

Biyi Olafimihan

St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

ARTICLING CANDIDATE

Internationally trained lawyer pursuing re-qualification in Canada with 2+ years post-Bar experience, reviewing judicial review applications as a clerk and extensive legal research. Planning enrollment in the Practice Readiness Education Program (PREP) starting Dec. 2021, with completion expected in fall, 2022.

EDUCATION

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| NCA Certificate of Qualifications (CQ) , Federation of Law Societies of Canada | 2020 |
| Master of Law (LL.M. Oil and Gas Law) , Robert Gordon University, UK | 2013 |
| Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) , Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria | 2012 |
| Barrister-at-Law (B.L.) , Nigerian Law School | 2010 |

- Called to the Bar in 2010 and maintain membership in the Nigerian Bar Association.

LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

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| Law Clerk , The Law Office, Ogayemi Law Firm, Toronto | Jan. 2019 – Present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working virtually, review client cases for Judicial Review Applications.• Support head of firm in litigation, family, business and immigration law cases through extensive legal research while maintaining confidentiality.• Assist with reviewing and interpreting Canadian legislation and case laws. | |
| Benefits Delivery Officer , ESDC, Service Canada, NL | May 2019 – Present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determine eligibility and entitlements to government benefits in a high-volume client service environment.• Apply principles and procedures relating to Service Canada programs.• Provide general services to the public with respect to Employment Insurance and Canada Pension Plan benefits, and questions about programs and services from employers. | |
| Research & Teaching Assistant , Robert Gordon University, UK | Jan. 2015 – Apr. 2015 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teaching Assistant on Environmental Ethics and law. | |
| Legal/Administrative Officer , Hezron Lettings, Nigeria | Jan. 2013 – Oct. 2014 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As court room advocate prepared and filed court documents/processes, oral and written arguments, and monitored judgements.• Assessed merits of legal arguments, weighing of evidence, pursuing of appeals, cross appeals and regularization of appeals.• Represented purchasers and sellers in property transactions, mainly cooperative and condominiums.• Consulted clients starting new businesses and assisted them in completing documents required | |

for forming various business entities including limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, S-Corporations and others.

- Reviewed business transaction documents, nondisclosure agreements and outsourcing agreements for prospective tenants and lodgers at different apartments.
- Developed excellent communication skills, a strong flair and bias for litigation and corporate law and tax practice.

In-house-Counsel, Peter Adetola Ogunleye Chambers, Nigeria

Oct. 2010 – Sep. 2011

- Provided oversight and accountability for proper legal and policy compliance.
- Led environmental analytical research for arbitration and mediation for public disputes involving pressure groups, governmental agencies and businesses.
- Provided analytical assessment of the effects of new regulation on existing policies and their inherent implications and made plausible recommendations from feedback.
- Drafted and edited policy recommendations, statements, questions for hearings, and memoranda on key legislative developments to be used for caucus strategies.

Judicial Law Clerk (Advocacy Trainee), Chief Magistrate Court, Wuse-Abuja

Jun. 2010 – Aug. 2010

- Conducted research on relevant legislation and case law, carried out fact investigation and drafted memoranda on federal matters such as tenancy dispute, small claims, summary offences etc.
- Assisted judge in coordinating case management, settlement conferences, motion sessions and trials while also serving as liaison between chambers, counsel and the public.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria.

Nigerian Bar Association, Osun Chapter, Nigeria.

Lawyer Candidate, Law Society of Newfoundland.

PUBLICATION AND CONFERENCES

Anthropocentric and Ethnocentric Alternatives; A Myth or Reality (Paper Presentation at Robert Gordon University, United Kingdom, 2015).

Law, Social Responsibility and Corporate Objective: The Nigerian Situation (Poster Presentation, Strathclyde University (UK), Environmental Law & Governance Conference 2014).

INTERESTS

Reading: Read both fiction and non-fiction, especially books about law and order.

Games: Love playing soccer and PlayStation games for leisure.

Volunteering: Member of church department responsible for kids' activities.