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## ABOUT THE FIRM

**DUKE LICIT ADVOCATES** started off as a sole proprietorship in 2004 and was thereafter registered in Lagos, the commercial nerve center of Nigeria, in 2006 as a partnership.

It has since earned itself a reputation for providing sophisticated advice and is regarded as one of the fastest growing firms in Lagos and its environs.

The opening of offices in Lagos (the hub of most commercial activities both locally and internationally) and a willingness to travel to any location that clients' needs dictate mean that the firm continues to deliver the same efficient service it has done in the past 10 years.

The firm is comprised of two partners and six other lawyers. It adopts a partner-led team approach when acting for clients, with a designated partner assembling a team with the requisite skills to serve the individual client's needs by providing tailor made advice and solutions.

Corporate Clients include; Nigerian Airspace Management Agency, Duncan Lewis & Co Solicitors (UK), Heritage Bank Ltd, Keystone Bank Ltd, Wonder Wheels Automobiles Ltd, Briareus Nigeria Ltd, Zenith Bank Nigeria Plc., Candix Engineering Nigeria Limited, Topbrass Aviation Nigeria Limited, Total Nigeria, African Prudential Registrars Nigeria Plc, Geotechnique International Oil and Gas Ltd and Trustfund Pensions Plc Ltd Amongst others.

## PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

### LITIGATION AND ARBITRATION

Opinions and advice we have rendered over the years have been vindicated time and time again in the appellate courts.

Despite our prowess in this area however, we always strive to achieve a commercially favourable out-of-court settlement where same is viable.

Our list of clientele is diverse and includes multinational companies, government parastatals and high net worth individuals.

### ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES

The firm has established itself as a reliable player in oil and gas law and constantly provides legal consulting and advisory services on energy matters, joint ventures, tax implications, obtaining necessary consents for assignments of leases, negotiating and preparing gas and petroleum products, sales agreements and related contracts. We have been involved in farm-in and farm-out transactions and have also participated in the drafting of technical agreements including but not limited to farm-in agreements, financial and technical services agreements.

### CORPORATE, COMPANY AND COMMERCIAL LAWS

The firm advises on all aspects and phases of operations including the following:

- The choice, structure and registration of corporate entities;

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- Joint venture arrangements;
- Contract documentation;
- Procurement of finance; and
- Sales, acquisitions, reconstructions, mergers and dissolutions.

We have considerable experience in advising non-Nigerian entities proposing to do business in Nigeria on all aspects of their investment including obtainment of the requisite permits and licenses, taxation, repatriation of funds etc.

The firm's correspondence office in Abuja where all major investment, company registration and regulatory bodies are located ensures an excellent response-time as well as cost savings for clients.

## AVIATION

The firm advises on the financing and leasing of aircraft as well as on licensing and all other regulatory matters. It also regularly defends airlines in cargo and other claims.

In 2006, one of our partners acted for ADC Airlines Plc. in the negotiation of claims for the Air Mishap that occurred on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 on the ill-fated Aircraft conveying passengers from Abuja to Sokoto. It also determined the applicability of the Warsaw Convention as against the Montreal convention as to whether it had been domesticated in Nigeria at the time of the accident. Presently one of the partners of the firm is representing an aviation company against a leading oil company in a dispute arising out of an Aircraft Services Contract. One of our partners is also currently appearing in a matter at the Supreme Court representing an International Airline.

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The firm also has acted in conjunction with the biggest law firm in Africa ENS (Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs) AFRICA in a dispute involving the release of an aircraft that had been wrongfully detained by the M.R.A (MAINTANANCE REPAIR ORGANIZATION) in Cape Town South Africa.

## **BANKING AND FINANCE**

The firm regularly assists and advises banks and other financial institutions on a wide variety of issues including the preparation and perfection of legal documentation such as loan agreements (for both single and syndicated loans), securities sale and acquisition agreements, guarantees and debentures.

It often advises lenders on the adequacy of security and over the years has been instructed to recover debts for some major banks and financial institutions in the country. In debt recovery the firm has built a reputation for speedy recovery of debt a lot of times achieving results without going through the hog of litigation if need be concluding the matters summarily. Our aggressive approach to debt recovery has earned the firm enormous respect with our clients. In 2012, the firm recovered over one Billion naira for our clients.

## **INSURANCE AND REINSURANCE**

The firm has considerable experience in this area of the law.

Our expertise is widely acknowledged and accordingly we receive instructions from a number of leading insurance companies.

We have acted on behalf of a Client against Ingostrakh insurers/reinsurers at Lloyds in aviation claims and litigation.

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The firm advises businesses on how best to protect their ideas, concepts, operating plans, etc. It engages in patent and trademark services such as searches, filing, prosecution and opposition. It advises on commercial contracts that involve licensing, franchising, agency and distribution agreements and also prosecutes and defends infringement cases.

We are regularly instructed by international law firms and multinational companies to conduct searches and register trade marks, patents etc.

Our Managing Partner has represented DSC Publications Limited in a suit at the Federal High Court that had to do with passing off and infringement of its copy right for the popular publication Company and Allied Matters Act Law and Practice.

## PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE

The firm acts for clients in various types of property transactions.

It advises on the lease, sale and acquisition of properties, the obtaining of all necessary government consents and approvals and the negotiation and drafting of all incidental agreements and other transaction documentation.

It also conducts property litigation, compensation claims and land dispute settlements.

## EMPLOYMENT

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The firm has extensive experience in acting for both employers and employees on such matters as service contracts, redundancies, unfair dismissals, disciplinary and grievance procedures. Our managing partner has successfully litigated upon several matters up to our superior Courts involving wrongful termination of senior public servants by Government Agencies and Parastatals.

## FAMILY & PROBATE

The firm advises on various aspects of estate matters such as wills, succession and intestacies. It also deals with separation, divorce, property settlement, childcare and ward-ship. The firm has successfully handled numerous dissolution and judicial separation matters and more often than not has been able to convince parties on the need to reconcile before the determination of the matters before the Court.

Members of the firm are extremely professional in dealing with such confidential and sensitive matters.

## TAXATION/REVENUE DISPUTES

The firm has acquired for itself knowledge and experience in dealing with taxation/revenue disputes. Over the years we have been able to use the applicable laws in advising our Clients on their tax liabilities and when the need arises we have contested on the one hand in our Courts issues of double taxation meted out on our Clients, on the other hand we have also provided legal opinions on revenue generation through taxation as provided by our laws including taxation law practices in other jurisdictions.



## TRANSACTIONAL LAW

We provide legal advice to individuals and companies in connection with a broad variety of business transactions. Such transactions include business trusts, joint ventures or another entity, buying or selling a business by merger, sale of assets or otherwise, restructuring a business, by adding or removing principals, shareholders' contracts and other contracts among the principals of an entity, management contracts, consulting and employment and other types of business transaction which require thoughtful and sophisticated lawyers. We assist you in determining your needs, choosing the appropriate type of transaction, structuring the transaction, including considering tax and accounting aspects, preparing and negotiating contracts, complying with legal and regulatory requirements, and getting the transaction closed. We emphasize focusing on your needs and planning to achieve those needs, and addressing issues which may arise.

## OUR LAWYERS

Our firm is comprised of two partners;

The firm's Partners are:

\*Mr. Chukwudi Adiukwu AClarb (UK) - Managing Partner

\*Mr. Ezuomowe Feboke – Partner.

## MR CHUKWUDI ADIUKWU – MANAGING PARTNER

Chukwudi is a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria as well as a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) Nigerian Branch. He is

also a member of the International Bar Association (Business Law Section) and the Nigerian Bar Association.

He started his stint in practice with Segun Sipeolu and thereafter moved to the Law office of Deji Sasegbon Esq. SAN where he rose to the position of Head of Chambers. While in Deji Sasegbon (SAN) & CO he handled very sensitive matters to wit but not limited to, oil and gas disputes, maritime arbitration, election petition cases, high net worth corporate commercial transactions as well as a vast experience in law publications which earned him the position of Deputy Editor of DSC Publications Ltd. Publishers of Sasegbon's Laws of Nigeria (SLN) a reference book for law and practice in Nigeria in 30 Volumes, Companies and Allied Matters Act (Law and Practice) in 6 Volumes and Nigerian Supreme Court Cases (NSCC) in 38 Volumes.

Chukwudi has garnered for himself immense knowledge and experience in litigation practice and has handled matters in all the Superior Courts in Nigeria.

### **MR. EZUOMOWEI FEBOKE - PARTNER**

Mr. Feboke is a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria with a strong bias for practice in oil and gas.

He started his experience as a legal officer in Sea Petroleum and Gas Company Limited (a downstream petroleum company). From there, he decided to broaden his knowledge in the oil and gas sector (particularly upstream oil and gas) by joining Pena Group serving as Group Corporate Legal Counsel, covering subsidiaries such as Nigdel Oil, operators of oil bloc OPL 233. After his run at Pena Group, Mr. Feboke partnered as Legal Consultant with Geotechnique International Oil and Gas Consultants Limited where they have been involved in several farm-in transactions including farm-out of 47%

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participating interest in Ogedeh marginal field to a Canadian firm James Bay Resources Limited by Bicta Energy and Management Systems (operators of the Ogedeh marginal field).

He also serves as a Director at Water Angel Marine (Nig.) Ltd. (An oil and gas logistics and consultancy firm) advising on Legal and Business Development.

Mr. Feboke is very knowledgeable in the draft of technical agreements including but not limited to farm-in agreements, joint operating agreements, financial and technical services agreements to name a few.

## RESOURCES

The following at our disposal render our firm well equipped for practice at the cutting edge in the 21<sup>st</sup> century:

- A law library with a wide selection of local and foreign text books, law reports, statute books, precedents and journals.
- Highly experienced support staff, some of whom have been with the firm since inception.
- Excellent information technology and communication infrastructure for research and round-the-clock contact with local and international clients.
- Continuing education by way of attendance at local and international conferences and seminars.

**We look forward to working with you.**

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