



CAPITAL CHAMBERS

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1995
FOUNDED



29
SUCCESSFUL YEARS



5
LAWYERS



35
CLIENTS



100+
SOLVED CASES



8
TEAM MEMBERS

INTRODUCTION

CAPITAL CHAMBERS is built on Professional Excellence.

Capital Chambers is a dynamic law firm dedicated to anticipating the concerns of clients and providing solutions in an effective and efficient manner. Our mission is to serve our clients with the highest professional competence, utmost good faith, and confidentiality. The firm is poised to building long lasting professional relationships and developing an international network of legal resources, with our success in this aspect, predicated on our commitment to satisfying the minutest details of our clients' needs.

Since a proper grasp of a client's legal problems, expertise and integrity are the bolts and nuts of legal practice, we realise that it is fundamentally imperative that we pay close attention to the interplay between our clients' legal problems, their businesses and personal goals, which enables us to tailor solutions that meet their individual needs.

Similarly, because legal practice is integrity-driven with competence as its lifeline, which is essential for survival, CAPITAL CHAMBERS is built around the guiding principle of professional excellence. As an active, innovative and professional law firm, we pride ourselves as pioneers of the concept of a fully integrated law firm, or to use the popular cliché, a "one stop" law firm.

We have distinguished ourselves by insisting upon the highest standards of personal service from all our lawyers. At Capital Chambers we have a knack for making ourselves part of our client's team and not merely working as an appendage to it.

OUR VISION

To become one of Nigeria's leading one-stop Corporate Law Firm recognized for highest professional excellence founded on solid intellectual base, best industry practice and hands on experience.



OUR MISSION

“To serve our clients with the highest professional competence, utmost good faith and confidentiality.”



WHY WE STAND OUT

The firm has an international focus and an on-going objective of identifying and anticipating trends in the energy and international investment laws. We also fashion out approaches geared towards providing our clients with the advantages of assessing the opportunities of today and tomorrow in our chosen practice areas. In this wise, we offer in-depth professional services in a broad spectrum of legal services as we handle transactions for many institutions & individuals.

We have developed sophisticated legal practice groups in a number of emerging specialised areas of practice.

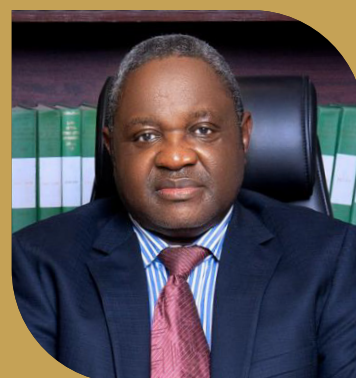




MR. MOHAMMED B. UMAR, ESQ.
Founding Partner

Mohammed B. Umar is the founding partner of the firm. He has over 35 years cognate experience in private and public legal practice, public service, business and corporate world, and the academia.

He attended Bayero University Kano (BUK) - LLB (Hons.), Nigerian Law School Lagos Nigeria - BL and University of Dundee - LLM, Energy Law and Policy. Mr. Umar is reputable for his excellent understanding and navigation of the Nigerian Oil and Gas Legal and Regulatory environment.



MR. AHMED M. YABO, ESQ.
Managing Partner

Mr. Yabo is a distinguished Legal Practitioner, Arbitrator, and Corporate Governance Professional with over 25 years of experience in legal advisory, energy, and regulatory sectors. He has held senior roles in both public and private sectors, including serving as Head of Legal at the Nigeria-Sao Tome & Principe Joint Development Authority.

He holds advanced degrees in Law, Energy Finance, and Business Administration, with certifications from globally recognized institutions such as Harvard, INSEAD, and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK).



MR. OLU AKINDOJU, ESQ.
External Associate

Olu Akindoju is a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria with over 37 years of experience in legal practice. A UAC scholar and honours graduate of the University of Ife (1985), he was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1986. His early career included roles in the Ministry of Justice, Benin City, and notable law firms such as K.S. Okeaya-Inneh (SAN) and G.O. Aniagara & Co., where he became managing partner.

He is the Principal Partner at Olu Akindoju & Co., with offices in Abuja and Benin City, specializing in litigation, oil & gas, corporate law, banking, taxation, dispute resolution, and property law.



MR. ADEWALE FAJANA, ESQ.
Partner

Adewale Fajana is a crisis management and transaction advisor based in Abuja, Nigeria. He is a training facilitator, a public speaker and an experienced business strategist providing legal and transaction advisory services to corporate organizations and high net-worth individuals across the globe. He holds a Degree in Law and a Certificate in International Commercial law from the prestigious London School of Economics and Political Science. He helps clients resolve disputes and negotiate contracts across multiple industries with strategic insight.



PROF. ABDULLAHI S. YIBAIKWAL, ESQ.
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Abdullahi Shehu Yibaikwal is a retired Professor of Criminology and a Certified Training Consultant. He is the former Nigerian Ambassador to Russia and Belarus and was the pioneer Director General of GIABA (ECOWAS' anti-money laundering agency). He has held key roles in financial crime prevention, including Director of Training and Research at the EFCC, Senior Policy Advisor at UNODC, and Secretary to the Presidential Task Force on Financial Crimes.

**DR. SIRAJO YAKUBU****Associate Partner**

Dr. Sirajo Yakubu, Principal Partner at Sirajo Yakubu & Co., is an expert in Commercial and Corporate Law, Anti-Money Laundering, Dispute Resolution, and Asset Tracing. A PhD holder in Law from the University of London, he has advised the Federal Government on major contracts and legislation. He is a member of key professional bodies, including the Nigerian Bar Association and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK).

**MR. EPHRAIMS
AKAMIHE, ESQ.**
Consultant

Mr Ephraims is a legal professional with over 20 years of experience in corporate governance, compliance, and risk management. He has held senior roles as Legal Adviser, Company Secretary, and General Manager of Legal Services. He holds an MBA and MSc in Criminology and Security Studies and is a member of several professional bodies, including the Nigerian Bar Association and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK).





OUR PRACTICE AREAS

- 1** Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- 2** Real Estate
- 3** Energy and Infrastructure
- 4** General Commercial
- 5** Regulatory and Compliance
- 6** Energy, Petroleum and Environmental Law
- 7** Mining and Mineral
- 8** Corporate and Commercial
- 9** Legislative Tracking/Drafting, Opinions, Research and Government Relations
- 10** Real Estate and Development Financing
- 11** Consultancy Services
- 12** Commercial Litigation, International Arbitration
- 13** Aviation Law
- 14** Corporate Fraud, Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing, Investigations and Asset Tracing/Recovery
- 15** Corporate Recovery
- 16** Intellectual Property
- 17** International Investment Law
- 18** Pensions
- 19** Private Equity
- 20** Project Finance
- 21** Financial Technology (FinTech)
- 22** WTO and World Trade Law



Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

Civil Litigation
Commercial Litigation
Criminal Litigation
Arbitration and Mediation
Investigative Agencies- Police, EFCC, ICPC, Tribunals,
Committee and Commissions of Inquiry



General Commercial

Corporate Governance, including Board Evaluation and
Company Secretarial Services
Banking and Project Finance
Capital Markets
Mergers and Acquisitions
Competition Law
Tax Advisory
Debt Recovery
Intellectual Property
International and Regional Trade



Real Estate

Real Estate Finance and Investment Advisory
Property Acquisition and Development
Contracts Management



Regulatory and Compliance

Taxation
Company Law and Practice
Licensing and Advisory
Foreign Direct Investment
Government and Regulatory Liaison



Energy and Natural Resources

Oil and Gas
Local Content, including Host Community and
Environmental Issues
Energy, Including CNG, Power and Renewables
Mining and Solid Minerals
Maritime Boundary and Petroleum Joint Development
Schemes
ESG



Capacity Building and General Consultancy

Sector Specific Trainings
Workshops and Conferences
Publications
Proposals and Consultancy Services



Petroleum and Energy Law

With many of the Partners and other senior lawyers being specialists in energy law and policy, this area of practice has become cardinal to the operations of the Firm. The sub-areas include oil & gas, power, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), renewables, the environment, local content and host community issues, international maritime boundary and petroleum joint development schemes, etc. Our expertise in the area of practice cuts across all gamut. Our experts have not only gained academic mastery of relevant subject matters but have also practiced in both the public and private sectors, as buttressed by the individual profiles of our partners, external associates and consultants.



Corporate and Commercial Law

In recognition of the strategic role of corporate entities as the primary vehicles for business transactions in the Nigerian economy and as a catalyst for economic growth, our firm has over the last ten years built extensive transactional experience in all areas of Nigerian corporate law, ranging from the incorporation of Companies, incorporated trustees and registration of partnerships and business names; Preparation, arrangement and documentation of securities including transfer of shares, debenture stock; Advise on compliance with the provisions of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2020, including the preparation, arrangement and documentation of all relevant documents and returns in compliance with the Act and other legislation for the time being in force; Provision of company secretarial services; Investment laws; International trade and commerce including joint ventures, and franchise; Investment and securities issues including, capital market, privatization, post privatization, mergers, acquisitions; Consolidation, and capital markets; leading up to company's winding up and receivership.

Our strategic location in the Nation's Federal capital, and proximity to a wide network of contacts in the relevant regulatory government agencies has been a vital asset that we have over the years deployed in the various legal services provided to our clients particularly in the banking, finance, insurance and commercial sectors of the Nigerian economy.



OUR SERVICES



Mining and Mineral

Nigeria is endowed with a lot of mineral potentials made up of over 30 mineral commodities including gold, bitumen, tantalite, limestone and other industrial minerals in about 450 locations spread throughout the states of the Federation. In recent years, the need to diversify the economy and increase revenue has accelerated the tempo of Government's drive to attract foreign direct investment into the country's solid mineral sector. However, experience has shown that irrespective of the country, geology, or technology, the investor, whether local or foreign, is often more interested in putting his investment in the territories that offer the best geological potential and at minimum risk.

A key means of assessing, transferring, allocating or mitigating these risks lies in identifying the right legal firm having the expertise to identify, analyze, assess, and advise the investor who is hardly familiar with the legal terrain, on the relevant legal and contractual risks and issues such as the mining legislation of the country and other local laws for assurances of availability of mining titles, security of tenure, fiscal predictability and certainty, fiscal incentives, and other aspects considered vital by the investor in the protection and promotion of investment.

The training received by our specialists in leading European and American institutions which has been polished by extensive practical experiences in high profile transactions in the Nigerian solid mineral industry, has given our firm the edge in its capacity to provide a prospective investor in the Nigerian mining and mineral industry with accurate and reliable advice in all facets of Nigerian Mining and Mineral laws including the Legal, Regulatory and Contractual framework; Ownership of Mineral Rights; Types of Mineral titles; The Grant of Mineral Titles: Pre requisites for such Grants; Rights and obligations arising there from including Relinquishment policy, Transferability and Revocation of mineral titles; Investment Protection including Security of Tenure and Risks associated with possible abuse of discretionary powers; Environmental and sustainable development obligations including standards and guidelines for the preservation of the environment, environmental impact assessment, decommissioning, reclamation and rehabilitation of lands; Community participation, human rights, and social obligations; Investment incentives and other assistance including tax holidays, deductions, import duty waivers, repatriation of profits, business permits & expatriate quota; Insurances; and Corrupt practices.



Real Estate and Development Financing

The acquisition, development, management and disposal of real estate are central to the investment strategies of most modern day businesses. But the complexities of real estate investment in Nigeria arising from the land tenure system and the documentation processes under the Land Use Act and its interplay with diverse and sometimes conflicting customary land tenure rights, coupled with communal ownership of and sensitivities to land acquisitions, particularly by non-indigenes in some parts of the country, often make real estate investments fraught with enormous risks in the absence of the right type of legal advice on the potential and pitfalls of the property being acquired, leased or disposed.

At Capital Chambers, we take pride in our time tested reputation for providing our clients with advice on all aspects of real estate, including conducting title searches and other due diligence enquiries including compliance with urban and country planning legislation and procedures; property finance; negotiation; investment and acquisitions; preparation and documentation of title deeds; obtaining necessary consents and approvals; the pre- construction and construction approval processes; lettings and general management work; insurance arrangement; and security work. Our lawyers are well trained in all aspects of property law such that we are able to use their knowledge and expertise in translating the result of our enquiries into commercially-focused advice, which our clients refer to with confidence rather than trepidation.

In response to the Nigerian Government's recent initiative to promote public and private partnerships (PPP), the firm has made substantial investments in capacity building to enable its lawyers live up to the challenge of providing its clients with the best professional advice on all the different aspects of a project, from the initial structuring and tendering stage, including legislative and regulatory issues, to the financing and final contractual negotiations. We are currently involved in providing advisory services to a client involved in the first phase of a build, operate and transfer (BOT) project, with a parastatal of the Ministry of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Abuja, Nigeria.



**Consultancy Services**

The modern client is too occupied to adequately attend to his deluge of business interests and other commitments, hence the need for delegation. Experience over time has, however, shown that some clients have, most often than not, suffered series of disappointments owing to the unreliability of some employees, friends, relations and associates who either lack the competence or integrity to satisfy the demands of their assignments. Therefore, in response to the demands of the modern clients for professionalism, honesty and confidentiality, the firm in association with its specialist associates and consultants, offers customized services in the areas of fixed or discretionary trust and charities; portfolio management; nominee, proxy and allied services; research, training and documentation on current legal issues; and management consultancy.

**Legislative Tracking/Drafting, Opinions, Research and Government Relations**

We have been able to leverage on our in-depth knowledge of the Federal Capital City, Abuja and the understanding of the inner workings of both chambers of the National Assembly and their legislative processes to develop a unique legislative tracking capability through an in-depth coverage of all pending legislations before the National and relevant state assemblies on a myriad of client-defined issues. Thus we have over the years been able to build a strong capacity to create a Comprehensive legislative and regulatory identification, filtering, and monitoring data base which is updated on a daily basis. We surpass mere "raw data" reporting by filtering thousands of introduced bills and proposed regulations to identify and track only those proposals that meet your organization's specific criteria. We provide a history of each proposal's legislative or regulatory action and detail all changes as they occur throughout the enactment process. We reflect bill amendments or redrafted regulations in updated summaries. Our political intelligence provides substantive analysis and viability forecasting of key proposals affecting your specific issue and state interests through a comprehensive multi-source approach (including key industry stakeholders, legislative and agency staff, and media resources) on a bill-by-bill, state-by-state and/or issue-by-issue basis. We offer email alerts that keep you informed of status and changes in the legislation or regulations important to your organization.



NNPC

NNPC Exploration
and Production
Company

TDMK

National Insurance
Commission of
Nigeria

Comfort Homes

Federal
Capital Territory
AdministrationAbuja Investments
Property Company
LimitedNNPC Pension
FundVan Meurs Energy
LimitedTDMK Integrated
Energy LimitedTalent Expertise
InternationalUrban Shelter
LimitedChariot Blanc
LimitedBrighter Abuja
Power Project LimitedNational
Agricultural
Development Fund

Umar Care Center

Nigerian National
Petroleum Company
Ltd.National Hajj
Commission of
NigeriaBrass Petroleum
Terminal

NCDMB

D & B Limited

FCTA Legal
Services SecretariatFCTA
Resettlement
DepartmentFCTA Transport
SecretariatSecurities
and Exchange
CommissionTMDK Terminal
Ltd.Abuja Urban Mass
Transit

OUR CLIENTS

Our crop of highly skilled in-house Lawyers, Consultants and Associates and other staff members who have spent years working together in an atmosphere of conviviality, fit into all the spheres of the firm's area of core practice, with tremendous ease while ensuring that blending and cohesion remain its key objective and focus.

It is against this background that the firm has, over the last ten years of its existence, kept itself in tune with the changing times and trends in the way business is done, through continued education of its lawyers, extensive research, conferences, seminars, and in-depth analysis of issues, as well as the application of the knowledge gained to Nigeria's dynamic legal terrain.

We make bold to state that our immensely reassured clients have always found our services satisfying and it is with this pride and a positive spirit that the firm wishes to establish and maintain a mutually beneficial relationship with new clients.



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