound in freedom,
peace and Unity.

Oh God of creation,
direct our noble cause
And guide our leaders right
Help our youth the truth to know
In love and honesty to grow
And living just and true
Great lofty heights attain
To build a nation where peace
and justice shall reign.





Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu
Executive Governor of Lagos State



Hon. Justice Kazeem Alogba
Chief Judge of Lagos State





Rt. Hon. Mudashiru Ajayi Obasa
Speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly



Moyosore Onigbanjo SAN
Attorney General/Commissioner for Justice,
Lagos State



Olumide Akpata
President of the Nigerian Bar Association



Welcome Address

by the Chairman, NBA Ikeja Branch



**Bartholomew
Aguegbodo**

Chairman, NBA Ikeja
Branch.

I am immensely grateful to God who has preserved our lives in the light of all to be part of this great tradition. It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to this year 2021 Law Week. Law Week is an annual tradition celebrated by all branches of the Nigerian Bar Association. This 2021 Law week promises to be enriched and garnished with insightful flavours.

This is a time for knowledge gathering, a time to distill ideas, a time we dialogue on issues centering around the legal profession and the ways improvement could be made.

I will want to appreciate all members of Ikeja branch of the Nigerian Bar Association particularly the guiding lights of the branch, the Elders and the young lawyers; who have been part of the tenure of this administration worthwhile.

We want to also appreciate the Law Week planning committee, Chairman, Dada Awosika, SAN and the alternate Chairman of the committee Ms. Iyabode Oshodi, the ever industrious and hardworking secretary of the committee Chukwudi Enebeli, ESQ. and the entire members of the committee for the efforts and commitments in ensuring the success of this great programme.

To the Guests of Honour, Keynote Speaker, Discussants, Judges and Lawyers; all invited guests and friends of the Bar, we are highly grateful. We promise that this year's law week will be engaging and insightful.

There cannot be a better time to host the Law Week with a theme such as this: "Nigeria of our Dream." It was in 2004 or 2005 that the then President and Commander in-Chief of armed forces of Nigeria, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo heavily promised and hung the hope of Nigerians toward making a better nation as he seriously talked about Vision 20:20. Last year was the long awaited and heavily promised year but artificial events turned it to be one of the most economically and otherwise setback year.

Even as 2021 is riding on the second phase of its existence, there is no tendency for any fulfilment on that vision. This is a pointer to the issue at hand as we are unlucky with leadership in this part of the world that has necessitated constant subversion of a dream laid down by our nationalist and Patriots that extricated and pulled this country out from the shackles of the oppressive hand of the colonialists.

It is pertinent at this point to give a fundamental background to this as it will enable us get a clearer picture of the case we are about undertaking. Posterity



Welcome Address (contd)

by the Chairman, NBA Ikeja Branch

will speak volume for the Azikiwe, Awolowo, Ahmadu Bello and others who brought out their chest to receive bullets for our survival. Their sacrifices are immeasurable and unquantifiable and deserve a sacred place in history.

They conceived and hatched an architectural design for this country embedded in their style of leadership. Although it is not out of place to say that there were some of their policies that were faulted and frowned at but on the average, their performance passed some good grade level and highly commendable.

Nigeria and her dream, a reality that many aspired to have faced the worst kind of torture anchored on tribal sentiment and failure of leadership. It is on this foregoing that the literary icon, Chinua Achebe in one of his books opined after much dissections have been carried on the country, agreed that the failure of Nigeria can be traced to her leadership and honestly, I agree to it.

Subsequent leaders of Nigeria dealt with this country ranging from their policies and others. This has dwindled the greatness of this country and made it a shadow of itself. This is quite appalling as Nigeria, a one time giant of Africa is today living on past glory after years of fall out.

In the heat of this, we have refused to give up but remain optimistic in the midst of all odds in saving the country from putting the right structure in place to enable the country work again. Its disfunctional nature has awoken many consciousness and given room for agitation of one kind or the other.

I have always opined that there is no where in the world where conflict and war solves problem. What does, is a round table discussion to discuss all matters that have raised suspicion and fear, disagreement and divergence in the country. In doing this, no form of expert is required but all hands need to be on deck to anchor the sea to its shore.

While this is on the way as a proactive suggestion that has every tendency of

adoption and survival to fly. It is also pertinent to look at some options of vehicle that can be used to convey all ideas to the table for equal distribution to the society for a better country. In this forgoing, it becomes necessary to adopt a political method which is one quick and quicker way of throwing up necessary discussions to advance our course. We discourage all forms of apathy and preach for all inclusiveness in the political doings of the country and proper checkmating of the system in the electioneering process.

We have chosen to get a key to unlock Nigeria and give it a face as it is our utmost concern to position Nigeria in a way that will profit and benefit us. It is a collective struggle and its gain, a plus to all of us.

As we sojourn into this new dawn of making Nigeria of our dream, it will be quite interesting to roll out few balls for all eyes to be on it. The Nigeria of our dream will anchor its journey devoid of ethnic sentiment and will form a structural balance that will allow all ethnic nationality to have control over its resources and equitable federal character.

This will give voice to all and address the fears of the minority. Others will be rolled out as event progresses.

But a take home is, there seems and likely confirmed and carries a big tendency of an envisaged light in all.

Most certainly, there will be light at the end of the tunnel.

Nigeria will be great again as embedded in our dream.

I wish you all a successful law week.

Long live Nigerian Bar Association, Ikeja branch.

Long live Nigerian Bar Association.

Long live Nigerian.

Thank you all.

Bartholomew Aguegbodo Esq.



Welcome Address

by the Chairman, Law Week Committee



Mr. Dada Awosika
SAN

Chairman,
Law Week Committee NBA,
Ikeja Branch.

I consider it a privilege to be considered worthy as the Chairman of the Annual Law week of Ikeja Branch of our great association.

Thank You to each and everyone of you for being here with us today. We are pleased to be able to welcome our great colleagues (both at the inner and outer bar), distinguished speakers, invited guests, members of the Young Lawyers Forum (YLF) and members of the public.

Before we get started, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all members of EXCO NBA Ikeja branch; members of Annual law week committee and our sponsors who have generously helped us to make this event come together to become a success.

The Annual law week is one of the cherished traditions of our noble Association, though was put on hold in 2020 due to the restrictions imposed as a result of Covid-19 pandemic. Usually, it is a week long event characterised by various activities from interdenominational services to days of knowledge-sharing sessions and climaxing with a dinner. The week affords Lawyers, Politicians and Stakeholders in the justice sector a platform to dialogue on critical issues affecting the legal profession and our country.

The theme for this year law week is - 'The Nigeria of our Dreams'. This certainly speaks to the mood of the nation particularly at a moment like this when we all have to contend with a never-seen-before state of National Insecurity in the form of armed robbery, banditry, kidnapping and insurgency. There is also never ending clamour for restructuring and secession.

During the next few days, we have amiable and seasoned speakers/panelists to speak to various topics that we have deliberately and meticulously chosen to go with the theme. We have no doubt that this will trigger or stimulate conversations and action points within which our noble Association may be said to have played its part in our nation building towards a prosperous Nigeria.

Once again, a very warm welcome to each and everyone of you.



Schedule of Events

DAY 1:

FRIDAY
9th July, 2021

Press Conference – 12.00 noon
Bar Centre, By the High Court of Lagos State, Off Oba Akinjobi Way, GRA, Ikeja.

Jumat Service – 1.30pm
Central Mosque
Old Secretariat, Alausa, Ikeja

DAY 2:

SUNDAY
11th July, 2021

Church Service – 9am
Archbishop Vinning Memorial Church, 9 Oba Akinjobi Way, Ikeja, GRA.

Opening Cocktail – 5pm
Bar Centre, By the High Court of Lagos State, Off Oba Akinjobi Way, GRA, Ikeja.

DAY 3:

MONDAY
12th July, 2021

Morning Session: 9.00am–12.00pm

Topic: The Nigerian State and the Call for Restructuring

Speakers: Sen. Ike Ekweremadu Ph.D, CFR
J.K. Gadzama SAN
Dele Adesina SAN
Femi Falana SAN
Ebun Adegboruwa SAN

The Marriot Hotel,
122 Joel Ogunnaike Street,
Ikeja GRA, Lagos.

Afternoon Session: 1.00pm–4.00pm

Topic: Governance as a call to service

Speakers: Adeniji Kazeem SAN
Dr. Muiz Banire SAN
Adesina Adegbite

DAY 4:

TUESDAY
13th July, 2021

Morning Session: 9.00am–12.00pm

Topic: Post-EndSARS Protest: Is the Nigerian Police still our friend?

Speakers: Afam Osigwe SAN (Speaker)
Olumide-Fusika SAN
Jonathan Taidi
Major General Fejokwu
Marvel Akpoyibo (DIG Rtd.)
Mrs. Osai Ojigbo

Bar Centre,
By the High Court of Lagos State,
Off Oba Akinjobi Way,
GRA, Ikeja, Lagos.

Afternoon Session: 1.00pm–4.00pm

Topic: Success in Legal Practice:
Who moved my cheese

Speakers: Kemi Pinheiro SAN, FCI Arb



Schedule of Events

DAY 5:

WEDNESDAY
14th July, 2021

Morning Session: 9.00am–12.00pm

Topic: The Judiciary and the Bar:
The need to constantly work together.

Speakers: Hon. Justice Kazeem Alogba
Hon. Justice O.A. Otisi JCA
Hon. Justice Ikechi Nweneka
Moyosore Onigbanjo SAN
Yakubu Maikyau SAN
Lawal Pedro SAN

Bar Centre,

By the High Court of Lagos State,
Off Oba Akinjobi Way,
GRA, Ikeja, Lagos.

Afternoon Session: 1.00pm–4.00pm

Topic: Legal practice outside the
court-room: The experience

Speakers: Ngozi Giwa-Amu
Company Secretary, 7up
Bottling Company
Demilade Olaosun
RBMM Solicitors
Ivie Igbinosun
Legal Officer, Zenith General
Insurance Company Limited.

Variety Night: 7.30pm–10.30pm

Dress code: All White

DAY 6:

THURSDAY
15th July, 2021

Morning Session: 9.00am–12.00pm

Topic: Alao Aka Bashorun Memorial
Lecture: "Our role in the effective
implementation of Nigeria's
Anti-Corruption Law"

Speakers: Layi Babatunde SAN
Chief Bolaji Ayorinde SAN
Mr. Abdulrasheed Bawa CFE, CAMS
Dele Farotimi Esq.
Yemi Akangbe Esq.
Inibehe Effiong Esq.

Bar Centre,

By the High Court of Lagos State,
Off Oba Akinjobi Way,
GRA, Ikeja, Lagos.

DAY 7:

FRIDAY
16th July, 2021

Morning Session: 10.00am–1.00pm
LAW CLINIC

Bar Centre,

By the High Court of Lagos State,
Off Oba Akinjobi Way, GRA,
Ikeja, Lagos.

Dinner & Award Night
6.00pm–10.30pm

Dress code: Black Tie

The Marriot Hotel,

122 Joel Ogunnaike Street,
Ikeja GRA,
Lagos.





GOODWILL MESSAGE

Our Law Firm, PINHEIRO LP, is not only delighted to partner with the Ikeja Branch of the Nigerian Bar Association but also congratulates the Executive and entire membership of the Branch on its 2021 Law Week.

Kemi Pinheiro SAN, FCI Arb

The theme for this year's Law week: "The Nigeria of Our Dreams" strikes a chord and delivers an echoing reminder to not only members of the Branch, but also the entire Bar, nationally and internationally, that lawyers must as matter of religion remain the vanguard for socio-economic, legal and political engineering and nation building. To put it in picturesque terms, the literal 'building' of the Nigeria of our Dreams, as we yearn, rests on every stratum of the nation, with lawyers as the major protagonists. We mean, with maintenance of law and order, speedy administration of justice and respect for the Rule of Law; 'block by block' - from one statutory (constitutional or subsidiary legislative) review and judicial activism to the other- we will build, or at least, lead the way, in helping to build the Nigeria of our Dreams. Regardless of the global realities, we, as lawyers will always, and at every opportunity, play our part.

We wish all delegates delightful deliberations, remindful and thought-provoking sessions at the Law Week.



PINHEIRO LP





“There is no better time than now to start laying the building blocks to achieve our dreams.”

Seni Adio, SAN
Managing Partner
Copley Partners

The Law Firm, Copley Partners, congratulates the Executive Committee and the entire membership of the **Ikeja Branch of the Nigerian Bar Association**, on its **2021 Law Week**. The theme: **“The Nigeria of Our Dreams”** creates a welling of mixed emotions considering the promise that our Nation has had for decades, yet unfulfilled and, simultaneously, conjures hope that we are destined for greatness – it’s just a matter of time.

Lest we remain the proverbial **“dreamers”**, there is no better time than now to start laying the building blocks to achieve our dreams. We will not want to convene in ten [10] years and still be – alas – “[Dreaming About] The Nigeria of Our Dreams”. Bluntly stated, that would be a Nightmare!

Back to being euphoric, optimistic, and accountable – We Must Be The Change That We Wish To See In Nigeria, to paraphrase an oft-quoted saying by Mahatma Gandhi.

We wish all the delegates a most insightful and inspiring week towards realizing **THE NIGERIA OF OUR DREAMS**.



Meet Our Speakers



Senator Ike Ekweremadu
Ph.D, CFR

Senator Ike Ekweremadu Ph.D, CFR is a fifth term Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and was a three-term Deputy President of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. He holds a Bachelor of Laws and Master of Laws from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. He holds a Ph.D in Law from the University of Abuja and several Leadership Certificates from Harvard University and Oxford University. Before being elected as a Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, he had taught Constitutional Law and Labour Law at the UNN. He has also served as Chairman of Aninri LGA in Enugu State, Chief of Staff Enugu State Government House and Secretary, Enugu State Government. He has authored several books some of which are "Who Will Love My Country: Ideas for Building a Nigeria of Our Dreams" and "Constitutional Review in an Emerging Democracy: The Nigerian Experience". He currently chairs the Senate Committee on Environment and serves on the Senate Committees on Environment, INEC, Judiciary, Human Rights and Judicial Matters; Niger Delta, Works and Police Affairs.



Chief Joe Kyari Gadzama
OFR, MFR, SAN

Chief Joe-Kyari Gadzama SAN, OFR, MFR is the founding Principal Partner of J-K Gadzama LLP. He was elevated to the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) in 1998 (the first among the 1986 set of the Nigerian Law School). He is a Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb); Fellow of Nigerian Institute of Chartered Arbitrators (NIC Arb); Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS); and Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators (ICMC). He is also a recipient of the Nigerian National Honour of Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic (OFR) and National Honour of Member of the Order of the Federal Republic (MFR), in recognition of his meritorious service to the nation. As a life Bencher in Nigeria and Chairman of Body of Benchers' Mentorship Committee, Chief Gadzama has incessantly and immensely contributed to the development of the legal profession.



Dele Adesina
SAN

DELE ADESINA SAN is the Principal Solicitor in the firm of Dele Adesina LP. He graduated from the University of Ife (Now Obafemi Awolowo University) in 1981 and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1982. He was elevated to the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria in 2007. He holds a Masters of law Degree from the University of Lagos. He has held several positions in the Nigerian Bar Association both at the Local Branch level and at the National Level. He is a former General Secretary of the Nigerian Bar Association. He is a former Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of Ekiti State University. He is a Life Member of the Body of Benchers.



Femi Falana
SAN

FEMI FALANA SAN is a Human Rights activist and freedom fighter. He is the Principal Partner of Falana & Falana Chambers a law firm which he established in 1991. The law firm has since inception handled several pro-bono cases till date. Femi Falana SAN has personally represented many victims of human rights violation in Nigerian Courts and the ECOWAS Community Court. He has authored several publications and articles. He has served as President of the West African Bar Association.



Egun-Olu Adegboruwa
SAN

EBUN-OLU ADEGBORUWA SAN is a Human Rights activist and former Student Union Leader at the Obafemi Awolowo University. He has in the last couple of years been actively involved in public interest litigations rendering pro-bono legal services to indigent Nigerians. He has also taken up cases for the benefit of the general public. He is a devoted Christian and a Pastor in the Redeemed Christian Church of God. He is the Managing Partner of Egun-Olu Adegboruwa SAN & Co.



Dr Muiz Banire
SAN

DR. MUIZ BANIRE SAN is a legal scholar and former Senior Lecturer at the Department of Private and Property Law. He is a prolific write on different areas of law and has a robust public service experience having served as Commissioner in the Lagos State Government in several administrations. He became a member of the Body of benchers and has also served as Chairman of the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria. He has also served as a member of the National Judicial Council. He is also the Convener of the United Action for change. Dr Muiz Banire SAN is a former National legal Adviser of the All Progressive Congress (APC).



Meet Our Speakers (Contd)



Adeniji Kazeem
SAN

ADENIJI KAZEEM SAN is the Principal Partner of Adeniji Kazeem & Co. He is the immediate past Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Lagos State. He holds a Masters degree in Information Technology and telecommunications law from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland. He has participated in several local and international workshops and seminars both as resource person and student, including the Summer 2019 Harvard Law School Executive Education for Managing Partners.



Adesina Adegbite

ADESINA ADEGBITE FCIMC, is a founding Partner and the Managing Partner of Adereti Adegbite & Co. He is popularly known as AA within the NBA circle, where he has served both at Branch and National level. He had served the NBA Ikeja Branch in several capacities, including Chairman Law Week Committee (2008), Assistant Secretary, Financial Secretary, and later served as the Branch Secretary. He has also served as the National Welfare Secretary of the NBA. He is a prolific writer and a man with passion for service. He is a Rotarian and Past President, Rotary Club of Ogba, District 9110 Nigeria. He is a Fellow of Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators.



Mazi Afam
Osigwe
SAN

AFAM OSIGWE SAN is the Senior Partner of Law Forte, a firm which he founded in 2002. He holds a Masters of Law degree from the University of Jos and is currently undergoing doctorate degree in the same University. He has at several times had the privilege of serving his local branch of the NBA, Abuja branch in various capacities including the position of Chairman of the branch. He is a former General Secretary of the Nigerian Bar Association. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK).



Marvel Akpoyibo
(DIG Rtd.)

DIG MARVEL AKPOYIBO ESW, NPM, MNI, OON (Rtd) is a retired Deputy Inspector-General of police who was in charge of training department when he retired from the Police Force having attained the statutory age of retirement. During his time in the Force, he served as Commissioner of Police, in charge of the Lagos State Police Command. He is the Principal Partner, Marvel E. Akpoyibo & Co. he is also the CEO of Royal Eagle Security System, a registered private security company. He is an active member of the NBA, Abuja Branch.



Olumide Fusika
SAN

OLUMIDE-FUSIKA SAN holds a law degree from the University of Ife. He also holds a post-graduate degree in Philosophy from the University of Lagos. He is a Partner in Citipoint Chambers. He is a Courtroom advocate who has written several articles and delivered lectures on diverse areas of law. He has served the Ikeja Branch of the Nigerian Bar Association in many capacities including Chairman of the Electoral Committee of the Branch.



Jonathan G.
Taidi

JONATHAN TAIDI is the immediate past General Secretary of the Nigerian Bar Association having served the Minna Branch of the NBA in several capacities. He has an unwavering passion for humanitarian activism and has actively engaged till date in the provision of pro bono legal services to indigent members of the society and awaiting trial inmates. He is a consummate and fearless bar man who believes in the use of technology as an indispensable tool to achieving access to justice.



Meet Our Speakers (Contd)



Major General Fejokwu

MAJOR GENERAL LAWRENCE FEJOKWU is the General Officer Commanding (GOC) 81 Division of the Nigerian Army, Lagos. He was until his recent appointment the Directing Staff at the Armed Forces Command and Staff College and National Defence College. He has also served as Director Personnel Services at the Department of Administration Army Headquarters.



Mrs. Osai Ojigbo
Amnesty International

MRS. OSAI OJIGHO is a human rights expert, gender equality advocate, lawyer, and civil society leader. She is the Country Director of Amnesty International Nigeria. Prior to joining Amnesty International, she served in various roles including as interim Pan Africa Director of Oxfam GB, Coalition Coordinator for the SOTU (State of the Union) Coalition, Human rights observer to the African Union Mission to Mali and the Sahel and Deputy Executive Director of Alliances for Africa. She is well travelled and widely published, contributing to various publications including the Commonwealth Law Journal. She is a member of the Association of Women in Development (AWID), Feminist Alliance for Rights (FAR), Peace and Collaborative Development Network (PCDN), West African Women Elections Observation (WAWEO) team, Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) and a life member of the Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU). She sits on the Global Advisory Council of the Institute for African Women in Law (IAWL). She is also a consulting editor with Open Global Rights and a mentor to Mandela Washington Fellows. She holds a Law degree from the University of Lagos, Nigeria, and a master's in law degree from the University of Wolverhampton, UK.



Kemi Pinheiro
SAN, FCI Arb, FIOD

KEMI PINHEIRO SAN, FCI Arb is the founding partner of Pinheiro LP which he founded in 1996. He is an astute legal professional and his practice areas cuts across a wide horizon. He has distinguished himself as a prominent and disciplined advocate with high level of integrity and uprightness. He was called to the inner bar fifteen (15) years ago. He is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Arbitrators of Nigeria and Fellow Institute of Directors. He is also on the Board of many companies in Nigeria. Kemi Pinheiro SAN has delivered several papers in various areas of law. In 2019 he was appointed Chairman of Lagos State Law Reform Commission by the Governor of Lagos State. He derives pleasure in mentoring and developing human capital. He is a member of the Nigerian Bar Association and the International Bar Association. He has been of immense support to the Ikeja Branch of the NBA.



Hon. Justice Kazeem Alogba
Chief Judge of Lagos State

Hon. Justice Alogba is a graduate of the University of Lagos (UNILAG), where he obtained a Second Class (Upper Division) Bachelor of Law in June, 1980. He attended the Nigerian Law School and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1981. He also attended the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies UNILAG Akoka, where he obtained a Certificate in Advanced Practice and Procedure in 1989. Justice Alogba was appointed a Judge of the High Court of Lagos State in July 1996. Prior to his appointment, as the Chief Judge of Lagos State in 2019, Justice Alogba had served as the Administrative Judge (Lagos Judicial Division) and Administrative Judge (Ikeja Judicial Division) of the High Court of Lagos State. He has also served as Chairman, High Court Procedure Rules Review Committee.



Hon. Justice O.A. Otisi
JCA

Hon Justice Onyekachi A. Otisi is a graduate of the University of Ife, Ile-Ife. After her call to the Nigerian Bar in 1980, she proceeded to the London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London, where she obtained a Masters in Law in 1982. She practiced in the Chambers of A.N. Anyamene SAN; Chambers of Mogboh, Ibik & Co; and subsequently lectured in the Faculty of Law, University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus from 1983-1990; and at the College of Legal Studies, Abia State University, Uturu from 1990-1994. At the same time she was in associateship with Obianwu, Nwokedi, Nwadi & Co, Aba. She later took up appointment as Company Secretary/Legal Adviser, Aba Textile Mills Plc in 1994. In November 1998, she was sworn in as a Judge of the High Court of Abia State. She was elevated to the Court of Appeal in November, 2012 and presently serves in the Lagos Division of the Court.



Y.C Maikyau
SAN, FCI Arb (UK)

YAKUBU MAIKYAU SAN, FCI Arb is a graduate from the Ahmadu Bello University. He was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1990 and began legal practice with the Law Firm of Danladi Bamayi & Company. He is currently the Senior Counsel in Y.C. Maikyau & Co. He was conferred the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria in 2011. He has a Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London, United Kingdom. He is also a Fellow of the Institute.



Meet Our Speakers (Contd)



Lawal Pedro
SAN

LAWAL PEDRO SAN is the Principal Partner in the law firm of Lawal Pedro & Associates having retired from public service in 2015. He is a seasoned legal practitioner with wealth of experience in Civil, Commercial and Criminal Law. He joined the Lagos State Ministry of Justice in December 1987 and worked in various directorates and became Director of Civil Litigation in the year 2006 before his appointment as Solicitor General and Permanent Secretary of the Lagos State Ministry of Justice. Lawal Pedro SAN is a fellow Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Nigeria, an examiner of the Institute of Arbitrators Nigeria and a Certified Mediator (CEDR). He is an author of various published law books.



Moyosore
Onigbanjo
SAN

MOYOSORE ONIGBANJO SAN is a graduate of the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. He was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1989. He founded M.J Onigbanjo & Co. in 1999 and was conferred with the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria in 2013. Onigbanjo SAN is a member of both the Nigerian Bar Association and the International Bar Association. He has served as a council member of the Nigerian Bar Association's Section on Business Law. He has also served as a member of the National Executive Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association and Chairman, Board of Ibile Oil and Gas Corporation. He is a seasoned litigator, administrator, negotiator, arbitrator, public speaker and analyst of note. He is currently the 16th Attorney General & Commissioner for Justice of Lagos State.



Hon. Justice
Ikechi Nweneka

HON. JUSTICE IKECHI NWENKA graduated from the University of Lagos, Akoka for LL.B. and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1989 and obtained LL.M. Thereafter my Lord moved to the Law Office of Mike Igboke, SAN & Co before setting up Ikechi G. Nweneka & Co. He later became the Principal Consultant in the firm of Excellence Solicitors. His Lordship also served as a Company Secretary to Unity Registrars Limited, a Subsidiary of Unity Bank Plc, and also as Legal Adviser to some other companies until his judicial appointment to the bench as a Judge of the National Industrial Court of Nigeria in 2017.



Ngozi Giwa-Amu
Company Secretary,
7up Bottling Company

Mrs Ngozi Marie Giwa-Amu is the Legal & Corporate Advisor of Seven-Up Bottling company Limited, a foremost manufacture of Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG). She has a first degree in English from the University of Jos, Plateau State. She was called to the Bar in 2000. Immediately after enrollment at the Supreme Court of Nigeria, Ngozi joined the foremost Law firm of Chief Rotimi Williams' Chambers in Ilupeju, Lagos State. She remained in active legal practice at Chief Rotimi Williams' Chambers for eleven years.

It was as Senior Counsel, combined with Company Secretarial responsibilities for two Companies including a listed Company that she was first introduced to **'Legal Practice outside the Court-Room'**. This exposure encouraged her to pursue a Master of Laws degree (Corporate & Commercial) from the University of London, in 2010. She is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK).

In 2011, the lure of **'Legal Practice outside the Court-Room'** culminated in her joining Seven-Up Bottling Company Limited as the Head of Legal & Corporate Advisor. A position she holds till date. She is a member of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators of Nigeria (ICSAN),



Demilade Olaosun
RBMM Solicitors

DEMILADE OLAOSUN is the Principal Partner of RBMM Solicitors, Media and Entertainment Attorneys. He practiced law in one of the top law firms in Lagos State providing legal services in the area of electricity law, tax forensic investigation amongst others. Demilade Olaosun having a passion for the entertainment industry left the firm. He graduated with the best result in the Faculty of Law, University of Lagos in 2008 winning several academic prizes including the Vice-Chancellor's prize for best all round performance in the Faculty of Law 2007/2008. He currently serves as legal coach to several media and entertainment practitioners.



Ivie Igbinosun
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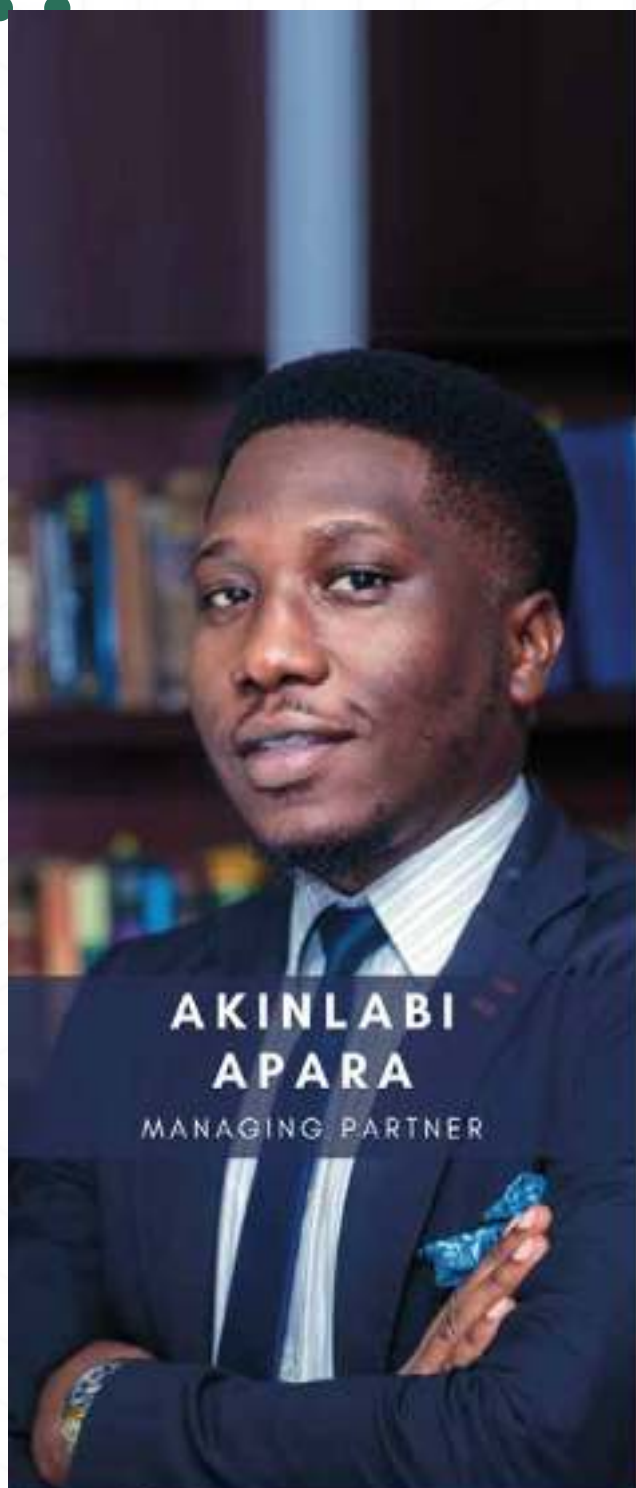
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**GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM Y.C. MAIKYAU, SAN; CHAIRMAN,
NBA WELFARE COMMITTEE, TO THE NBA IKEJA BRANCH, ON
THE 2021 LAW WEEK OF THE BRANCH.**



Dear Colleagues,

Permit me to seize this opportunity to congratulate the leadership and members of the Ikeja Branch of the NBA, on its Annual Law Week for the year 2021.

Lagos has a special place in my heart for a few personal reasons, one of which is that my stint here during the Oputa Panel remains indelible in my career.

The theme: “The Nigeria of our dreams” is quite refreshing, as it looks beyond our present gloomy circumstances to a future of our dreams. Whilst each of us have our individual and several dreams for Nigeria, we can collectively imagine a future so bright. A future that gives life to the words of our National Anthem of “One nation bound in freedom, peace and unity” and to “Help our youth the truth to know In love and honesty to grow. And living just and true
Great lofty heights attain
To build a nation where peace and justice shall reign..”

This Nation, as conceived in our Anthem, is not utopia but achievable through collective re-imagination, reorientation, rededication and sacrifice.

This law week presents an ideal opportunity at these 3 Rs and a shot at how to go about the necessary sacrifice for the greater good of our dear Nation, Nigeria. As we embark on these, suffice to add that so much of the future of our dreams depend on us as the Learned gentlemen of the legal profession.

It is my hope that at the end of this Law Week, we would come out better conditioned to help bring about the Nigeria of our dreams.

It is on this note that I wish all participants fruitful deliberations.

God bless NBA Ikeja Branch!
God bless the NBA!!
God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria!!!

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GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM JOE-KYARI GADZAMA, SAN TO IKEJA BRANCH OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION ON THE CELEBRATION OF YOUR 2021 ANNUAL LAW



It is with great pleasure that I identify with and join you in marking this annual occasion with a very apt topic. I must confess that this theme: "The Nigeria of our Dreams", is not only crucial but also provokes our legal minds to proffer some solutions that will lead to achieving Nigeria of our dream in this upcoming event.

Considering the state of the nation and the many challenges that bedevil her, it is only expedient to reflect on our journey so far, what needs to be done that we are not doing or what we are doing that we ought to do away with so we can have the nation we all hope for.

Nigeria's national independence in 1960 was greeted with lots of funfairs because we held the belief and trust that self-governance would elevate the country to an enviable height and make our nation where all will be proud to live.

Gentlemen of the Bar, we have to face it; Nigeria has not fared well in view of the so many maladies that she grapples with, from poverty to endemic corruption, to youth unemployment, to segregation and marginalization in all facets, and the most burning issue: insecurity, which appears to have defied all basic techniques for a solution.

At this point, a more challenging poser is what technique we need to adopt to fix these challenges and build Nigeria of our dream?

I wish you well as you unravel and resolve the mystery behind this nation's challenges through your intellectual discourse.

Once again, I wish you all a fruitful celebration.

Thank you very much and God bless.

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GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM JONATHAN GUNU TAIDI TO NIGERIA BAR ASSOCIATION IKEJA BRANCH ON HER 2021 ANNUAL LAW WEEK

I heartily congratulate the Chairman, the Executive, and distinguished Members of Ikeja Branch of the Nigerian Bar Association on the occasion of her 2021 Annual Law Week with the theme: "Nigeria of Our Dreams"

Indeed, we have not attained our dream country and now, more than ever before, the prospect seems bleak so holding a conversation around this theme is nothing if not apt.

In our efforts to enthrone a nation built on justice, equity and fairness therefore, it is imperative that we continuously identify and resolve the challenges that have impeded the realization of our dream country.

I wish you all an enjoyable and fulfilling Law Week.

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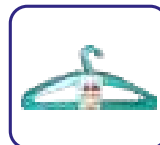
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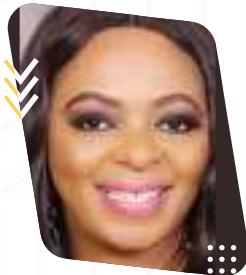
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Our progress as a nation depends on our unity, innovation, resilience and love for truth and justice.

Building the Nigeria of our dreams is a collective effort devoid of tribalism, ethnicism and sectarianism but recognising the strength embedded in our diversity. As Priests in the temple of justice, we must courageously play our part by upholding justice, fairness and accountability, speaking truth to power and protecting the masses as we embark on the journey to, the Nigeria of our dreams.



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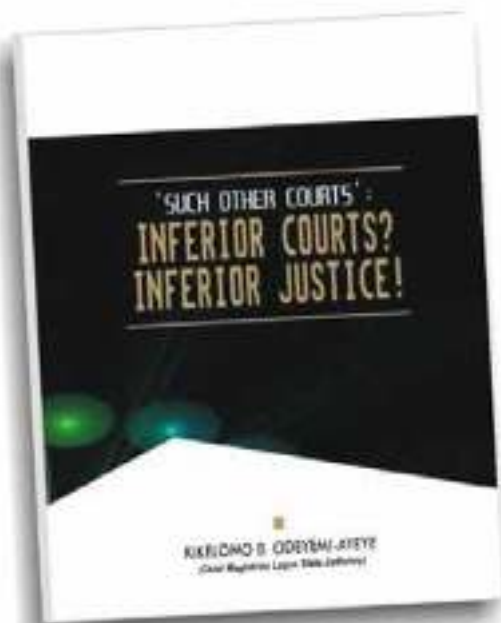
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GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM JOE-KYARI GADZAMA, SAN TO THE IKEJA BRANCH OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION ON THE CELEBRATION OF YOUR 2021 LAW WEEK



On behalf of Janada International Centre for Arbitration and Mediation (JICAM) and my humble self, I write with profound joy to felicitate with the leaders and distinguished members of the NBA, Ikeja Branch on this occasion of your Law Week 2021.

I must also use this opportunity to commend your choice of theme for the programme: *"THE NIGERIA OF OUR DREAMS"* which I consider very apt in this perilous time in our dear country. I urge you all to brainstorm more committedly on issues affecting you all as a branch; Legal Profession; and Nigeria at large; and proffer ideas for a more promising future for all.

I wish you a memorable time at your Law Week 2021 and I pray that the wisdom you require for fruitful and effective deliberations will manifest in your midst.

Thank you.

JOE-KYARI GADZAMA, OFR, MFR, SAN
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