

# INTRODUCTION

My name is **OGECHI OLISA-MOKELU** and I wish to declare my intention to serve in the capacity of Treasurer of the Premier Bar. This is borne out of my desire to serve in higher capacity, having served in committees and sub strata levels in my years of active membership and service to the branch.

My sojourn in service in my 20 years post call experience, has spanned through public service, telecommunications and the private practice. I am currently the Principal Partner of Eagles Height Attorneys.

I have been an active member of the premier bar and have demonstrated a steadfast commitment to serving the Bar in various capacities. I have had the privilege of serving in numerous committees which include but not limited to:

## 2024 TILL DATE

NBA - SBL LAW
PRACTICE MANAGEMENT
SUB-COMMITTEE
(PUBLICITY TEAM LEAD)

#### 2024

NBA LAGOS WELFARE DAY PLANNING COMMITTEE

## 2022/2023

NBA LAW WEEK
PLANNING COMMITTEE
(ALTERNATE CHAIR,
SOCIAL & ENTERTAINMENT
SUB-COMMITTEE)

## 2024 TILL DATE

FIDA EPE GENERAL SECRETARY

#### **OTHERS**

ANGLICAN CHURCH
OF THE PENINSULA
(ANCOPEN)
FINANCIAL SECRETARY,
MOTHER'S UNION

#### 2024/2025

NBA LAGOS LAW WEEK
PLANNING COMMITTEE
(TEAM LEAD, ELDERS NIGHT
& ADVOCACY WALK)

# 2023/2024

DINNER COMMITTEE (CHAIR, AWARDS & EDITORIAL SUB-COMMITTEE)

# 2024

NBA - AGC LOC MEMBER & CO-CHAIR, HEALTH WALK PLANNING COMMITTEE

#### 2023

NBA - AGC LAGOS PARTY PLANNING COMMITTEE

## 2020 - 2021

NBA LAGOS INDEPENDENT OBSERVER (END SARS JUDICIAL PANEL OF INQUIRY)

## 2023/2024

FIDA EPE LAW WEEK (Member)

## 2022; 2023

FIDA EPE PRO; ASSISTANT PRO I am an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) and a member of the Business Recovery and Insolvency Practitioners Association of Nigeria. I have attended various leadership trainings as well as local and international conferences.

Distinguished seniors and colleagues, I believe that the experience that I have acquired from Law Practice and as a Volunteer in Community Relations has adequately prepared me as fit to serve as Treasurer of our dear Branch.

While I acknowledge that the duties of the Treasurer are well defined in the Uniform Byelaws for Branches as Amended in 2021, it is my desire to carry out the duties and adhere strictly to the constitutional provisions as stated in Section 7 (5) (a) to (i) which states that the Treasurer.

- 1. Shall promptly pay all monies collected from members of the branch or from any person or body to the Branch's Bankers.
- 2. Shall keep, in safe custody the bank teller, cheque book, and all other documents relating to the Branch's Banker's accounts and maintain an accurate and up to date statement of all monies received or paid out, and the authorization of such payments.
- 3. Shall prepare and cause to be prepared, the annual budget of the branch for consideration by the Branch Executive Committee and subsequent approval by the Branch in a General Meeting.
- 4. Shall carry out any decision or directive of the Annual General Meeting, Branch Executive Committee and the general meeting in matters relating to the budget or finance of the branch.

- 5. Shall prepare or cause to be prepared and circulate to every member of the branch at or before every Annual General Meeting, the Audited Statement of Account as at the 31st of May preceding such Annual General Meeting.
- 6. Shall periodically prepare or cause to be prepared the Management/ Financial Accounts of the Branch as required by the Branch Executive or the Annual General Meeting.
- 7. Shall invest the funds of the Branch in such securities as may be approved by the Branch Executive Committee and/or the General Meeting.
- 8. Shall be a signatory to all bank account of the Branch.
- 9. Shall liaise with external auditors for the audit of the Accounts of the Branch.

If I am privileged to secure your mandate to serve as the Branch Treasurer, I will commit to the following vision that will ensure a seamless process in the operations of the finances of our Branch in a transparent manner.



# **VISION & MANIFESTO**

# The interest of the premier bar at large is my mandate

As a dedicated and articulate individual, my vision for the Premier Bar includes:

- Promoting transparency through regular financial updates and audits to foster integrity and build confidence among members.
- Effective budgeting and financial management.
- Sponsorship and Growth: Developing strategies to engage new sponsors while maintaining existing relationships with a view to increasing revenue and opportunities.
- Financial education programs for lawyers.
- Access to financial resources and investment opportunities, both for the Branch as an entity, and the individual members.

If elected as the Treasurer of the Branch, I will ensure that the funds of the Branch are managed judiciously in order to generate maximum returns while maintaining the standard operating procedures as laid down by my predecessors. I will also put measures in place to see that members' requests are promptly attended to.

#### CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, I hope that my ability to serve as Treasurer of the Premier Bar has been fully established.

The core values of a good treasurer in addition to financial and accountability skills are as follows: diligence, accountability, fiscal responsibility, integrity, critical financial management and a commitment to the Association's financial status.

I, **OGECHI OLISA-MOKELU** wish to officially declare my intention to run for the position of Treasurer of our dear Premier Bar. I do hope that my manifesto explains why I would be a great addition to the Elected Executives of the Branch.

I am confident in my ability to serve as a capable Treasurer of the premier bar and I humbly solicit your votes in this regard. I look forward to working to build a brighter future for the Premier Bar.

A vote for OGECHI OLISA-MOKELU is a vote for ACCOUNTABILITY, DYNAMISM, CAPACITY, TRANSPARENCY, GROWTH, COMMITMENT AND COLLABORATION.

Thank you.