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## **Manifesto of Michael Ikechukwu Igwebuike**

### **Candidate for Provost, NBA Lagos Branch**

#### **Learned Silks, Learned Seniors, and Esteemed Colleagues,**

With great humility and a deep sense of duty, I offer myself to serve as Provost of the Nigerian Bar Association, Lagos Branch-a position that demands integrity, moral leadership, and unwavering dedication to the values that bind us as legal professionals.

Our Branch, known for its prestige and legacy, stands as a beacon within the legal profession; reason we are known as the 'Premier Bar'. It deserves leadership that is disciplined, principled, and people-centered. I seek this office not for prestige or popularity, but for purposeful service.

#### **Why I Am Running**

The position of Provost is not one for clout-chasing, showmanship, or hollow accolades. It is not for charlatans or praise singers. Rather, it is a solemn office-a symbol of morality, structure, and professional discipline.

At the Nigerian Law School, we were trained on the 3Cs: to be Calm, Cool, and Calculated. These values reflect the composure, responsibility, and clarity required of every lawyer. Alongside academic excellence, we were also trained in character traits that must never be abandoned.

If given the honour to serve, I will ensure that young and aspiring lawyers are properly mentored in these core values. For our Learned Silks and senior colleagues, I will respectfully engage and remind us all-myself included-of the oath we swore and the high calling of our noble profession. Together, we will restore and uphold the glory of the legal profession, with dignity and moral clarity.

## **My Commitments to the NBA Lagos Branch**

### **1. To Promote Order and Dignity**

I will ensure that all meetings and events are conducted with the decorum and professionalism befitting our Branch.

### **2. To Uphold Disciplinary Standards**

I will fairly and firmly uphold the disciplinary code of our association, treating all members with respect and impartiality.

### **3. To Foster Mentorship for the Young Bar**

I will initiate and strengthen mentorship programs that guide young lawyers in both legal competence and ethical comportment.

### **4. To Bridge the Generational Divide**

I will promote understanding and mutual respect between senior members of the Bar and younger colleagues.

## **5. To Be Accessible and Engaged**

I will remain visible, approachable, and involved in the day-to-day life of our Branch-not just in title but in action.

## **6. To Promote Ethical Conduct**

I will champion the highest standards of conduct and speech among our members, both within and outside the courtroom.

## **7. To Support Transparency in All Our Proceedings**

I will actively promote transparency and accountability in all affairs of the NBA Lagos Branch, ensuring that processes and decisions are clear, inclusive, and grounded in integrity-bounded in orderliness within the Branch.

## **8. To Preserve Institutional Memory**

I will help sustain the legacy and values of the Lagos Branch through the preservation of decisions, records, and best practices.

## **9. To Encourage Constructive Dialogue**

I will foster an environment of respectful engagement, where diverse opinions can be heard and considered in unity.

## **10. To Uphold the Prestige of the Profession**

I will serve as a moral compass, encouraging all members to live up to the ideals of justice, service, and excellence.

## **Rooted in Service and Guided by Higher Values**

I stand prepared to be a pillar of mentorship, moral courage, and institutional stability.

Let us restore the noble traditions of our Branch and renew the honour of the legal profession. The NBA Lagos Branch must continue to lead not only in size but in character, purpose, and legacy.

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