



UCHENNA OGUNEDO AKINGBADE

LEGAL PRACTITIONER | DISPUTE RESOLUTION SPECIALIST | PARTNER

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TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Legal advisory
- Litigation
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Legal Research
- Document Drafting
- Company Secretarial Services
- Contract Drafting
- Regulatory Compliance
- Project Management

SOFT SKILLS

- Negotiation
- Advanced Interpersonal Skills
- Crisis management
- Client Relationship Management
- Community Engagement
- Stakeholder Interface
- Board Governance
- Philanthropy Coordination
- Event Planning
- Networking
- Administrative Efficiency
- Policy Development
- Public Speaking
- Cultural Sensitivity

SOFT SKILLS

- Team collaboration
- Adaptability
- Emotional intelligence
- Resilience
- Empathy
- Conflict resolution
- Networking
- Cultural awareness
- Attention to detail
- Customer service orientation
- Accountability
- Initiative
- Professionalism
- Empowerment

TERTIARY EDUCATION

University of Birmingham LL.M (Master of Law) General 2013-2014

Nigerian Law School BL (Barrister of Law) 2010-2011

University of Jos LL. B (Bachelor of Laws) 2005-2010

Lagos Business School (MAP) 2024

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Driven and adaptable Legal Practitioner with a wealth of experience in dispute resolution, family, criminal commercial and real estate law, and also project management. Adept at navigating complex legal landscapes and providing strategic counsel to clients across diverse sectors. Skilled in negotiation, mediation, arbitration and litigation, with a proven track record of securing favourable outcomes. Possesses strong leadership and management abilities honed through various leadership positions and volunteer roles. Eager to leverage expertise in legal practice and other skills to excel in any other role I currently or may occupy in future.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Orchestrated the merger of Distinguished Legal Practitioners & Sunesis Legal Practitioners to form Sunesis DLP, demonstrating strategic leadership and negotiation skills.
- ◆ Successfully resolved high-stakes criminal and civil cases, including securing the discharge of numerous defendants and facilitating settlements in disputes, showcasing expertise in dispute resolution.
- ◆ Led the turnkey build of over 100 telecommunication sites across Nigeria, managing diverse teams and ensuring compliance with regulatory standards, highlighting project management prowess.
- ◆ Currently the Liaison Officer to the In-house & Government Counsel Forum of NBA Lagos, this role highlights essential people management, planning and coordination skills.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Partner

Sunesis DLP

01/2024 - PRESENT

Management & Administration:

- Spearheaded the successful merger of legal firms, showcasing leadership and negotiation skills critical organizational leadership roles. Implemented streamlined procedures for case management, demonstrating organizational abilities.

Dispute Resolution:

- Achieved favourable outcomes in complex litigation cases through strategic negotiation and effective advocacy.
- Mediated settlements in contentious disputes, emphasizing diplomatic skills essential for fostering cooperation and consensus as a representative or leader within legal communities.
- Currently representing clients in high-stakes criminal defence cases and civil suits, demonstrating a commitment to justice and legal excellence.

Legal Advisory & Documentation:

- Provided expert counsel on business transactions and legal rights, ensuring compliance and minimizing risks, skills.
- Drafted meticulous legal documents, safeguarding client interests and rights.

Principal Partner

Distinguished Legal practitioners (DLP)

01/2017 - 01/2024

Strategic Advocacy and Dispute Resolution:

- Strategically secured the discharge of numerous defendants in various criminal cases, demonstrating a commitment to fair and just outcomes.
- Facilitated favourable terms of settlement for clients in labour and other commercial disputes before superior Courts in Nigeria.

Transactional Advisory Expertise:

- Advised clients on multimillion-dollar Equity-Linked Note Issuance Programs and secured financing for major development projects, exemplifying financial acumen and transactional expertise.
- Provided counsel on significant financial transactions, including the issuance of senior secured short-term fixed-rate notes, demonstrating a capacity to navigate complex legal landscapes.

Legal Representation:

- Represented clients in high-stakes criminal defence cases and civil suits, demonstrating a commitment to justice and legal excellence.

Secretary

Martin & Monica Foundation

12/2016 - PRESENT

Legal Advisory and Governance Support:

- Provided expert legal advice and guidance to the board, ensuring compliance with legal regulations and ethical standards.
- Organized and attended board meetings, facilitating effective governance and decision-making processes, showcasing vital administrative skills.

Stakeholder Interface and Community Engagement:

- Interfaced with government and corporate organizations on behalf of the foundation, fostering partnerships, advocating for philanthropic endeavours and securing funding for furnishing of schools in rural Imo State., demonstrating networking abilities.

MEMBERSHIPS

- *Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)*
- *Notary Public of Nigeria*
- *NBA Women's Forum*
- *NBA Section on Business Law*
- *Federacion Internacional De Abogadadas (International Federation of Women Lawyers)*
- *NBA Women Forum*
- *AWLA*
- *Otu Oka Iwu*
- *National Association of Catholic Lawyers*
- *CLASFON*

CERTIFICATIONS

Accelerated Membership Programme
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb)

Mediation skills training programme of the Lagos Multi-Door Courthouse
LMDC Accredited Mediator

Dispute Resolution Associated Ltd
Certificate of Training and Proficiency in Dispute Resolution

Associate Membership Training
BRIPAN

VOLUNTEER/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Executive Committee NBA Lagos Branch
2023-2025

Chairman Atlantic Garden's Estate, Lekki 2019 - 2022

Welfare Committee First Mews Estate, Lekki 1
2023 - date

Management team member, Bread of Life Bakery, Kirikiri Maximum Correctional Centre

National Youth Service Corps Community Development Group Leader
2012

Moot Leader at Nigerian Law School
2020

Peoples' Chambers, Faculty of Law, University of Jos Vice President
2009

Strategic Business Development & Compliance Oversight:

- Spearheaded business development initiatives at Atlantic Offshore Energy Ltd, fostering client relationships and driving growth opportunities.
- Interfaced with clients and business financiers, demonstrating effective communication and negotiation skills essential for representing legal interests and advocating for organizational goals.
- Ensured compliance with internal and client-set standards, showcasing meticulous attention to detail and regulatory awareness necessary for navigating legal complexities.
- Managed turnkey telecommunications site build projects, leading multidisciplinary teams to successful outcomes, illustrating project management expertise valuable for overseeing legal affairs and initiatives.

Strategic Legal Counsel and Regulatory Compliance:

- Provided comprehensive legal advice and guidance at Atlantic Offshore Energy Ltd, ensuring regulatory compliance and mitigating legal risks, skills essential for representing ICC YAAF and overseeing legal matters generally. Conducted negotiation and mediation, fostering collaborative resolutions in contractual disputes, showcasing diplomatic skills vital for promoting ICC YAAF initiatives and resolving conflicts.

Operational Leadership Property Management and Decision-Making:

- Established and implemented operational systems and structures at Atlantic Offshore Energy Ltd, demonstrating organizational leadership.
- Played an integral role in the company's decision-making process, highlighting strategic thinking and business acumen valuable for guiding legal strategy and policies.
- Managed a vast portfolio of telecommunications mast lessors nationwide, showcasing effective people and property management skills.

Associate

Adetunji, Shoyoye & Associates, Lagos, Nigeria

10/2015 - 12/2016

Litigation and Legal Advocacy:

- Defended clients facing significant charges, including money laundering and unlawful dealing in petroleum products, showcasing courtroom advocacy skills essential for representing legal interests and upholding justice.
- Handled appellate briefs, demonstrating legal research and writing abilities.

Crisis Management and Alternative Dispute Resolution:

- Managed crisis situations with tact and efficiency, resolving legal disputes through alternative methods such as mediation and arbitration, illustrating conflict resolution skills.
- Advised clients on maritime matters, showcasing expertise in specialized legal areas.

Legal Advisory and Document Drafting:

- Provided comprehensive legal advice and drafted legal documents for clients, including contracts and agreements, highlighting expertise in legal analysis and documentation.
- Offered company secretarial services and managed property matters, demonstrating versatility and multitasking abilities necessary for managing diverse responsibilities within legal and administrative domains.

Associate

Akuma & Akumas formerly Chief Solo Akuma (SAN) & Associates, Abuja, Nigeria

01/2012 - 09/2013

Litigation and Legal Representation:

- Played a pivotal role in high-profile litigation cases, including representing prominent figures such as the Pro-chancellor of Federal College of Agriculture Ibadan, showcasing courtroom advocacy skills.
- Successfully defended clients in significant legal matters, including election tribunals and high-value financial disputes, demonstrating legal expertise and strategic thinking.

Alternative Dispute Resolution and Legal Advisory:

- Engaged in alternative dispute resolution methods, facilitating amicable resolutions in contentious legal matters, illustrating conflict resolution skills that foster peaceful settlements.
- Provided comprehensive legal advice and drafted legal documents for clients, including contracts and agreements, highlighting expertise in legal analysis and documentation essential for overseeing legal affairs.

Debt Recovery and Financial Litigation:

- Handled numerous debt recovery proceedings for clients, demonstrating diligence and tenacity in securing financial interests, skills valuable for promoting financial integrity and upholding relevant legal standards.
- Represented clients in complex financial litigation cases, including charges of cheque kiting, showcasing expertise in financial law and regulatory compliance.

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request.