**INYEFAI WOBO**

Winnipeg, Manitoba

**Articling Candidate**

PREP candidate licensed to practice in Nigeria and pursuing qualification in Manitoba, with 10+ years’ post-Bar experience in private, corporate practice and government legal affairs focusing primarily on corporate law, litigation and arbitration, with exposure also in immigration, family, tax, criminal, constitutional, Oil & Gas, environmental, M&A, compensation, construction, real estate and labour law. Enrolled in 2024 intake of the CPLED Practice Readiness Education Program (PREP) with expected completion in March 2025.

**Education**

**Practice Readiness Education Program (PREP)**, CPLED June 2024 – Present

**NCA Certificate of Qualification (CQ)**, Federation of Law Societies of Canada Oct. 2023

**Diploma: Immigration Consultant**, Herzing College, Toronto 2020

**Master of Laws (LLM): Transnational Oil, Gas and Energy Law**, University of Derby, UK 2016

**Bachelor of Laws (LLB)**, Rivers State University, Port Harcourt, Nigeria 2004

**OTHER WORK Experience**

**Vomar Industries,** Winnipeg, Manitoba Sep. 2021 – May 2023

*Services retailers across Canada with propane tank exchange and refill.*

**Production Labourer**

*Reported to Production Manager processing, refurbishing and recertifying 20-to-40-pound propane tanks in compliance with Health and Safety standards and corporate policies.*

* Promoted to supervise operations of a sensitive cell (or production area) called the Blue-zone, where tanks were carefully inspected and recertified as fit for market.
* As cell leader of Blue-zone, ensured safe processing, inspection and production of 450+ propane tanks per day, above the corporate daily target of 400+ tanks.
* Modified record and data keeping at the Blue-zone by creating a less complex, accurate, clear and reliable inspection record and recertification data process.

**7X Powered Inc.**, Winnipeg, Manitoba May 2021 – Jul. 2021

*Call centre partner to consumer brands.*

**Customer Service/Sales Specialist**

*Member of a team of 15 making outbound calls to aggrieved previous subscribers on a campaign to regain customers and patronage.*

* Initiated a minimum of 40 outbound cold calls per day, recording a 42 percent win-back and retention rate on calls made.

**LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE:**

**Niger Delta Petroleum Resources Ltd,** Rivers State, Nigeria Oct. 2011 – Dec. 2020

*An integrated oil and gas exploration and production company operating in Nigeria with significant imprints across Africa. Now known as Aradel Holdings Plc.*

**Legal/Government/Public Affairs Officer**

*Coordinated corporate issues pertaining to legal, government and public affairs at the Port Harcourt administrative base, liaising, collaborating and reporting to Corporate Counsel at Lagos headquarters.*

* Managed in-house corporate legal services such as issuance of periodic legal advisories on novel developments in the oil and gas industry globally and locally.
* Prepared and drafted complex contracts, and reviewed and amended 25+ pre-existing contracts and other subsidiary agreements improving transaction tenure, conditions and turnaround time.
* Managed corporate litigation, introducing monthly strategy meetings with external counsel, and reducing legal exposure and liabilities by 20% within 3 years.
* Spearheaded Terms of Service (TOS) between Community, Security Health & Safety Department (CASHES) and other internal groups improving response times, teamwork and overall output.

**Aluko & Oyebode**, Rivers State Nigeria Dec. 2007 – Sep. 2011

*Full-service commercial law firm with 3 locations in Lagos, Abuja and Port Harcourt with over 80 lawyers.*

**Associate**

*Served as litigation lawyer, client-service advisor and legal research/personal assistant to 2 Senior Advocates (holders of the highest professional award in recognition of outstanding lawyers in Nigeria).*

* Represented clients in litigation and arbitration, handling 45+ case files with 75% success in areas such as Oil & Gas exploration, environmental pollution, acquisition, family, immigration, real estate, criminal and and labour law.
* Legal and personal assistant to two Senior Advocates of Nigeria (SAN) conducting legal research, reviewing legal briefs, and taking minutes during meetings and in court proceedings.
* Interfaced with clients and resolved complaints, enquiries, follow-ups and litigation updates physically and virtually reducing workload on partners and senior lawyers.
* Researched and drafted complex legal documents such as deed of conveyance, sales agreement, lease agreements, wills, mortgages, contracts, writs, statement of claim and statement of defense.
* Participated in strategy and pre-trial meetings with client representatives and potential witnesses by transcribing verbal instructions and preparing witness depositions.

**INTERESTS**

**Martial Arts**: I am a passionate mixed martial artist and a proud holder of a green belt in Shotokan-karate.

**Current Events**: I have a global worldview and love discussing contemporary occurrences around the world.