

OLALEKAN KOLAWOLE

SUMMARY

Hardworking Professional, bringing 8 years of legal experience and enthusiastic about taking on exciting new challenges by leveraging dynamic communication skills and a disciplined approach.

SKILLS

- Team player
- Sound interpersonal skills
- Sound oral and written communication
- Time Management
- Strong problem solver
- Proofreading
- Professional and mature
- Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint.

EXPERIENCE

SENIOR ASSOCIATE/HEAD OF CHAMBERS | 02/2016 to 06/2019
Siji Soetan & Co - Lekki, Lagos, Nigeria

- Proffered legal advice to clients on commercial/contractual matters;
- Carried out legal research on corporate, labor and commercial areas of law;
- Wrote legal opinions for companies including Chevron Nigeria Limited, Nigeria Agip Oil Company Limited, Infobip Nigeria, StarDeep Water Petroleum Limited, Alliance and General Insurance Plc., Unity Bank Plc. and several other major companies;
- Drafted legal documents such as Leases, Wills, Conveyance, and other commercial agreements for clients;
- Drafted various court processes for clients both at courts of first instance and appellate courts;
- Represented clients in both courts of first instance and appellate courts;
- **Accomplishments.**
- Appointed Head of Chambers in less than 12 months into the employment;
- Served as lead counsel for several other colleagues in courts;
- Expanded the practice areas of the firm to include debt recovery;
- Successfully got the firm listed as external solicitors to Unity Bank Plc;
- Successfully defended the interest of Nigeria Agip Oil at the Court of Appeal in Suit No - CA/L/19/16;
- Got three other judgments in favor of clients including Chevron Nigeria Limited at both courts of first instance and appellate courts;
- Ensured successful mediation in several cases in record time that could have led to protracted litigation;
- Ensured low power distance working relationship between the management and members of staff;
- Delivered high level of service to clients to both maintain and extend relationships for future business opportunities.

B. SENIOR ASSOCIATE | 04/2013 to 02/2016

Oluwakemi Balogun & Co, Oluwakemi Balogun LP - Lagos, Nigeria, Lagos, Nigeria

- Carried out legal research on corporate, labor, commercial, debt recovery and insolvency areas of law;
 - Wrote legal opinions for leading commercial banks in Nigeria, which banks included First Bank, Zenith Bank Plc., United Bank for Africa and other commercial banks;
 - Represented several leading banks in Nigeria at the courts of first instance and appellate courts;
 - Drafted various court processes for clients both at courts of first instance and appellate courts;
 - Represented clients in both courts of first instance and appellate courts.
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- **Accomplishments.**
 - Employed as an associate and later promoted to senior associate;
 - Participated actively in the creditor's voluntary winding up of Woolworths Nigeria;
 - Got four judgments in favor of clients;
 - Part of the team that got monetary judgment to the tune of N16,000,000,000 (Sixteen Billion Naira), equivalent to \$48,846,074.18CAD in favor of Diamond Bank Plc. (now Access Bank Plc.);
 - Participated actively in the team that got judgment in favor of one of our clients against Mobile Telecommunication Network (MTN) Nigeria, South Africa and MTN International, Mauritius in the sum of N5,000,000 (Five Billion Naira) equivalent to \$15,263,000.85CAD;
 - Ensured successful mediation in several cases with sturdy cause of actions.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Nigerian Law School - Abuja, Nigeria – BL - 01/2012

Council of Legal Education - Abuja, Nigeria – BL – 01/2012

University of Ilorin - Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria, Nigeria – LL.B(Hons) – 07/2010

Calgary Catholic Immigration Society - Calgary, AB

Certificate of Completion in "Canadian Workplace Integration" issued by Settlement Online Pre-arrival Service, Canada - 06/2019

Calgary Catholic Immigration Society - Calgary, AB

Certificate of Completion in "Working in Canada" issued by Settlement Online Pre-arrival Service Canada - 06/2019

Canadian Centre For Professional Legal Education - Calgary, AB

Legal Research and Writing Certificate

REFERENCES

References are available on request.