

AO2LAW



DISPUTE RESOLUTION PRACTICE AREA

The business community has become a closely-knit global ecosystem, making multi-layered business decisions inevitable. AO2LAW is equipped to deploy strategic solutions whenever dispute arise. We are positioned to ensure the interests of our clients are protected either through any and all dispute resolution system: arbitration, negotiation, mediation, litigation or any of their hybrids.

Our resident cross-cultural expertise draws on the integrated and specialist support of all the firm's practice areas. Our mediators, arbitrators and litigators, therefore, possess the capacity to properly represent multinational corporations, banks, government, professional bodies and private institutions across a wide range of business sectors.



RECENT MATTERS

Advising and representing one of Nigeria's largest micro-lending businesses with a loan in excess of US\$40 million on the legal and tax aspects of its business.

Representing a Meter Asset Provider in challenging the purported amendment of the Meter Asset Regulations, 2018 by the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission.

Currently litigating on the judicial interpretation of the provisions of the Eligible Customers Regulation, 2017 and the Electric Power Reform Act, 2005.

Representing the Eko Electricity Distribution Company at the High Court with regards to a consumer-related dispute.

Acting as counsel in arbitration for a claim of over N250 million.

Represented MTN Nigeria in obtaining a monetary judgment in excess of N1.3 Billion with attendant 4.3% compound interest in favor as interconnectivity indebtedness.

Representing the Department of Petroleum Resources in a suit commenced by a participant in the Nkuku Oil Field (OML 70) bidding process.

Representing one of the leading real estate companies in Nigeria in disputing various tax assessments by the Tax Appeal Tribunal in the cumulative sum of N35 million.

Representing the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation with regards to the winding-up of a Micro-finance Bank.

Engaged as counsel by a company to institute an Appeal against the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) to challenge its assessment of tax liabilities in excess of 400 million Naira at the Tax Appeal Tribunal.

Represented leading commercial banks in Nigeria on matters bordering on banker-customer relationship.

Representing Consolidated Discount Limited before Nigerian Courts on recovery of debt owed to it.

Representing IHS Nigeria before Nigerian courts with regards to various commercial disputes.

Representing MRS Oil Nigeria plc before the courts on various commercial disputes.

Represented Mobil Producing Unlimited in recovering debts owed to it which were in excess of US\$260 million.

Represented a Microfinance Bank in obtaining a monetary judgment against the Central Bank of Nigeria in excess of N25 Billion.

Representing foreign company registered in Sweden before the Nigerian Court for recovering funds in excess of 600,000 owed to it by a Nigerian company operating in the Energy sector.

Representing Guinness Nigeria Plc for the recovery of the accumulated indebtedness of its Wholesalers for products supplied.

Representing an oil servicing company before the Lagos State High Court to recover a debt sum of \$790,000.00.

Led the team who successfully obtained a N25 Billion judgment in favor of a consortium of investors.

Acting as counsel in arbitration for a claim of over N250 million against Nigeria's largest online marketplace.

Obtained monetary judgment and recovered for an IOC the sum of USD\$1,000,000.00.

Obtained a monetary judgment and recovered for a bank the sum of N520,126,341.73 with 2.1% post-judgment interest on the adjudged sum.



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Recovered the sum of N30,000,000.00 for a Micro Finance ace Bank, a sum in excess of N30,000,000.00.

Successfully settled out of the tax appeal tribunal with the sum of NGN230,000,000.00 (Two Hundred and Thirty Million Naira) on a tax dispute between the FIRS and a Nigerian Company.

Acted as a party's counsel in an arbitration against Nigeria's largest online marketplace with a claim value of over N350,000,000 (Three Hundred and Fifty Million Naira) Award made in favor of the client, and enforcement proceedings currently ongoing.

Acted as parties' appointed arbitrator in a commercial dispute with a claim value of N45,000,000 (Forty-five Million Naira).

Currently representing the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON) in several debt recovery matters worth an average of N500 Million.

Advised a renowned oil company in Nigeria on the disengagement of its staff for gross misconduct and negotiation with some of its employees affected by redundancy.

Representing Accor Afrique in an action resulting in an administration worth N3.1 Billion Naira.

Currently representing a client in a matter against the Lagos State Government in relation to a land dispute where damages claimed against the Lagos State Government is over N50 Million.

Currently litigating an insurance claim on behalf of a client to enforce payment of indemnity worth N70 Million Naira.

Currently representing Bayshore Technologies Limited in a dispute relating to a breach of contract.

Currently representing Castle Logistics at the Federal High Court in the enforcement of an Arbitral award worth N250 Million.

Representing Lekki Gardens Estate Limited in several land dispute proceedings.

Secured Judgment on behalf of a Solar Power Generation Company (Lumos NG) in respect of a dispute filed by one of its customers involving the regulation of its pricing/tariff system.

Representing Sterling Bank at the Lagos State High Court in a commercial dispute worth over N20 Billion.

Advised Waltermsith Petroman Oil Limited on remedies for the breach of a lease agreement. Advised NAHCO on a commercial dispute worth a minimum of N500 Million.

Currently representing Guinness Nigeria Limited in several debt recovery disputes worth an average of N50 Million.

Currently representing a Commercial bank at the Court of Appeal in a matter emanating from the failure of the bank to comply with the order nisi of the trial Court.



OUR TEAM MEMBERS



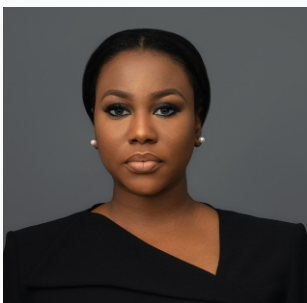
CHINEDU ANAJE | PARTNER AND TEAM LEAD

With about 18 years of legal practice experience as a commercial litigator and arbitrator, Chinedu (FCIArb – United Kingdom) heads the Firm’s Litigation, Dispute Resolution and Risk Management practice group. As a seasoned litigator, he has litigated on extensive range of issues, including that pertaining, but not limited to corporate recovery, receiverships and insolvency, company and partnership disputes, energy, oil and gas, environmental matters, maritime, real estate, intellectual property, telecommunications, finance and banking, contracts, commercial law transactions, family law and general litigation both at trial and appellate levels.

Chinedu also possesses deep expertise in arbitration advisory and adjudication. He continues to act as parties’ nominated arbitrator as well as client’s counsel in arbitral proceedings. He advises on a wide range of commercial transactions.

As an experienced lawyer, Chinedu has represented a wide range of clients including oil companies, multinational corporations, banks and other financial institutions, and telecommunication operators in various litigation and arbitration proceedings. And in doing this, he applies practical pragmatic business approach to dispute resolution and strategy, with the aim of ensuring that value is added to clients’ business.

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‘MOBOLA TEJUOSHO | PARTNER

Mobola leads the Finance, Project and Infrastructure practice group of the firm with about a decade experience.

Having spent over a decade guiding, navigating, and advising clients in Oil and Gas, Telecommunications, Construction & Real Estate, Mergers & Acquisition and general corporate and commercial transactions, she has acquired the unique ability to see any legal issue from all sides. She advises clients on joint venture developments and has several clients in the Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) space.

Mobola is as an avid litigator as well as an astute out-of-the-box problem solver, known for crafting bold business and legal solutions from inception to completion for both local and international clients. As a business focused, results –oriented, excellence driven professional, her clients rely on her to give timely, aligned, strategic legal guidance and advice that helps them make the most of their vision.

Prior to joining AO2LAW, she was the Managing Partner of Auctus Legal. Mobola is business-minded and result-oriented in delivering satisfactory services to her clients. She is highly tenacious, and excellence driven.

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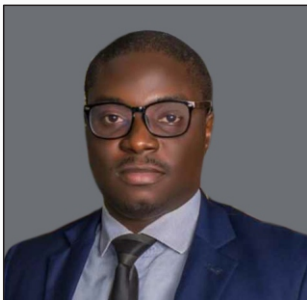


OLUWASIJIBOMI ALAFE | SENIOR ASSOCIATE

He is an experienced Lawyer with a demonstrated history of working in the law practice industry. Skilled in Legal Research, Public Speaking, Legal Writing, Employment Law, Mergers and Acquisition and Litigation.

He has appeared in several cases at the trial Court, Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court as well as notable election petition cases in Nigeria. He has been repeatedly recognized for his legal services, competency in looking after a client's interests and his professional conduct. He is also a Securities and Exchange Commission Compliance Officer and a member of the Nigerian Bar Association.

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CHUKWUEMEKA OZUZU | SENIOR ASSOCIATE

Chukwuemeka straddles between the Energy and Finance Practice Areas. Chukwuemeka routinely advises a wide range of both local and multinational entities on diverse commercial issues including the negotiation, preparation, and review of complex legal documentation.

Chukwuemeka has worked as team member that advised Lenders with regards to the provision of working capital financing to a Marginal Field Joint Venture with respect to crude oil evacuation for the JV. He has also advised a Pan African Bank with respect to perfection of security interest in relation to facilities advised to its customers.

Chukwuemeka has also advised a marginal field interest holder on its USD12million restructured facility with a Private Equity Company with specific review of the following documents: Facility Agreement, Guarantees and Assurances Deed, Security Deed and Deed of Share Charge.

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CHINEMEZE EZE | SENIOR ASSOCIATE

Chinemeze is actively involved in the dispute resolution and risk management, litigation, insolvency practice and debt recovery groups of the firm. He supports in the coverage of the firm's litigation docket by deploying his astute advocacy skills in delivering on clients' instructions which cut across insolvency and debt recovery, dispute resolution and risk management.

Chinemeze is result oriented, meticulous and proactive in his dealings. Prior to joining AO2LAW, Chinemeze was an Associate in the law firm of Chidi Ike & Associates, Kunle Ogunba & Associates where he was directly involved in high profile insolvency instructions spanning across receivership, Winding Up and Bankruptcy, mostly on behalf of financial institutions. He was also an Associate in Paul Usoro & Co, where he was part of the Finance, Arbitration, Commercial, Tax and Litigation group.

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ANTIAOBONG AKPAN | SENIOR ASSOCIATE

Antia is an Associate in the Firm's Dispute Resolution and Risk Management Practice Group. He has experience representing clients in complex disputes, involving taxation, receiverships and insolvency, pre – and post – election issues, white collar crimes and regulatory investigations, contracts, finance and banking, maritime, intellectual property, and general litigation, at both trial and appellate levels.

Antia is especially skilled in litigation strategy. He is a deeply optimistic Attorney who is passionate about finding creative solutions to clients' issues and is respected because he achieves results.

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