

Onyedikachi Azubike

Corporate and Commercial Lawyer

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dynamic legal practitioner, versatile in the business of law. Over 6 years post-call experience across real estate, corporate, commercial, probate and taxation law; promoting compliance, managing and mitigating risks, creating effective strategies for addressing legal issues.

CONTACT

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SKILLS & COMPETENCES

- Legal Drafting
- Leadership skills
- Analytical skills
- Contract negotiation
- Effective communication
- Well versed in research
- Tech savvy
- Team management
- Microsoft office suite
- Conflict resolution skills
- Interpersonal & organizational skills
- Client relationship management

EDUCATION

- National Youth Service Corps: Discharge Certificate - (2016-2017)
- Nigerian Law School: B.L - (2015-2016)
- University of Benin: LLB. Hons. - (2011-2015)
- Luciana College. Senior School Certificate - (2002-2008)

CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSES

- Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN): Professional Student Member - In View
- Institute of Chartered Secretaries & Administrators of Nigeria (ICSAN): Student Member - In View
- Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC): Accredited Agent - 2020
- Nigerian Bar Association (NBA): Member - 2016

WORK EXPERIENCE

May 2023 - Present: Finnovo Services Ltd (Freelancer)

- Advise clients about tax liability and best practices
- Maintain Comprehensive tax records for audits
- Meet statutory deadlines to avoid penalties
- Research tax issues and assist with tax audits
- Formulate and evaluate tax reduction strategies within the bounds of the law
- Advise startups on industry specific compliance

January 2021 - April 2023: Matrix Homes and Properties Ltd (Legal Adviser)

- Provided legal advisory to clients within the company
- Conducted staff training on emerging legal issues
- Monitored and managed legal risk that could affect the company.
- Represented the company in purchase and sales of properties
- Carried out due diligence on properties prior to purchase
- Conducted search at the Land registry and perfected title documents
- Prepared papers and minutes of board meetings and committees
- Researched and anticipated legal issues that could impact the company
- Developed and reviewed company's policy and several legal documents
- Liaised with external solicitors on matters handled on behalf of the company
- Liaised with regulatory bodies and ensured compliance with statutes and regulations
- Managed company's litigation portfolio to ensure adequate protection of the company's interest

Key Achievements

- Awarded the 'Most Active Legal Adviser For The Year 2021'
- Led the review of company's policy to mitigate risk
- Processed and obtained a licence with Lagos Real Estate Regulatory Authority
- Undertook company's registration with Real Estate Developer's Association of Nigeria

June 2018 - December 2020: Lastinghills Law Chambers (Junior Associate)

- Rendered legal advice to clients
- Drafted legal opinion on a variety of issues
- Handled all probate and incorporation matters

- Contributed legal analysis on emerging issues
- Negotiated contract agreements and represented clients in court and business meetings
- Drafted and reviewed legal documents for contentious and non-contentious matters including wills, Power of Attorney, letters, Deed of Assignment and Contract of Sale.

June 2018 - December 2020: Lastinghills Property Development Ltd (Legal Officer)

- Conducted Land Searches and perfected title documents
- Reviewed transactions and carry out property inspection
- Oversaw property lease, sales, purchase and rental functions
- Prepared transfer documents and provided legal advice on property management.

May 2017 - November 2017 - C.R Femi Balogun & Co (Attorney)

- Prepared and filed court processes
- Conducted research on a wide range of topics
- Drafted Court processes and other legal documents
- Represented clients in both criminal and civil matters at the Court of Appeal, National Industrial Court, Federal High Court, State High Court and Magistrate Courts.

January 2017- April 2017 - Ministry of Justice, Akure, Ondo state (Legal Officer)

- Drafted legal opinions
- Represented the State Government on criminal matters
- Worked in the Department of Public Prosecution assisting senior legal officers

► **Referees:** Available on request.