

Candidature à l'élection de nouveaux membres de l'AIDC

Application for the election of new members of the AIDC

Ce formulaire peut être rempli en français ou en anglais
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Qui propose ce candidat ? / Who proposes this candidate?

Remplir la partie 1 ou la partie 2 / Fill part 1 or part 2

PARTIE 1 / PART I: Si proposé par un membre / If proposed by a member

Nom du membre / Name of the member: ***Professor Richard Frimpong Oppong***

Statut du membre / Status of the member (indicate with an "X"):

Membre associé / Associate member

Membre titulaire / Titular member

Adresse électronique professionnelle du membre / professional email address :

roppong@osgoode.yorku.ca

PART II : Si proposé par un comité national / If proposed by a national committee

Pays ou juridiction du comité national / Country or jurisdiction of the national committee

Nom d'une personne à contacter au comité national à propos de cette nomination / Name of a contact person to contact regarding this nomination
Professor Richard Frimpong Oppong

Adresse électronique de cette personne / Email address of that person

roppong@osgoode.yorku.ca

Le membre ou le comité qui propose un nouveau candidat doit joindre une lettre d'appui signée.

The member or committee who proposes a new candidate must attach written statement of support of membership with signature.

Le candidat ou la candidate / The candidate

Adhésion demandée (ajoutez un « X ») / Membership applied for (add an 'X')

Membre associé / Associate member

Membre titulaire / Titar member

Notez : Un poste de membre titulaire sera de préférence attribué à un membre associé, mais exceptionnellement un collègue senior qui jouit d'une excellente réputation pourrait être élu(e). Mais il est normalement préférable que le candidat au poste de membre titulaire soit déjà membre associé.

Note: A position of titular member will preferably be awarded to an associate member, but exceptionally a senior colleague who enjoys an excellent reputation could be elected. But it is normally preferable that the candidate for the position of full member already be an associate member.

Nom du candidat ou de la candidate (souligner le nom the famille le cas échéant)
/ Name of the Candidate (underline family name if any):

Chukwuma Samuel Adesina Okoli

Sexe / Gender Pays ou juridiction de résidence / Country or jurisdiction of Residence

Male

United Kingdom (national of Nigeria)

Institution, faculté, université, etc. / Institution, faculty, university, etc. :

University of Birmingham

Adresse électronique professionnelle / professional email address :

c.okoli@bham.ac.uk

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chukwuma.okoli@yahoo.com

Engagement du/ de la candidat(e) / Undertaking by the candidate

J'accepte cette nomination et si je suis élu(e), je m'engage à assumer les obligations incombant aux membres de l'Académie, y compris le paiement annuel de ma cotisation.

I accept this nomination and if elected, I undertake to fulfil the obligations incumbent upon the members of the Academy including the payment of the annual fee.

Signature:



Date: 12 September 2024

Pièces jointes / Attachments:

1. Une lettre de soutien à la candidature par le proposeur / A written statement of support of membership by the proposer, a list of publications of the candidate
2. Un curriculum vitae du candidat ou de la candidate / A curriculum vitae of the candidate
3. Une liste de ses publications / A list of publications of the candidate

Important :

Afin de faciliter la tâche du secrétariat, nous apprécierions que ce formulaire et toutes ses pièces jointes nous soient envoyés en un seul document PDF à l'adresse suivante :

votes-membres@aidc-iacl.org

Le nom du fichier PDF serait préférablement le nom du candidat ou de la candidate.

To facilitate the task of the secretariat, we would appreciate if this form and all its attachment could be sent to us in one PDF document at the following address :

votes-membres@aidc-iacl.org

The name of the PDF file would preferably be the name of the candidate.

20 September 2024

Dear colleagues,

Nomination of Dr. Chukwuma Samuel Adesina Okoli as Associate Member

I write to enthusiastically nominate Dr Chukwuma Samuel Adesina Okoli for election as an Associate Member of the International Academy of Comparative Law. I can attest to his exceptional qualities as a comparative law scholar, educator, and contributor to the academic community.

I have known Dr Okoli since 2014 when he approached me about co-authoring a book on Nigerian private international law – a book which is now widely regarded as an unrivalled and leading work on the subject in Nigeria. I am currently contributing a chapter on Ghana to a book he is co-editing on *Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Africa*.

Dr Okoli exemplifies the best qualities of an outstanding comparative law scholar. His academic prowess is evident in the global recognition he has garnered in the field of private international law, establishing himself as a foremost authority on African private international law. He is equally well-versed in the European and common law perspective on the subject as evident from his *Place of Performance* book and his numerous writings on European private international law. His unique combination of common law and civil law legal education and knowledge makes him an ideal comparative law scholar.

Dr Okoli's extensive portfolio, including books, book chapters, journal articles, and contributions to professional and academic proceedings, attests to the breadth and impact of his scholarly endeavours. From my prior engagement with his scholarship, Dr Okoli employs diverse research methods and theoretical lenses, showcasing the breadth and depth of his intellectual contributions to address complex issues. I am confident that his research and achievements reflect a level of national and international acclaim that would significantly enrich the International Academy of Comparative Law.

Dr Okoli has produced academic works that are world-leading and of the highest academic standards. I am truly impressed by the quality of his works and the robustness of his judgment, analyses, and arguments. I have personally cited several of his works in my own research and I have seen he is severally cited in works I read.

It is a testament to the breath and reach of Dr. Okoli's scholarship that he has published in several leading specialist (devoted to private international law) and generalists journals such as the *Journal of Private International Law*, *International and Comparative Law Quarterly*, *Uniform Law Review*, *Lloyds Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly*, *Journal of Business Law*, *Asian Journal of International Law*, and *Yearbook of Private International Law*.

I have seen Dr. Okoli present in several conferences. Indeed, we first met in person at the *Journal of Private International Law Conference* that was held at the University of Cambridge

in September 2015. My latest encounter with his presentation was at the University of Johannesburg conference on the draft African Principles on Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts, where he provided a trenchant academic critique of aspects of the draft and made perceptive recommendations for amendments. He (and I as co-author) brings those insights and comparative perspective to bear on a forthcoming publication in the leading journal *RabelsZ* – the journal founded in 1927 by the great comparative law scholar, Ernst Rabel.

It is on the above premises that I unreservedly nominate Dr Okoli for election as an Associate Member of the International Academy of Comparative Law.

You will find below a list of his publications, which are also included on his CV.

Sincerely,
Richard

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS OF DR. CHUKWUMA SAMUEL ADESINA OKOLI

1. Monographs

CSA Okoli, *Place of Performance: A Comparative Analysis* (1st edn, Oxford: Hart 2020) – internally rated as 4* in UK REF at the University of Birmingham

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2. Edited Book

B Elbalti and CSA Okoli (eds), *Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Africa* (Hart, 2026) (forthcoming)

3. Practitioner Work

CSA Okoli, *Tort Law in the Nigerian Supreme Court and Court of Appeal* (Lexis Nexis, 2026)

4 Articles

CSA Okoli and RF Oppong, ‘Enhancing the Draft African Principles on the Law Applicable to International Commercial Contracts: Innovations for the African Context’ (2024) *Rebels Journal of Comparative and International Private Law* (forthcoming).

CSA Okoli and A Yekini, ‘Implied Jurisdiction Agreements in International Commercial Contracts: A Global Comparative Perspective’ (2023) 19(3) *Journal of Private International Law* 321-361 – given very favourable assessment as a publication of high quality at the University of Cambridge

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CSA Okoli, A Yekini, and P Oamen, ‘*Igiogbe* custom as a Mandatory Norm in Conflict of Laws: An Exploration of Nigerian Appellate Courts’ Decisions’ (2023) 31 *African Journal of International and Comparative Law* 396 - 415

CSA, Okoli, ‘The Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters in Asia’ (2022) 18 *Journal of Private International Law* 522

CSA Okoli, ‘Analysis of Choice of Court Agreements in Nigeria in the Year 2020’ (2021) 21 *Dutch Journal of Private International Law* 292

CSA Okoli, ‘Choice of Law in the European Union: Common Law Procedure and Evidence’, in Andrea Bonomi and Gian Paolo Romano, *Yearbook of Private International Law Vol XXI – 2019/2020* (Dr Otto Schmidt Verlag 2021) 189

CSA Okoli, ‘International Commercial Litigation in English Speaking Africa: A Critical Review’ (2020) 16 *Journal of Private International Law* 189

CSA Okoli and E Roberts., ‘The Operation of Article 4 of Rome II Regulation in English and Irish Courts’ (2019) 15 *Journal of Private International Law* 605

CSA Okoli, ‘Choice of law for Contract of Carriage of Goods in the European Union’ (2015) 4 *Lloyds Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly* 512

CSA Okoli, ‘Sowing the seeds of a future African Union Private International Law: A Review of Private International Law in Commonwealth Africa’ (2014) 10 *Journal of Private International Law* 517

CSA Okoli, ‘English Courts Address the Potential Convergence between the Doctrines of Piercing the Corporate Veil, Party Autonomy in Jurisdiction Agreements and Privity of Contract’ (2014) 3 *Journal of Business Law* 252

CSA Okoli, 'The Significance of the Doctrine of Accessory Allocation as a Connecting Factor under Article 4 of Rome I Regulation' (2013) 9 *Journal of Private International Law* 449

CSA Okoli and GO Arishe, 'The Operation of the Escape Clauses in the Rome Convention, Rome I Regulation and Rome II Regulation' (2012) 8 *Journal of Private International Law* 513

CSA Okoli, 'Production Sharing Agreements and Licences: A Distinction Without a Difference?' (2012) *International Energy Law Review* 282

1. Book Chapters

C Okoli, 'The Sheriffs and Civil Processes Act does not apply to the National Industrial Court of Nigeria' in JL Neels and EA Fredericks (eds), *Commercial Private International Law in Southern Africa – International and Comparative Perspectives: Essays in Honour of Prof Christopher F Forsyth KC* (Eleven International Publishing, The Hague, 2024)

C Okoli and A Yekini, 'Prospects for Africa', in M Weller and others (eds), *HCCCH 2019 Judgements Convention: Cornerstones – Prospects* (1st edn, Oxford: Hart Publishing 2023)

V Ladic and C Okoli, 'Private International Law and Cooperation in Civil and Commercial Matters after Brexit - Legislative Gaps and Future Developments', in A Lazowski and A Cygan (eds), *Research Handbook on Legal Aspects of Brexit* (1st edn, Cheltenham: Research Handbooks in European Law Series 2022), 221-239

2. Case Notes

C Okoli, 'A Critique of the Recent Nigerian Court of Appeal's Decision on the Enforcement of Foreign Jurisdiction Clauses in Nigeria', in *Yearbook of Private International Law Vol XXIV, 2022-2023* (Dr Otto Schmidt Verlag,) 217

CSA Okoli, 'Territorial Jurisdiction Relating to Succession and Administration of Estates under Nigerian Conflict of Laws' (2022) 30 *African Journal of International and Comparative Law* 124

CSA Okoli, '*Owen v Galgey*' (2021) *Journal of Personal Injury Litigation* 78

CSA Okoli, 'AASA: Locating the Central Administration of a Subsidiary Company Which Is Part of a Group of Companies under Article 60 of Brussels I Regulation' (2015) 1 *European Company Law* 13

C Okoli, 'Late Payment of Freight and Hire – Power to Award Interest under the 1998 Act' (2014) 4 *Journal of International Maritime Law* 252

3. Book Reviews in Journals and Blogs

C Okoli, review of Tobias Lutzi, Ennio Piovesani, and Dora Zgrabljic Rotar (eds), *Jurisdiction Over Non-EU Defendants: Should Brussels Ia Regulation be Extended?* (Oxford: Studies in Private International Law, Hart Publishing, an Imprint of Bloomsbury Publishing 2023) (2024) *International and Comparative Law Quarterly*

C Okoli, review of Anselmo Reyes and Wilson Lui (eds), *Direct Jurisdiction: Asian Perspectives* (Oxford: Studies in Private International Law – Asia, Hart Publishing, an Imprint of Bloomsbury Publishing 2021) (2023) *Asian Journal of International Law*

Chukwuma Okoli '[Review of Afifah Kusumadara, Indonesian Private International Law](#)', in *Conflictflaws.net*, on 29 August 2024.

C Okoli, '[Review of Kazuaki Nishioka, Treatment of Foreign Law in Asia](#)', *Conflictflaws.net*, 27 August 2024.

C Okoli, '[Review of Ekaterina Aristova, Tort Litigation Against Transnational Corporations: The Challenge of Jurisdiction in English Courts](#), Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2024', *Conflictolaws.net*, 16 August 2024

C Okoli, '[Review of Ronald A. Brand, Michael S. Coffee, and Paul Herrup, The 2019 Hague Judgments Convention](#), Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023', *Conflictolaws.net*, 15 August 2024.

C Okoli, '[Review of Andrew Moran and Anthony Kennedy's Commercial Litigation in Anglophone Africa: The Law Relating to Civil Jurisdiction, Enforcement of Foreign Judgments and Interim Remedies](#)', *Conflictolaws.net*, 5 August 2024.

C Okoli, '[Book Review of the European Private International Law of Obligations](#)', *Conflictolaws.net*, 22 December 2023

C Okoli, '[Review of: Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards \(Ferrari, Rosenfeld, and Kotuby Jr\)](#)', *Conflictolaws.net*, 12 September 2023

C Okoli, '[Review of: PP Penasthika, Unravelling Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts: Indonesia as an Illustrative Case Study \(The Hague: Eleven Publishers 2022\)](#)', *Conflictolaws.net*, 24 August 2023

C Okoli, '[Review of Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts](#)', *Conflictolaws.net*, 13 June 2023

4. Legal Pedagogy Papers

A Yekini and C Okoli, 'Private International Law and Teaching Methodology: A Nigerian Perspective', in L Pineiro and X Kramer (eds), *Research Handbook on Private International Law and Methodology* (Oxford: Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd 2024)

C Okoli, 'My Academic Identity: Research Intensive Teaching and Learning' https://www.researchgate.net/publication/373830731_MY_ACADEMIC_IDENTITY (May 2023)

5. Bibliography Note

CSA Okoli and RF Oppong, 'English Language Bibliography of Private International Law in Africa for 2022-2023' (2024) *Revue Critique de Droit International Privé* (forthcoming)

6. Selected Blog Posts

C Okoli, '[A Rejoinder to Dr Cosmas Emeziem's "Conflict of Laws and Diversity of Opinions—A View of The Nigerian Jurisdiction"](#)' *conflictolaws.net*, 17 June 2024

A Abdul-Majid & C Okoli, '[The Kenyan Supreme Court holds that Scottish Locus Inspection Orders must be Examined by the Kenyan Courts for Recognition and Enforcement in Kenya](#)', *conflictolaws.net*, 6 May 2024

A Yekini & C Okoli, '[Implied Jurisdiction Agreements in International Commercial Contracts](#)', *conflictolaws.net*, 18 February 2024

C Okoli, '[Forum Selection Agreements as Indicators of Implied Choice of Law](#)', *Transnational Litigation Blog*, 16 January 2024

C Okoli and A Yekini, '[The Nigerian Supreme Court now has a Specialist in Conflict of Laws](#)', *Conflictolaws.net*, 7 January 2024

C Okoli, ['Service of Court Processes Outside Jurisdiction under the Sheriffs and Civil Processes Act: A Note on the Recent Case of Alli v Okoloko \(2023\) LPELER-60700 \(CA\)'](#), *Lawpavilion Blog*, 9 November 2023

C Okoli, ['The Significance of a Forum Selection Agreement as an Indicator of an Implied Choice of Law'](#), *The EAPIL Blog*, 31 August 2023

C Okoli, ['The Nigerian Court of Appeal Declines to Enforce an Exclusive English Choice of Court Agreement'](#), *Conflictolaws.net*, 27 November 2021

C Okoli, ['The Nigerian Court of Appeal Recognises the Immunity of the President of the Commission of ECOWAS from Being Impleaded in Nigerian Courts'](#), *Conflictolaws.net*, 26 October 2021

C Okoli, ['Can a Foreign Company that Is Not Registered in Nigeria Maintain an Action in Nigerian Courts \(Part 2\)'](#), *Conflictolaws.net*, 22 October 2021

C Okoli, ['The Nigerian Court of Appeal Recently Revisits the Principles for the Grant of Mareva Injunction'](#), *Conflictolaws.net*, 24 September 2021

C Okoli, ['Can a Foreign Company that Is Not Registered in Nigeria Maintain an Action in Nigerian Courts \(Part 1\)'](#), *Conflictolaws.net*, 6 September 2021

C Okoli, ['Territorial Jurisdiction for Disputes between Members of a Political Party in Nigeria'](#), *Conflictolaws.net*, 9 June 2021

C Okoli, ['Territorial Jurisdiction for Breach of Contract in Nigeria or Whatever'](#), *Conflictolaws.net*, 31 May 2021

C Okoli, ['The Nigerian Court of Appeal Declines to Enforce a Commonwealth of Virginia \(in USA\) Choice of Court Agreement'](#), *Conflictolaws.net*, 10 March 2021

C Okoli, ['Corporate Due Diligence and Private International Law: A Note on the Hague Court of Appeal's Decision in Shell'](#), *NOVA BHRE Blog*, 17 February 2021

C Okoli, ['The United Kingdom Rules on a Jurisdictional Issue against Shell'](#), *Conflictolaws.net*, 12 February 2021

C Okoli, ['Territorial Jurisdiction Relating to Succession and Administration of Estates under Nigerian Private International Law'](#), *Conflictolaws.net*, 5 February 2021

C Okoli, ['Personal Injury and Article 4\(3\) of Rome II Regulation'](#), *Conflictolaws.net*, 28 January 2021

CSA Okoli and RF Oppong, ['Book Symposium Introduction – Private International Law in Nigeria \(Hart Publishing 2020\)'](#), *Conflictolaws.net*, 14 December 2020

C Okoli, ['The Contractual Function of a Choice of Court Agreement in Nigerian Jurisprudence \(Part 2\)'](#), *Conflictolaws.net*, 10 November 2020

C Okoli, ['The Contractual Function of a Choice of Court Agreement in Nigerian Jurisprudence'](#), *Conflictolaws.net*, 3 November 2020

C Okoli, ['Does a United States' Court Have Jurisdiction to Make an Order Affecting Immovable Property in Lagos, Nigeria?'](#), *Conflictolaws.net*, 26 October 2020

C Okoli, ['Waiving the Right to a Foreign Arbitration Clause by Submitting to the Jurisdiction of the Nigerian Court'](#), *Conflictolaws.net*, 24 October 2020

C Okoli, ['Private International Law in Africa: Comparative Lessons'](#), *Conflictolaws.net*, 26 November 2019

7. Conference Contributions: Invitations to Speak

Distinguished public lecture on ‘Male Primogeniture in Bini Customary Law of Succession: An African Comparative Perspective’, **part of the University of Bern’s Autumn semester 2024 lecture series**, themed "Afrika, Africa, Afrique", 2-3 October 2024

‘Can the Hague 2015 and 2019 Conventions make Nigerian Courts an Attractive Hub for International Commercial Litigation?’ **University of Johannesburg**, 30 September 2024

‘Implied Jurisdiction Agreements in International Commercial Contracts: A Comparative Analysis’, **9th Journal of Private International Law Conference**, Singapore Management University, 3-5 August 2023

‘*Igiogbe* custom as a Mandatory Norm in Conflict of Laws: An Exploration of Nigerian Appellate Courts’ Decisions’, **SLS Conference**, Oxford Brookes University, 27-30 June 2023

‘Implied Jurisdiction Agreements in International Commercial Contracts: A Comparative Analysis’, **Workshop: Challenges in International Litigation**, Lancaster University, 21 June 2023

(With Dr. Abubakri Yekini) HCCH Conference — **HCCH 2019 Judgements Convention: Cornerstones – Prospects – Outlook**, University of Bonn, 9-10 June 2023

‘Critical Comments on the Draft African Principles on Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts’, **University of Johannesburg**, 31 May 2023

‘Choice of Courts Agreements in Nigeria in the Year 2020’, **Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law**, 12 July 2021

‘Choice of Court Agreements in Nigerian Jurisprudence’, **Online Inaugural Lecture of the Nigeria Group on Private International Law**, 21 June 2021

‘Corporate Due Diligence and Private International Law’, **Nova School of Law**, Lisbon, 25 February 2021

‘Place of Performance: A Comparative Analysis’, **8th Max Planck Post-Doc Conference on European Private Law**, Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, 6-7 April 2020

‘Is the Principle of Closest Connection in Choice of Law for Commercial Contracts also an Assertion of State Interests’, **8th Journal of Private International Law Conference**, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich, 12-14 September 2019

‘Contribution of the Court of Justice of the European Union to the Interpretation of the Escape Clauses: Implications for Rome I Regulation’, **X Spanish Private International Law Conference**, University of Complutense, Madrid, 14-15 April 2016

‘Do We Really Need an Implied Choice of Law in the European Union Choice of Law Rules for Contractual Obligations?’, **SLSA Annual Conference 2016**, School of Law, Lancaster University, England, 5-7 April 2016

‘Choice of Law in the European Union: Procedure, Evidence and Judicial Discretion’, **6th Journal of Private International Law Conference**, University of Cambridge, England, 3-5 September 2015

‘English Courts’ Interpretation of Rome II Regulation’, **IX Spanish Private International Law Conference**, University of Complutense, Madrid, 21-22 May 2015

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Chukwuma is an Assistant Professor in Commercial Conflict of Laws at the University of Birmingham. His principal research interest is in all aspects of Private International Law/Conflict of Laws, with a special focus on global perspectives, Nigeria, Africa, United Kingdom, the European Union, and Asia. He has significant publications on these subjects and is frequently cited in academic publications. He is, inter alia, the author of two leading monographs, both published in the prestigious Hart Studies on Private International Law in 2020: "Place of Performance: A Comparative Analysis", and "Private International Law in Nigeria" (with Professor Richard Frimpong Oppong). He is qualified as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria for over 15 years. He has frequently given expert evidence on Nigerian law in Dutch courts.

Professional Experience

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM, UK – September 2021 to date

1. Assistant Professor – Module leader: Commercial Conflict of Laws (Private International Law, LLM and Undergraduate), Equity and Trusts (Undergraduate); and Seminar Leader for Torts (Undergraduate)

- Developing and arranging reading materials for students.
- Conducting extensive research to provide students with an accurate and elaborate appreciation of course subjects.
- Working in close collaboration with other team members.
- Actively contributing to the revision and improvement of the content of teaching materials.
- Teaching small groups, including tutorials.
- Using technology such as Canvas in teaching.
- Arranging, scoring and moderating examination questions.

2. Mentor/Supervisor

- Mentoring over 30 tutees in their reading, research and self-management, offering guidance on how to answer questions in their assessments.
- I have coined the acronym 'UCATIT' (understanding, clear, accurate, thorough, and independent thought) to be considered by students before submitting an essay or sitting an exam.
- Demonstrating pastoral care, advising tutees on their general wellbeing.

3. Administrator

- Mentoring and carrying out teaching observations for younger colleagues that are assigned to me
- Serving as Internal Moot Leader for Birmingham University Law School to provide students with training of different kinds in moot and mock competitions. Many of my students have done well in external competitions.
- Deputy Head of Academic Integrity. We provided carefully tailored information to students on how they should pay attention to academic integrity to reduce problems of plagiarism and poor referencing. We also addressed cases of academic integrity in an effective and impartial manner.
- Member of the Extenuating Circumstance Committee for undergraduate and postgraduate students. The success of this Committee is evidenced by the fact that no student has hitherto appealed or complained about any of its decisions.

4. PGCHE and FHEA Achieved

Post-doctoral Research

UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM/TMC ASSER INSTITUTE, The Hague, Netherlands – May 2019-December 2021

Post-doctoral Researcher in Private International Law

- Undertaking research activities.
- Writing articles and monographs on commercial conflict of laws and private international law in general.
- Contributing to the JUDGTRUST project on Brussels I Recast in close collaboration with the Project Leader, Professor (Dr) Vesna Lazic.
- Providing consultancy services.
- Delivering conference lectures.
- Assessing and grading student submissions for the Pax-Moot Court Competition.
- Sitting on the judging panel for multiple rounds of the Pax-Moot Court Competition in Private International Law.

Teaching Fellowships

UNIVERSITY OF LUXEMBOURG, Luxembourg – June 2014-June 2018

Teaching Fellow in English Law of Contracts, English Law of Torts, and Comparative Private International Law

- *Assisting with the development and organisation of reading materials for students.*
- *Conducting extensive research for the course to provide students with an accurate and elaborate appreciation of the subject.*
- *Working in close collaboration with the team members and team leader.*
- *Actively contributing to the revision and improvement of the content of teaching materials.*
- *Teaching small groups, including tutorials.*
- *Using technology to teach students.*
- *Providing students with different types of training, including moot and mock trial activities, while giving advice and addressing students' queries on their academic work.*
- *Arranging and scoring examination questions.*

Legal Associate Positions

THE LAW CREST, Lagos, Nigeria – August 2009-January 2011

Legal Associate

- *Spearheading a wide spectrum of activities associated with commercial cases.*
- *Arbitrating in collaboration with parties to settle disputes.*
- *Representing clients in court.*
- *Drafting different types of domestic and international commercial contracts.*
- *Assuming accountability for counselling and supporting domestic and foreign companies in introducing new solutions to increase business efficiency initiatives.*
- *Rendering advisory services to financial institutions and oil and gas firms.*
- *Identifying potential issues and drafting legal submissions in compliance with the interpretation and application of the law.*
- *Composing and structuring legal documentations pertaining to companies and businesses.*
- *Representing clients in dispute resolution, especially in domestic and international commercial matters.*
- *Supporting the unit in the creation of accurate and comprehensive documentation for clients' human resources departments, recruitment procedures, terms of employment, and disciplinary processes.*

AKINLOLU KEHINDE & Co. (SAN), Abuja, Nigeria – July 2008-August 2009

Legal Associate (National Youth Service Corps, Nigeria)

- *Providing a wide variety of services to clients in dispute resolution.*
- *Playing a very active role in providing rigorous and extensive litigation in clients' commercial contracts, with a special focus on financial institutions and banks in Nigeria.*
- *Drafting numerous court processes.*
- *Representing clients in court.*

Education & Training

2018 – University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg: **PhD in Commercial Conflict of Laws** (without corrections).

2012 – University of Aberdeen, UK: **LLM in International Commercial Law** (awarded with Distinction); recognised as best graduating student on the course.

2008 – Nigerian Law School, Lagos: **Bachelor of Laws (Hons)** (2:1); elected Secretary-General of the Students' Representative Body.

2007 – University of Benin, Nigeria: **LLB Hons** (2:1); elected Speaker of the legislative arm of the Students' Union in the Law Faculty.

2002 – West African Examination Council, University of Benin Demonstration Secondary School.

Grant Funding

2014-2018 – Luxembourg National Research Fund Grant, Luxembourg: Sum of @140,000 euros to undertake a PhD.
2019-2021 – JUDGTRUST Grant: Sum of @ 120,000 euros for a post-doctoral position at the University of Amsterdam/TMC Asser Institute.

July-September 2023 – WWU Fellowship Grant, University of Munster: Funding in the sum of 6000 euros for an international scholarly exchange.

August 2023 – Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Private International Law in Emerging Countries at the University of Johannesburg: Funding in the sum of £1200 per peer reviewed SCOPUS article to support research, purchase of academic works and conference attendance.

Peer Reviewer/Editor (May 2013 to date)

- *Expert peer reviewer for the National Research Foundation (South Africa). This is equivalent to sitting on the UK Research Excellence Framework.*
- *Peer reviewer for manuscripts in the Hart Publishing, Journal of Private International Law, Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law, Griffith Law Review, Journal of Comparative Law in Africa, Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy, Benin Journal of Public Law (Nigeria), UNIPORT Journal of International and Comparative Law (Nigeria)*
- *Editor on Conflictolaws.net blog.*

My duties as peer reviewer/ editor include:

- *Making effective suggestions to editors to improve, maintain and present overall quality, as suitable for publication.*
- *Conducting research to ensure that all work is thoroughly assessed against the requisite authoritative sources.*
- *Adopting a proactive and unbiased approach to accepting or rejecting work*
- *Guaranteeing that all journal or monograph contribution standards are properly met.*
- *Contributing to a blog on news, debates, and symposiums in the area of private international law.*
- *Contributing to the editing of blog posts on private international law.*

Languages:

English (Native, proficient: Oral and written); French (Conversational, intermediate.)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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