# **TUNDE OGUNSAKIN & CO LEGAL PRACTITIONERS**

### "OUR PROFILE"

### Who we are:

TUNDE OGUNSAKIN & CO LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (The Firm) is a contemporary law firm with a multidisciplinary approach to the practice of law. The Firm is focused on providing world class legal services to diverse clients locally and internationally.

With well over a lustrum of individual and collective experience, our lawyers are often called upon to serve as resource persons in local and international seminars/conferences and advisers in the public and private sectors.

We have offices in cosmopolitan cities such as Abuja, Lagos, Port-Harcourt, Virginia in the United States of America and London in the United Kingdom.

As a team, we pride ourselves in providing bespoke legal services ranging from advocacy, legal consultancy, advice and support services to individuals, businesses, government and charitable organizations to get the understanding they require to succeed.

## **Vision & Values**

Our vision is focused on delivering impeccable legal services in line with globally recognized standards and procedures. We are highly result-oriented and focus primarily on quality and superior output and performance as well as demonstrate unwavering commitment to deliver on our promises to clients on agreed timelines.

# **Our Practice Areas and Legal Services**

At Tunde Ogunsakin & Co, the breadth of services available to our clients encompasses diverse array outlined as follows:

- Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Election Petition
- Corporate and Commercial Law
- Intellectual Property and Brand Protection
- Asset Tracing and Debt Recovery
- Public and Private International Law
- Business Advisory and Company Secretariat Services
- Mergers and Acquisition
- Maritime, Mining, and Energy Law

- Regulatory Compliance
- Banking and Finance
- Aviation Law
- Public Private Partnership and Infrastructure Development
- Employment and Labour

# Why Choose Us?

We at all times deploy all arsenals of our professional expertise and experience in delivering personalized and customized solutions to clients. We adopt practically innovative approach in handling legal issues, to wit:

- Our multi-disciplinary approach to resolving complex legal issues incorporates the peculiarity of each case in arriving at a solution.
- We pride ourselves on a unique corporate personality, underpinned by a high degree of client care and long-term relationship management and retainership.
- We are considerate in ensuring that we work within our client's budget to deliver top notch services without compromising standards and agreed timelines.
- Our in-debt understanding of the Nigerian legal system and internationally recognized standards in service delivery.
- Our well established infrastructure, library, active administrative support system.

## **OUR TEAM**

The firm's strength lies in an exclusive team of seasoned and experienced attorneys dedicated to achieving success for clients. Our team of highly motivated and result driven attorneys and consultants are grounded in their different areas of professional specialties.

They have advanced degrees and certifications from renowned institutions and have over the years acquired experience in their areas of expertise. At all times we bring all our experience and expertise to bare in helping clients resolve their legal concerns.

Our strength lies in teamwork and collaboration with each other to achieve our common objectives while also demonstrating mutual respect in our relationships with our colleagues and clients.

# DR. TUNDE OGUNSAKIN, AIG (Rtd.), Esq.

# **Principal Partner**

Dr. Tunde Ogunsakin is an intellectual who possesses an undisputed flair in Criminal Law, Corporate and Commercial Law, as well as Alternative Dispute Resolution. In addition to being a legal practitioner, he is a political scientist with illustrious experience of over three (3) decades under the Nigeria Police Force where he retired as an Assistant Inspector-General of Police.

His professionalism won admiration from the General Public when he took over from Mathew Mbu as Commissioner of Police, Rivers State where he diluted an already politically tensed environment by bridging the gaps between the various interest groups.

Prior to setting up the firm, he successfully led several team of investigators in notable criminal and financial crimes investigation and prosecution involving landmarks cases, including Asset Tracing for Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON) during his Service years particularly as Commissioner of Police, Rivers State Police Command and the Police Special Fraud Unit (S.F.U).

As a committed administrator and team leader, he has also steered notable facets of the Nigerian Police Force towards delivering on their mission. Some of the landmark cases and recoveries carried out by him include:

**1991-1992** Led investigations into \$20million fraudulent transfer from NEPA Accounts in London/USA to a Geneva Bank, funds were recovered, suspects apprehended and charged to court.

**1992** Led investigations into fraud on NIDB Accounts in Britain and Switzerland. Suspects were apprehended and charged to court.

**1992** Led investigations into Nigerian Re-insurance Corporation fraudulent transfer of funds from its accounts in London/France to Taiwan, Hong Kong. Funds recovered, suspects arrested and charged to court.

**1993** Led investigations into the kidnapping of a Briton, John Hillman by Nigerian fraudsters for a ransom of \$380,000. Victim was rescued, while suspects were apprehended and charged to court.

**1994** Worked with Canadian Police, mounted troops in unveiling visa racketeering syndicate specialized in forging of Egypt, Nigerian/Canadian visas in Nigeria. Culprits were apprehended and repatriated to China.

**1996** Led investigations into fraudulent transfer of US\$5million from Intercontinental Merchant Bank Ltd Account to Banks in Bahamas, Canada and USA. Total sum was recovered, while suspects were arrested and charged to court.

**2000** — **2001** Member, Federal Government Investigative Panel on Education Tax, N7.5billion was recovered and paid into CBN Accounts of FIRS.

**2003** Also led the investigations for the recovery of N650million MTEL funds.

Dr. Tunde Ogunsakin has impressive skills and experience in criminal investigation and financial intelligence; he has immensely contributed locally and internationally towards knowledge in these areas and more through his publications, lectures delivered, seminars and trainings hosted.

In brief, here are some of the positions he held while in Service with the Nigerian Police:

**2015** — **2016** Assistant Inspector-General of Police, The Nigeria Police, Zone 12 Command, Bauchi, Bauchi State.

**2015** — **2015** Assistant Inspector-General of Police, The Nigeria Police, Zone 6 Command, Calabar, Cross Rivers State.

**2014 - 2014** Commissioner of Police, The Nigeria Police, Rivers State Command, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

**2012** — **2014** Commissioner of Police, The Nigeria Police, Force Criminal Investigation Department, Police Special Fraud Unit (PSFU), Ikoyi — Lagos.

**2008** — **2009** Director of Operations, Economic and Financial Crimes Commissions (EFCC), Abuja, FCT.

**2007** — **2008** Head, Investigations, Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related offences Commission (ICPC), Abuja, FCT.

2005-2006 Officer i/c IGP Monitoring Unit, The Nigeria Police Headquarters, Abuja, FCT.

**2005** ACP Force Secretary, Police Force Headquarters, Abuja, FCT.

2004 ACP Provost Marshall, Police Force Headquarters, Abuja, FCT.

2002 — 2003 Officer i/c IGP Monitoring Unit, Police Force Headquarters, Abuja, FCT.

**2002** ACP i/c FCT Criminal Investigations Department (FCID) Abuja, FCT.

**2001** ACP i/c Criminal Investigations Department (SCID) Plateau State Command, Plateau — Jos.

1999 - 2000 ACP i/c INTERPOL, Federal Criminal Investigations Department, Abuja.

**1997 - 1998** Deputy Commander, Nigerian Contingent, United Nations Peace Keeping Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH).

- Team Leader, attached to IPTF Breza Serajevo Station
- Human Right Investigation Officer
- Deputy Station Commander
- Station Commander

**1993** — **1996** Officer-in-Charge, Europe/North America, Economic and Financial Crime Division, INTERPOL, Lagos.

**1989** — **1992** Officer-in-Charge, Organized Crimes Division INTERPOL, Lagos.

 Performed liaison duties with visiting INTERPOL officers (from Canada, Britain, Holland, France, Italy, ETC.) on Investigation in Nigeria.

1989 — 1992 Detective Superintendent, INTERPOL, Lagos.

# INTERPOL CONFERENCES/TRAININGS ATTENDED

- 1995 Member, Nigerian Delegation to the 63rd INTERPOL General Assembly, Rome, Italy
- 2000 Member, Nigerian Delegation to the 69th INTERPOL General Assembly, Athens, Greece.
- **2001** Member, World Summit on Fund derived from illicit activities, Monte Carlo, Monaco, France.
- **2002** Leader of Delegation, Computer Crimes Investigation, Seoul, South Korea.
- **2013** 31st International Symposium on Economic Crime, Jesus College, Cambridge University, London, United Kingdom.
- 2013 International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), Philadelphia, United States of America.
- **2014** 32nd International Symposium on Economic Crime, Jesus College, Cambridge University, London, United Kingdom.
- **2015** 33rd International Symposium on Economic Crime, Jesus College, Cambridge University, London, United Kingdom.
- **2016** 34th International Symposium on Economic Crime, Jesus College, Cambridge University, London, United Kingdom.
- **2018** 36th International Symposium on Economic Crime, Jesus College, Cambridge University, London, United Kingdom.

### **CHAIRMAN OR MEMBERSHIP OF GOVERNMENT PANELS**

- **2002** Member, Panel of Inquiry into the petition against accounting officers of the Federal Ministry of Solid Minerals
- **2005** Led Multi-Agency Team made up of Police, SSS and EFCC officers that dismantled the notorious Oluwole Street known as Heaven of Certificate forgeries. Perpetrators were arrested, vital evidences were recovered and 17 suspects convicted.
- **2008** Chairman, Federal Government Administrative Panel of Inquiry on AFC and CBN, the sum of US \$480M recovered and paid into FED GOVT ACCOUNT AT JP MORGAN BANK, NEW YORK, USA.
- 2012 Member, Presidential Committee on Verification and Reconciliation of Fuel Subsidy Payments

### **COUNTRIES VISITED ON CRIME INVESTIGATIONS**

USA, UK, France, Switzerland, Holland, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Ghana, Cameroun, Togo, Guinea, The Gambia, Belgium, Benin Republic, Austria, South Korea and Cote D' Ivoire.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

(i) Police Investigation in a Democratic Society (ii) A Review of Effective Tax Regime in Nigeria

### **SEMINARS/TRAININGS HOSTED**

**2012** The Dynamics of Cashless Economy and Emerging Methods in Financial Crime for Investigators and Prosecutors In collaboration with CBN, NDIC & AMCON.

### **LECTURES DELIVERED**

- (i) Training Programme on Basic Banking Operations for Officers of Financial Malpractices Investigation Unit (FMIU), November 2012.
- (ii) Money Laundering and the Rising Trans-Border Crime The Effect on National Security, London, September, 2013.
- (iii) Fraud Detection and Prevention in Corporate Organizations, November, Lagos, Nigeria, 2013.
- (iv) The Role of Stakeholders in Sustainable Banking Practice in Nigeria Law Enforcement Agent Perspective, Abuja, Nigeria, November, 2013.
- (v) Intelligent Investigations and Disruption of Crime Thirty-Second International Symposium on Economic Crime, Jesus College, Cambridge University, 2014.
- (vi) Compliance vs Organised Crime and Terror Thirty-Third International Symposium on Economic Crime, Jesus College, Cambridge University, 2015.
- (vii) Unexplained Wealth Whose Business? Roles and Efficiency of Financial Intelligence in Promoting Integrity and Combatting Crime: A Case Study of Nigeria Thirty-Six International Symposium on Economic Crime, Jesus College, Cambridge University, 2018.

He is currently the Managing Partner and Administrative Head of firm.

# ANGELA OVIAWE (Mrs.) Esq.

# **Head of Chambers and Practice Manager**

Angela Oviawe is a seasoned Corporate Attorney and is well grounded in Corporate law practice, Corporate governance and Compliance in line with international best practice. She has traversed through the length and breadth of Corporate Legal Practice.

Her passion for the profession and practice experience perfectly persuades her views for the development and advancement of Corporate and Commercial law. She graduated from Madonna University, Okija (Nigeria), and has had experiences working in different companies as the Company Secretary and Legal Adviser.

She has experience in debt recovery from both private and government institutions, Government relations, international contracts in the Oil and Gas and Trade sectors and also brokering roles in takeover bids.

Prior, to joining the firm, she was the Company Secretary/Legal Adviser at Telemetry Nigeria Ltd and Nigerco Nigeria Ltd. She also worked part time as the Legal Adviser to Action Democratic Party and worked directly with the National Chairman of Inter Party Advisory Commission (IPAC). Presently She combines her position as the Practice Manager and Head of Chambers.

# IYKE FRED EZE, Esq.

#### **Senior Associate**

### **Head of Litigation**

Fred Eze is a resilient peace-builder and conflict resolution expert who over the years has gained requisite knowledge and offer creative legal solutions and advice that are commercially oriented and consistently sound on principle. He is the Head of Litigation in the firm.

He is a trained member of the Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators, Nigerian Institute of Management (chartered) and also a member of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA).

He is versed in Corporate/Commercial transactions, Litigation, Property Law Practice and Legal Drafting. His exceptional skill in legal practice and research has over the years earned him remarkable commendation from local and international clients.

He also has vast experience in general corporate advisory including mergers & acquisitions, investment and real estate matters, dispute resolution, corporate due diligence with a primary focus on regulatory compliance.

Prior to his joining this Firm, he has worked with some reputable Law Firms such as Udo Udoma & Belo-Osagie, A. N. Anyamene (SAN), P. C. Eze & Co. and Managing Partner in FredMerc Attorneyz.

# HARMONY EGWUBARE Esq.

#### **Senior Associate**

### **Head of Corporate and Commercial**

Harmony Egwubare is a dedicated and passionate legal practitioner with expertise in Corporate Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution and General Legal Advisory. She doubles as an Associate and the Head of Corporate and Commercial unit in the Firm.

Over the years, she has acquired considerable experience in corporate legal practice, debt recovery, negotiations, Alternative dispute resolution, compliance and general legal practice.

Prior to her joining the firm, she has practiced with other notable law firms such as AAA Chambers, I.C.E. Okugbo & Associates to mention a few. Harmony is grounded in active legal and academic research and has written a number of publications towards advancing the body of legal knowledge.

She is a member of the Nigerian Bar Association. She is currently the Head of Corporate and Commercial.

# CHIBUIKE EMMANUEL SORONNADI, Esq.

#### **Senior Associate**

Emmanuel Soronnadi is an experienced litigator. He has worked with most notable Litigation Law Firms in Nigeria. He is an enthusiastic individual who has over the years developed a reputation for himself as a skilful and result oriented trial lawyer. He is one of the Litigation attorneys and has represented clients in notable cases.

Prior to his joining the firm, Emmanuel has developed his practice with a number of respectable law firms W.U.C Ojobor and CO., Chukwurah, Chukwurah & Co., Ogbulafor & Co. to mention a few.

In his surgeon of legal practice, he is well acquainted with the Rules and Procedure of the Superior Courts in Nigeria, which are the High Court, the Court of Appeal, and the Supreme Court and specialized Courts such as the Court Martial, the Code of Conduct Tribunal and the Election Petition Tribunal.

His core expertise is General Litigation, Legal Research and advisory. He is an active member of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA).

# Judith Obiekwe Esq.

#### **Junior Associate**

Judith Obiekwe is a devoted Legal Practitioner spanning several years in active legal practice. Prior to joining the law firm, Judith has practiced with a number of reputable firms where she advanced her knowledge of the law and distinguished herself in all aspects of Legal Practice.

Her expertise includes criminal investigation, Litigation, intellectual property and Legal Drafting. She is an active member of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA).

## **OUR CONSULTANTS**

In ensuring that we deliver only the best to our clients at all times, we consult with experts in different areas of the legal practice. Our consultants have over time distinguished themselves in the practice, research and application of the law. They are:

- Afe Babalola (SAN) & Co
- Wole Olanikpekun (SAN) & Co
- DD Dodo (SAN) & Co
- Onoja, Idaiye & Associate.

## OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

At Tunde Ogunsakin & Co we know that proper service delivery involves the cooperation of every section of law firm, therefore we take pride in mentioning our specially trained staff in different departments. These staff at all times perform their duties maximally towards achieving the firm's goals and satisfying our clients. In addition, they facilitate speedy service delivery without compromising standards.

- The Head of Finance and Administration
- The Librarian
- The Executive Assistant
- The Computer Analyst
- The Front Desk Officer

# **CONTACT US**

To learn more about how Tunde Ogunsakin & Co can represent your organisation and what we can do please reach us via the contacts provided below:

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