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Education

Primary: Various Corona Schools, Lagos (1963-70)
Secondary: Igbobi College, Lagos (1971-77)
University: Magdalen College, Oxford (1977-80, 1982-86); Merton College, Oxford (1986-89)
Vocational: The Nigerian Law School (1980-81)

Career

Academia: Junior Research Fellow of Merton College, Oxford University (1986-89)
Junior Dean of Merton College, Oxford University (1988-89)

Private Practice: Associate at Craventh, Swaine & Moore, a New York Law Firm (1989-93)
Counsel at Kehinde Sofola (SAN) & Co, a Lagos Law Firm (1993-1994)
Presiding Partner at G. Elias & Co., a Lagos Law Firm (1994-)

Current Position

Presiding Partner at G. Elias & Co., a Lagos law firm (1994-)

Professional Memberships

Member, Nigerian Bar Association
Member, Chartered Institute Of Taxation
Member, Chartered Institute Of Arbitrators

Specialisations

Mergers and acquisitions, capital markets, oil and gas law, litigation and arbitration.
Joint Ventures, Cooperation
Real Estate
Sales, Purchases
Art Law
Other: Drilling & Well Service Contracts

Arbitration Experience

1. Interim Court Relief Sought After Notice Of Arbitration Had Been Given

- 1.1 CAT Construction v UACP (Construction)
- 1.2 Dana Services Ltd. v VF Worldwide (Visa Services)
- 1.3 Afribank v Intangis (Capital Markets; Mergers And Acquisitions)

2. Settled Before Trial

- 2.1 Omotayo v UACP (real estate)
- 2.2 Addax v IGI (oil and gas; insurance)
- 2.3 PineBridge & ECP V ICB (LCIA) (capital markets; private equity)
- 2.4 FBN v Progeny Venture Inc. (banking)

3. Trial On-Going

- 3.1 DDB Lagos v Oceanic Bank (advertising)
- 3.2 Surphurtel Ltd. v First Bank Of Nigeria Plc (banking)

4. Trial Concluded

- 4.1 MTN v Seed Media Ltd. (advertising)
- 4.2 Lutin v NNPC (oil and gas; shipping -- perhaps the largest arbitration award ever in Nigeria at USD211mm)

5. International Commercial Arbitration

- 5.1 FBN v Progeny Ventures Inc. (Paris ICC) (banking)
- 5.2 Lutin v NNPC (oil and gas; shipping -- perhaps the largest arbitration award ever in Nigeria at USD211mm)
- 5.3 PineBridge and ECP v Intercontinental Bank Ltd. (LCIA) (capital market; private equity)
- 5.4 Afribank v Intangis (Paris ICC) (capital markets; mergers and acquisitions)

Publications

Books: Explaining Constructive Trusts, Oxford University Press (1990)

Papers :

Restitution and Property (1985); The Composition Of Arbitral Tribunals (1995); Decongesting the Federal Appellate Courts (1995); The Law and Foreign Portfolio Investment In Nigerian Initial Public Offerings (1996); Foreign Oil Companies and the NIPC Decree (1997); Insurance Regulation After 1996: A Critique (1997); Export Finance: Documentary Tax Problems (1998); Reparation For Needless Ship Arrests (1999); The 1999 Federal High Court Rules and the Admiralty Rules (2000); Admiralty Jurisdiction: Some Notes On Ships And Ports (2000); The Draft Electricity Sector Reform Act, Part II – A Critique (2002); Legal and Regulatory Framework for a National Depository in Nigeria (2002); The Nigerian Ports Authority Act: Issues and Problems (2002); Electronic Bills of Lading: Two Evidential Points (2002); The Telephony Regulator's "Exclusive Competence" (2003); "The Cabotage Act: Issues and Problems" (2004); "The ISA 2007: Two Merger Problems" (2008); "Company Mergers and Land Transfer Taxes" (2010); The New Lagos State Arbitration Regime- A response to Dr. Olatawura's Critique (2014)

Languages

English
Yoruba