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We wish you all a wonderful new year ahead.

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NBA IBADAN BRANCH
LAW WEEK
Dec. 1st-6th 2023

THEME:
“GIVING BACK”:
THE LAWYER, HIS PRACTICE & HIS SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Aare Afe Babalola Bar Centre, Opposite Old NTC, Ibadan



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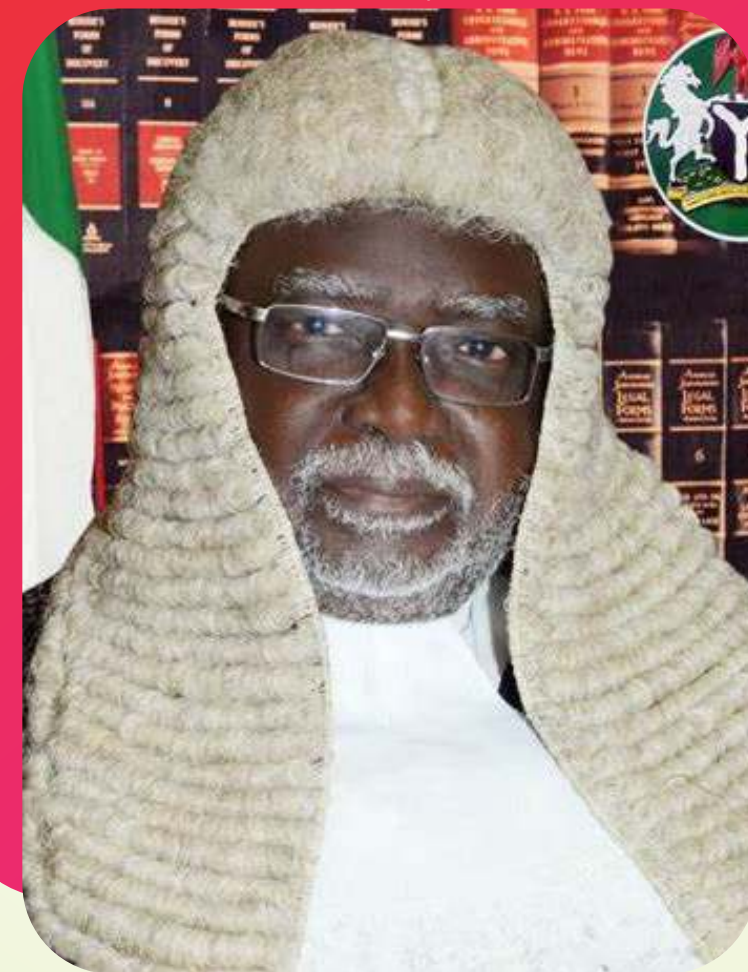


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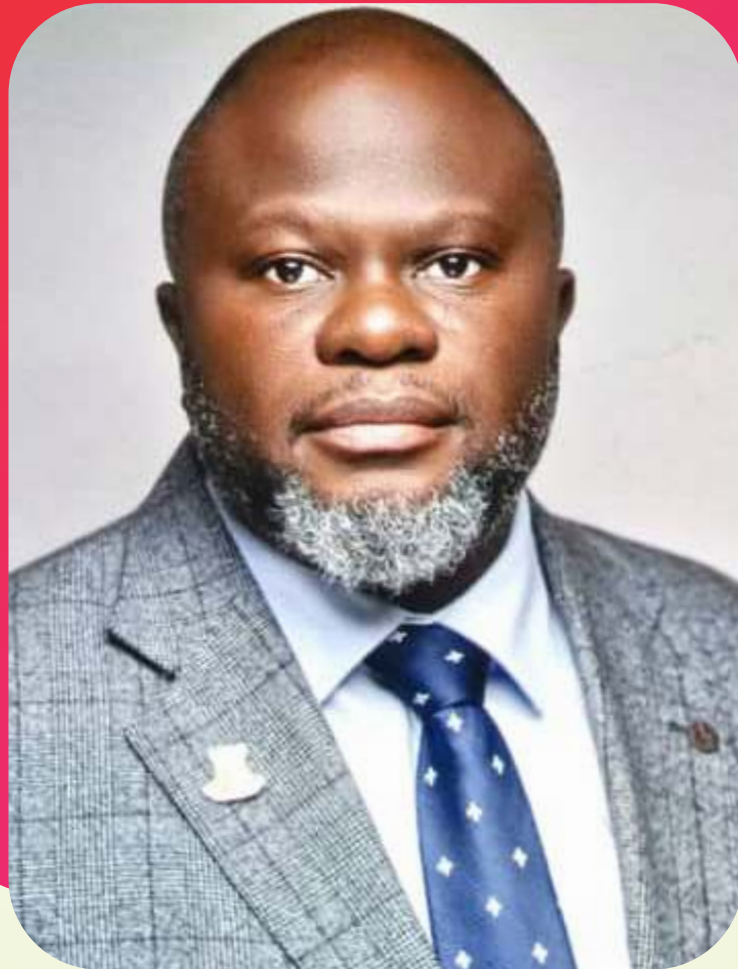


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PROTOCOLS:

The Chairman of this opening ceremony, Hon. Justice M.A Owoade JCA (Rtd), Your Excellency, The Executive Governor of Oyo State, Engr Seyi Makinde FNSE, My Lord, The Chief Judge of Oyo State, Hon. Justice I.S Yerima, My Lord, the Acting President of the Customary Court of Appeal, Oyo State, Hon Justice T.M Abdulganiyu, My Lord, Hon. Justice P.O Ige JCA (Rtd.), My Lords, the Judges of High Court and Customary Courts of Appeal of Oyo State, My Lords, serving and retired of the Superior Courts, Your Worships and Honours, serving and retired of the Lower Courts of Oyo State, The Patrons of the Ibadan Bar, ably led by the Matriarch of the Nigerian Bar Association, Chief Folake Solanke SAN, Learned Senior Advocates of Nigeria here present, The keynote Speaker, the erudite and irrepressible Mr. Femi Falana SAN, Past Chairmen and distinguished members of the Nigerian Bar Association Ibadan branch, eminent guests and members of the Press.

On behalf of the members of the Executive Committee of NBA Ibadan and the 2023 Law Week Committee members, it is with great delight that I welcome you to this year's Law Week with the **theme: "Giving Back: The Lawyer, His Practice And His Social Responsibilities"**. We feel this theme is best suited for this time because we understand as legal practitioners; we play a vital role in the society. We have gathered here

today to re-direct our focus and to engage our minds on the practice of our great profession vis-à-vis its lasting impacts and roles in the society. Distinguished gentlemen, it is a known fact that we are passing through a challenging phase in our nation. We are plagued with challenges revolving around critical areas such as national cohesion, security, the economy, the fight against corruption, etc. These are some of the problems affecting the nation. To find solutions to our problems, we must think differently than we did when we created them – this is to say that the challenges we face are surmountable if we have the will and commitment to make a solution. We as legal practitioners are key players in advancing the progress and betterment of our dear nation and more narrowly, the legal profession in Nigeria.

To set the pace for nation-building, we are mindful of our social responsibility as lawyers. Social responsibility describes the way we make a difference in the social and economic well-being of our community through our professional practice, knowledge exchange, research, public events, and activities. This brings us to determining the crucial responsibilities of a lawyer in society and his roles beyond the courtroom.

Our vision for **"Giving Back"** is to the end that we seek a country and a legal system where no one, no community, and no section of society is denied justice through ignorance of their rights and responsibilities, or of the actions which they can take to protect themselves nor are they denied justice due to the inability to afford legal expertise. Distinguished members of the bar, doing these is not a small way of contributing to our nation's development.

As legal practitioners, we are in a unique position to support groups, people, and organizations most especially by using our advocacy skills to solve their legal issues and problems. In re-emphasising our key role in

society, the words of Honourable Warren E. Burger appraise the essentiality and importance of lawyers in society, in his words:

“Lawyers will be necessary because, in their highest role, they are the healers of conflicts and they can provide the lubricants that permit the diverse parts of a social order to function with a minimum of friction”.

We as lawyers serve as the bridge between the legal system and the people. It is part of our service to society and more so a part of our social responsibilities to challenge any arbitrary legislation that impacts negatively on society – this is a duty we must serve as our contribution towards Nation Building. This is one of the ways negative perceptions about our dear country can be reversed and reconstructed by the thrust for a more functional and efficient judiciary. By addressing social justice issues, we can help address systemic problems and advocate for change on a larger scale.

Gentlemen, we have decided to bring our goodwill message to the doorstep of the residents and workers of Oyo State. I am more tolerant to proclaim this message because of this saying:

“The happiest people are not necessarily those who acquire the most, but those who give the most”.

For this year's Law Week, we are set to participate in various outreach programs to help our communities at these challenging times in our country. The Law Week committee has worked assiduously to foster our impact-driven administration by putting up outreach centres such as sensitization at markets and motor parks, outreach to the Oyo State Ministry of Lands, to the Judiciary staff workers who are undeniably our partners in progress, outreach to the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corp, etc.

This 2023 Law Week has a lot to offer and promises to be educative,

enlightening, most especially mind-shifting and entertaining. We are honoured to have Hon. Justice P.O Ige JCA (Rtd) as our keynote speaker, Mr Femi Falana SAN as our guest-lecturer, Hon. Justice M.A Owoade JCA (Rtd) as Chairman opening session, Chief Adeniyi Akintola SAN, CON as Chairman, Owolabi Afuye Memorial Lecture, and the Executive Governor of Oyo State, Engr Seyi Makinde as our special guest of honour.

I appreciate everyone, guests, participants, The Law week committee led by Mr. Oladipo Olasope SAN, the Chairman, who gave their time and resources to give us a great and a new experience of Law week. I also thank most especially, our generous individual and corporate donors who have made this event a possibility. My deep appreciation also goes to the members of the Executive Committee, my co-labourers on this job. I know most assuredly that God is not unjust to forget your labour of love. Gentlemen of the Bar and our esteemed guests, you are all welcome and I wish you an enjoyable Law Week.

Thank You.

Chairman Organising Committee
WELCOME SPEECH
MR. OLADIPO
OLASOPE, SAN



I stand here today very happy to be the Chairman of this innovative Law Week. I must say that taking up this task was initially very difficult but with the assistance of my wonderful team, the task became much easier. I must appreciate them all especially my alternate chairman, who has done very well.

The legal system at this time is going through very interesting times. This present democracy began in 1999 and has endured hard times but with strong institutions and our legal system, we are where we are today. One thing should be noted and that is the importance of the lawyer in the whole legal system set up. Hence our themes; Giving Back And the Lawyer, His Practice and His Social Responsibilities. Unfortunately, many of us do not see ourselves in this important light. The reason why governments disobey legitimate court orders is because the Attorneys General in the system fail to advise the government appropriately; the same reason why we keep complaining about congestion in the courts simply because many of us chose to file frivolous cases for pecuniary benefits instead of properly advising the clients on the futility of their claims. In the case of DARIYE V. FRN (2015) 61 PT 3 NSCQR; Nguta JSC of

blessed memory sums up our duty as Lawyers when he said:

“Lawyers are engaged to espouse the case of their clients. It is a monopoly and they should bear in mind that like all monopolies whose conduct are subject to strict rules of accountability for adherence to set ethical standards. They can fight the case of their clients but as lawyers they must act within the rules regarding ethical conduct. They owe a duty to the client but they owe a higher duty to a higher cause; the cause of justice.”

Furthermore, in MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES TRIBUNAL V. OKOROAFOR (2001) LPELR 3190, the Supreme Court per Ejiwumi also reiterated that:

“We as lawyers owe a very high standard of professional conduct in the discharge of our duties.”

In summary, all we do as lawyers is to serve the courts, the clients and the society. We owe this high duty and must not fail. I believe that we are the ones who will save this profession; no other person will do it for us. IN EZEGBU V FATB 1992 nwlr pt 220 NIKI TOBI JCA of blessed memory stated that the we are the ones who will save the profession and no one else. Since we have no other profession let us guard this one jealously. We as lawyers therefore have an important role to play and also defend this young democracy.

As we go out in the next few days, I solicit your support and hope we truly give back by attending the outreaches and other programmes in large numbers.

Thank you all and God bless

2023 LAW WEEK

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

DAY 1

JUMA'AT SERVICE
1st December, 2023 📅
Bodija Central Mosque, 📍
Housing Roundabout, Old Bodija,
Ibadan, Oyo State.
1pm 🕒

DAY 2

**MARKET AND MOTOR PARK
SENSITIZATION OUTREACH**
2nd December, 2023 📅
📍 Scout Camp Market, Felele 🕒 10am
📍 Motor Park, Challenge 🕒 1pm
📍 Aleshinloye Market 🕒 3pm

DAY 3

THANKSGIVING SERVICE
📅 3rd December, 2023 🕒 10am
Assemblies of God Church, No. 1 Army 📍
Barracks Road, Behind Former Oando
(NNPC Petrol Station) Mokola, Ibadan, Oyo State.

DAY 4

📅 4th December, 2023 🕒 10am
OPENING CEREMONY/OWOLABI AFUYE MEMORIAL LECTURE
Keynote Speaker: Hon Justice P. O. Ige JCA (Rtd)
Guest Lecturer: Femi Falana SAN
Chairman, Opening Session: Hon. Justice M. A. Owoade JCA (Rtd)
Chairman, Owolabi Afuye Memorial Lecture:
Chief Adeniyi Akintola SAN, CON
Special Guest of Honour: Engr. Seyi A. Makinde FNSE
Segun Aderibigbe Essay Competition 🕒 3pm
VARIETY NIGHT 🕒 5pm
Aare Afe Babalola Bar Centre, 📍
Opposite Old NTC, Ibadan

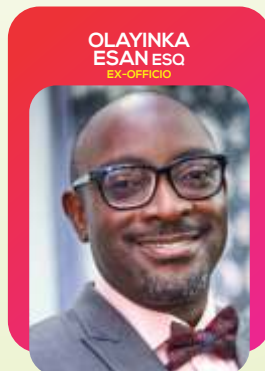
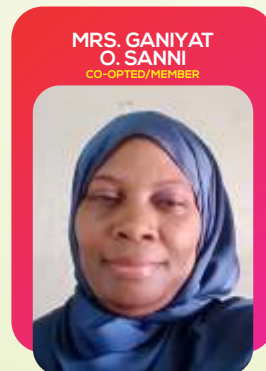
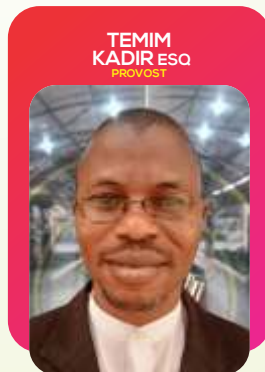
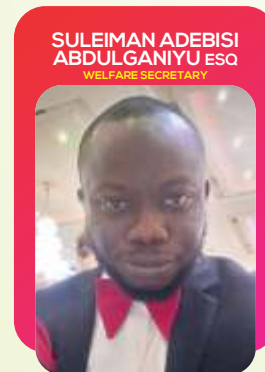
DAY 5

📅 5th December, 2023
Morning Outreach:
📍 Oyo State Ministry of Lands.
🕒 10am
Afternoon Outreach:
📍 Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corp
(NSCDC) Oyo State Command,
Secretariat Road, Ibadan, Oyo State.
🕒 1pm
Aare Afe Babalola Football Tournament
📍 Olubadan Stadium, Iyaganku, Ibadan.
🕒 4pm

DAY 6

📅 6th December, 2023 🕒 10am
Morning Outreach:
📍 Judiciary Staff Union of Nigeria (JUSUN),
Oyo State Chapter, High Court Complex,
Ring Road, Ibadan, Oyo State.
Afternoon Outreach:
📍 Oyo State Judiciary, High Court Complex,
Ring Road, Ibadan, Oyo State.
🕒 1pm
Annual Bar Dinner 🕒 5pm
Dinner Speech by
Chief Bolaji Ayorinde, SAN, OFR
📍 Aare Afe Babalola Bar Centre,
Opposite Old NTC, Ibadan

EXCO MEMBERS



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GOODWILL MESSAGE

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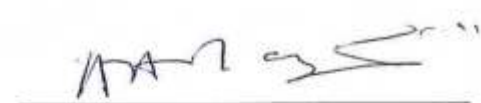
LETTER OF COMMENDATION

I, Abiodun A. Olatunji, SAN on behalf of myself and my family, congratulate the members of the Executive Committee, the 2023 Law week Organizing Committee and the entire membership of the NBA Ibadan Branch, the fountain of Bar activities in Nigeria on this annual event of the Bar.

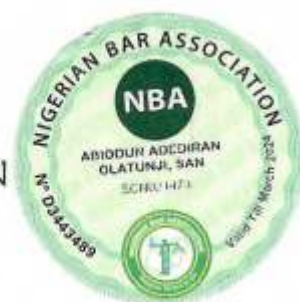
It is my pleasure to be associated with you all.

I wish you a wonderful Law Week 2023.

Long Live NBA! Long Live our Darling Ibadan Bar



Abiodun Adediran Olatunji, SAN
Abdullahi Ibrahim & Company.



GOODWILL MESSAGE NBA, Ota Branch

The Ota Branch "Utter Bar" under the leadership of A. O. ADEGOKE ACI Arb congratulates the innovative and enigmatic Chairperson, NBA Ibadan Branch, FOLASADE ALADENIYI ESQ and the entire members of the Nigerian Bar Association, Ibadan Branch on her Law Week Programme slated for the period - December 1st – 6th December, 2023.

The focal theme of the Law Week "Giving back: the Lawyer, His practice and his Social Responsibilities" is well conceived and captures the essence of our calling as advocates in the temple of justice.

We believe that the host of thought leaders and distinguished human resources invited for the discussion sessions will do substantial justice to the theme of the event.

We therefore commend the executive of the Premier Lion Bar for sustaining legal intellectual discourse through this platform.

The Utter Bar wishes all members of the Premier Bar and the public an enriching law week.

A.O. ADEGOKE, ACI Arb, AICMC
CNBA, OTA

GOODWILL MESSAGE




It is with immense delight that the law firm of 'Tunji Ogunrinde and co (Yekogun Chambers) felicitate the entire members of Ibadan Bar, more particularly its indefatigable Chairman and Executive committee for the 2023 Annual Law week programs scheduled to hold from 1st December to 6th December, 2023. Undoubtedly, the theme of this year's law week: 'Giving back, the lawyer, his practice and social responsibility' resonates with the realities of the practice of law in our immediate constituencies and also reinforces the impact lawyers should have in the society. We believe by the end of this year's Law week, the art of giving back to the society would have been inculcated into the members of the bar.

We congratulate and thank the chairman, executive Committee and the Law week committee of the Ibadan Bar for this giant stride and wish everyone a prosperous law week celebration...

Long Live the Ibadan Bar!
Long Live the Nigerian Bar Association!
And Long Live the Federal Republic of Nigeria!

Signed:
R. O. Solahudeen
Head of Chambers 'Tunji Ogunrinde & Co (Yekogun Chambers)



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We, the entire law firm of Babafemi Iyiola & Co. Legal Practitioners, extend heartfelt congratulations to the Chairman, the Executives, and all the members of the premier Bar - Nigerian Bar Association, Ibadan Branch, as we embark on the 2023 Annual Law Week. This week serves as a testament to our collective dedication to justice, the rule of law, and the noble principles that define our esteemed profession. May our discussions be insightful, our camaraderie enduring, and our commitment to upholding the highest standards unwavering. Here's to a week of reflection, learning, and unity as we celebrate the essence of our shared pursuit. Long live the NBA, Long live the Ibadan Bar!

Signed,
BABAFEMI IYIOLA ESQ



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27th November, 2023

MRS FOLASADE ALADENIYI
THE CHAIRMAN,
Nigerian Bar Association,
Ibadan Branch.

Dear Madam,

GOODWILL MESSAGE

We at Pelican Crest Legal Practitioners hereby wish to congratulate the Nigerian Bar Association, Ibadan Branch on the commencement of the 2023 Annual Law Week.

For over 60 years, the Nigerian Bar Association, Ibadan Branch has displayed its exemplary dedication, competence and candor particularly in upholding the Rule and Supremacy of the law in Nigeria. The visionary leadership and hard work with which its leaders, both past and present, have demonstrated has elevated the practice of law in not only Ibadan but also the wider Oyo State, with its influence as conspicuous on the eminent status of its members.

We are excited about the theme for the Law Week this year. We duly note that this Law Week is the first of its kind where the focus is on the lawyers serving the community and engaging with the stakeholders.

We at Pelican Crest Legal Practitioners wish the entire bar grand success throughout the law week and also throughout the new legal year.

Sincerely,
PP: PELICAN CREST LEGAL PRACTITIONERS


OMOTADE AFONJA ESQ.
HEAD OF CHAMBERS

GOODWILL MESSAGE

ADENIYI AKINTOLA (SAN) & CO

I, on behalf of myself and the entire staff of Adeniyi Akintola (SAN) & Co, felicitate with the distinguished leaders and honourable members of the Nigerian Bar Association, Ibadan Branch on the occasion of its 2023 annual law week, themed: "Giving Back: The Lawyer, His Practice and His Social Responsibilities". The Commemoration of the law week is in no doubt a fulfilment of the bar's commitment to raising the standard of legal practice in Nigeria and its mission to always uphold the rule of law and equity.

I commend the entire Ibadan bar for this giant stride and their commitment towards enhancing the prowess and activism of the Ibadan bar into achieving a balances and formidable legal framework for a better Nigeria. I appreciate your effort in setting the pace and distinguishing the bar and the bench in the sphere of the legal profession. Ibadan Bar is indeed a trail blazer!

I equally felicitate with our quintessential gems, Prince Lateef Fagbemi, SAN FCI Arb and his twin brother, Chief Adeniyi Akintola CON, SAN, FCI Arb on the former's appointment as the Hon. Attorney General & Minister of Justice of the federation. Congratulations Sirs.

Thank you Ibadan Bar for this Opportunity.
God bless the Ibadan Bar

Signed
Abiodun Amole Esq

GOODWILL MESSAGE

ADEBAYO & GBADAMOSI LEGAL PRACTITIONERS

We at Adebayo & Gbadamosi Legal Practitioners, congratulate members of the Premier Bar on the 73rd edition of her annual law week celebrations.

The theme for this year's edition: - **“Giving Back”** The Lawyer, His Practice & His Social Responsibilities, is a reminder of the noble and sacred duty which we as Legal Practitioners hold in trust to humanity. Fortunately, the Premier Bar has always blazed the trail in the fulfillment of this obligation.

While we merry, let us pause and reminisce over the famous quote of Winston Churchill: - We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.

Thank you all.

Signed:- The Partners

DINNER PROGRAMME

- Opening Prayer (NBA PRAYER)
- National Anthem
- Oyo State Anthem
- Recognition of Guests and Invitation to the High Table
- Welcome address by NBA Chairman
- Address By Chairman of Dinner
- Dinner is served (Musical interlude)
- Dinner Speech
- Presentation of awards
- Response by Honourees
- Toast
- Vote of Thanks
- Closing