

INTRODUCTION

The Office of the Social Secretary, established under the NBA Uniform Bye-Laws for various branches, was created to promote social interaction and mutual support among members. It is with great honor and a deep sense of responsibility that I present myself, RITA OGBENYEALU NWOKOCHA, to the esteemed members of the NBA Lagos Branch (the Premier Bar) as a candidate eminently qualified to assume this role.

I currently work as an in-house counsel at Bosmak Properties Limited, a front-line company in the real estate and construction sector in Nigeria, with vast experience in real estate practice, commercial and investment advisory, and over four years' expertise as a Human Resource Practitioner, I bring an exceptional understanding of personnel and event management to the table.

I am a well-known natural social convener within the corporate environment, organizations and the NBA. I have served at the branch and national levels of the NBA, consistently demonstrating an impeccable ability to organize impactful social events. My proven track record and sterling reputation speak for themselves.

MESSAGE TO MEMBERS

Distinguished Learned Silks, Senior Colleagues, Esteemed Colleagues, and My Learned Friends,

This Manifesto outlines a carefully considered blueprint for the effective discharge of my duties as outlined in the NBA Uniform Bye-Laws. If given the privilege to serve, I am committed to deploying my skills and passion to revitalize and enhance the social life of our members, creating a vibrant, engaging, and inclusive environment that fosters lasting connections.





S - Service

O - Organization

C - Communication

I - Inclusivity

A - Accountability

L - Liveliness

VISION

To build a vibrant, inclusive community where lawyers can connect, network, and enjoy meaningful social interactions.

MISSION

To thoughtfully plan and execute engaging events, promote vibrant social activities, and create opportunities for building relationships—prioritizing members' social interests and well-being at every step.

POLICY FOCUS

My campaign is centered on fostering community, creating lasting memories, and recognizing the essential balance between professional commitments and social life. Through curated social programs, we can enrich our collective experience and cultivate a more connected, vibrant, and supportive NBA Lagos Branch.

CAMPAIGN SLOGAN

#TheSocialConvener –
Connecting People and Creating
Memories; One Event at a Time.

O 1 PROMOTING SOCIAL LIFE WITHIN THE LEGAL COMMUNITY

As busy professionals, maintaining a work-life balance often proves challenging. If elected, I intend to foster a stronger sense of community by:

- Partnering with well-known entertainment hubs, relaxation centers, and event venues to secure exclusive discounts and benefits for members, encouraging healthier lifestyles and vibrant social engagement.
- Organizing periodic events such as karaoke nights, drama/movie screenings, picnics, and excursions, offering members the chance to unwind over good food, great conversations, and lively entertainment.

These activities will not only help members de-stress after demanding schedules but also foster meaningful relationships beyond the courtrooms, regulatory offices, enforcement agencies, boardrooms, corporate find-attached lifestyles; thereby strengthening camaraderie and promoting a healthier work-life balance.



12 PROMOTING INCLUSIVITY AND DIVERSITY

I aim to create an environment where every member feels empowered to contribute, thrive, and reach their full potential without fear or bias. Through carefully curated programs, members will be encouraged to share diverse perspectives on various aspects of life, fostering understanding, inclusion, and respect.

Activities will be designed to cater to the unique interests and backgrounds of all members, ensuring broad participation and representation.

ORGANIZING NETWORKING EVENTS AND SPORTS & RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

I. Networking Events:

Networking remains a cornerstone of any thriving association. I will champion and create avenues for:

- Evening cocktail mixers to encourage relaxed professional interactions.
- ◆ Law firms, corporate organizations and companies hosted round-table discussions to strengthen camaraderie between lawyers.

I will also actively pursue sponsorship to support these events.

II. Sports and Recreational Activities:

Building on the success of the inaugural Premier Bar Football League, I will:

- Collaborate with the Sports and Recreational Committee to expand the League, boosting participation among both male and female members and law firms.
- ◆ Introduce additional sports such as chess, table tennis, FIFA gaming competitions, and scrabble, particularly during Law Weeks.

I will ensure that NBA Lagos teams receive the support they need for successful outings at national events, making sporting engagement a celebrated part of our Branch culture.

04 ENHANCING MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

I. As Social Secretary, I will champion inclusive and responsive communication by creating dedicated channels, such as a branch-specific email and WhatsApp line through which members can share social ideas, suggest events, and provide feedback on social events organized by the social secretary's team.

II. By being actively present at all social functions and approachable during events, I will ensure that every member feels seen, heard, and involved. My goal is to foster a warm, connected community where social events reflect the diverse interests and voices of our members.

BRANCH MEETINGS, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AND COMMITTEE SUPPORT

I. NBA Lagos Branch Meetings:

Building on the excellent work of the current Social Secretary, I will:

- ◆ Continue to provide top-quality refreshments and prioritize members' welfare at branch's monthly meetings and other events.
- ◆ Explore creative enhancements to make branch meetings more engaging and rewarding.

II. Collaboration with the Executive Council:

Recognizing the importance of collaboration, I will work closely with elected officers—including the Welfare and Publicity Secretaries—to:

- ◆ Amplify our social media presence.
- ◆ Introduce fun, interactive programs such as quizzes and games to boost online engagement.

III. Collaboration with Committees:

I will support all major social initiatives by:

- Assisting in event planning and execution.
- ◆ Coordinating member attendance and feedback collection.
- ◆ Maintaining event participation records to better understand member interests.
- Securing sponsorship to manage costs and ensure the sustainability of our activities.

CONCLUSION

As Social Secretary, I am dedicated to rejuvenating the social life of our branch with well-organized events, vibrant activities, and a culture of support and community.

With your support, we can harness the power of social engagement to strengthen our professional network and build a stronger, more united NBA Lagos Branch.

Together, we can achieve great things.

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