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PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am a legal practitioner with experience in providing top - notch legal advisory and remedial services within and outside Nigeria. I have considerable expertise in the fields of maritime law, oil and gas law, Dispute Resolution, Company Secretariat, Employment and Commercial law. My grasp of the Nigerian regulatory regime in the aforementioned areas has been of assistance to many clients across the various sectors in addressing issues of governance, regulatory compliance and dispute resolution.

POST - SECONDARY EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

DATE	INSTITUTION	QUALIFICATION
2016 - Date	University of Lagos, Akoka, Yaba, Lagos.	Ph.D (in view)
2013	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Osun State, Nigeria.	LL.M
2012	Lloyds Maritime Academy, United Kingdom	Martime Law & Shipping Contracts
2011	University of Southampton, United Kingdom	Martime & Supply Chain Program
2007-2008	Nigerian Law School, Lagos.	B.L
2000-2006	Enugu State University, Enugu	LL.B (Hons) Upper Division

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

- Fellow, Nigerian Institute of Chartered Arbitrators
- Member, Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
- Member, International Bar Association (IBA)
- Member, Maritime Arbitrators Association of Nigeria (MAAN)
- Member, Nigerian Maritime Lawyers Association (NMLA)
- Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM) Chartered

WORK EXPERIENCE

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Southgate Solicitors

Period: July 2020 - Date

Address:

Position: Partner & Head of Shipping and International Trade

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Adepetun, Caxton – Martins, Agbor & Segun, Lagos, Nigeria.

Period: February 2015 – June 2020

Address:

Position: Senior Counsel and Team Leader Shipping & International Trade

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Company Name: OLISA AGBAKOBA, SAN & ASSOCIATES

Period: March 2011 – February 2015

Address: 34 Creek Road, Apapa, Lagos

Position: Deputy Team Head, Admiralty & Corporate Litigation/Arbitration

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Company Name: Richard AKINJIDE, SAN & Co. (Legal Practitioners & Specialist in Oil & Gas Law) // Period: May 2008 – March 2011

Address: 6, Broad Street, 4th Floor, NCR Building, Lagos Island, Lagos

Position: Associate: Corporate & Litigation Department

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Company Name: ATROLINKS NIGERIA LTD (sub-division of Atrolinks Texas, US)

Period: October 2001 – May 2006

Address: 2/14 Chime Avenue, New Haven, Enugu.

Position: Business Development Officer (BDO)

INDICATIVE WORK EXPERIENCE/ ACHIEVEMENTS

I have acted as counsel in domestic and international arbitration proceedings under the rules of various arbitral institutions. Some of my experience as counsel include the following:-

- Counsel to Shell in the SPDC v. Pere Ajuwa Case from the High Court to the Supreme Court
- Counsel to Mobil, Seplat, Oando in several on-going litigations at the Federal High Court and Court of Appeal
- Counsel to a major multinational telecommunications company in an arbitration proceeding in a dispute relating to an alleged breach of a Hospitality Services Agreement.
- Counsel to Huawei Technologies, a multinational software/hardware company in enforcement proceedings brought in Nigeria against a local company in Nigeria in respect of an LCIA Arbitral Award.

- Acted as local advising Counsel to a major multinational oil and gas servicing company in an arbitration proceeding in a dispute relating to recovery of unpaid fees under a Joint Bidding Agreement in the downstream oil and gas sector. My role included advising on all areas of Nigerian law in the arbitration proceedings. The Dispute involved sums in excess of USD5, 000,000 (Five Million United States Dollars).
- Acted as Counsel in an arbitration involving a dispute over an oil drilling contract between two indigenous oil and gas companies which led to an arbitral award in excess of USD10,000,000 (Ten Million United States Dollars). Representing the client in enforcement of the arbitral award in Nigeria.
- Represented BOA OCV AS (a Norwegian Company) in Enforcement proceedings in respect of a \$1,403,113.27 (One Million Four Hundred and Three Thousand One Hundred and Thirteen United States Dollars, Twenty-Seven Cents) a foreign award against a FODE & EMAS Joint Venture Company.
- Represented a foremost multinational telecommunications company in arbitration over a dispute between it and a local contractor for the provision of infrastructure at its business office. The arbitration was concluded on terms that were largely favourable to my client.
- Counsel to Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON) in several debt recoveries.
- Represented a multinational telecommunications company in arbitration relating to a dispute over unpaid invoices in respect of several multi-million Naira lease agreements.

EMPLOYMENT RELATED WORK AND LITIGATION

- Advising several oil and gas companies on several complex oil and gas agreements including but not limited to Joint production sharing contracts, joint venture agreements and renewable energy projects.
- Advising clients on pre-requisites for setting up of shipping companies in Nigeria such as the required share capital and shareholding, viable structures, necessary registrations and so on.
- Processing required statutory registrations and licenses on behalf of clients.
- Providing advisory services on statutory compliance with respect to relevant shipping regulations on local content especially the Coastal and Inland Shipping (Cabotage) Act 2003.
- Advising clients on viable structures for operations within Nigeria's Maritime Industry
- Processing and obtaining necessary waivers, licenses and registrations for operations within Nigeria's cabotage area on behalf of clients.
- Liaising with government agencies particularly the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) and the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) on behalf of clients.
- Representing major shipping lines, ship owners and P&I Clubs before Nigerian courts in diverse maritime/admiralty proceedings such as cargo claims, charter party and bill of lading disputes, collision cases, contentious port dues/charges and so on.
- Act as solicitor to major container terminal operators and handles contentious litigation arising from port operation, contentious port dues, cargo claims and stevedoring liability amongst others.
- Represented leading oil and gas multinationals on local and international arbitration.

- Represented several ship-owners and operators in suits against the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) in challenge of the validity of certain dues and charges being imposed by the NPA on vessels.
- Acted and currently acting for ship owners and financiers alike in ship finance transactions and perfecting mortgages on vessels. The group works closely with major financial institutions in negotiating and perfecting vessel finance and acquisition.
- Team member in the successfully challenged application of the Coastal and Inland Shipping (Cabotage) Act by NIMASA to drilling rigs and operations on behalf of a major offshore drilling company at the Federal High Court.
- Team member that advised a leading international offshore service company in respect of third party claims and limitation of liability arising from an offshore casualty incident involving a tug boat and an oil tanker in the Escravos region offshore Nigeria.
- The Group is currently representing one of the biggest dredging companies in the world in a N3.7 billion action against it seeking to discontinue its dredging work in Eko Atlantic City, Lagos, Nigeria.
- We advised and represented a multinational offshore service company in transaction for acquisition of two fast crewing boats worth over EUR17million.
- Advised and represented a reputable P&I Club in a suit against one of its member's vessel for liability arising from arising from time charter party.

PROFESSIONAL (INCLUDING BAR ASSOCIATION), BOARD, PRO BONO, COMMUNITY AND/OR CIVIC GROUP ACTIVITIES

- Co-opted Member of the Executive Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association (Lagos Branch) 2016-2018
- Served in Law Week Committees, Dinner Committees and several other committees of the Nigerian Bar Association (Lagos Branch).
- Board member of the Sickle Cell Advocacy Initiative where I also teach members and business owners about the legal aspects of their businesses.
- Active participant in the initiative by a multi-national conglomerate and the Chief Judge of Lagos State to strengthen the rule of Law in Nigeria and to develop Lagos State into a regional mediation hub and the creation of a Mediation Centre for Lagos State.
- Deeply involved in the Lagos State Ministry of Justice Pro-Bono services scheme for indigent persons.
- Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Club International and Member, Rotary Club International, Ikoyi Metro.

HOBBIES:

Reading, traveling and playing badminton.

REFEREES

1. **Dr Olisa Agbakoba, SAN**
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34 Creek Road, Apapa
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2. **Mrs. Funke Agbor, SAN**
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Lagos Island, Lagos.