

CHIOMA ADIELE

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EDUCATION

- National Committee on Accreditation** April 2021
- Certificate of Qualification.
- LL.M, Corporate Insolvency & Restructuring Law, Western University** 2019 - 2020
- Recipient of Western Law Graduate Scholarship.
 - Project Topic: Developing a Corporate Insolvency Framework for [Nigeria](#).
Supervised by Professor Thomas GW Telfer and Professor Alfonso Nocilla.
- B.L, Barrister-at-Law, The Nigerian Law School, Lagos, Nigeria** 2016 - 2017
- Obtained distinction in Corporate Law and Professional Ethics.
 - Certificate of Outstanding Leadership presented by the Director-General of the Nigerian Law School.
- LL. B, Bachelor of Laws, Afe Babalola University, Ekiti, Nigeria** 2011- 2016
- Graduated with a cumulative grade average of 4.69/5 – (Canadian Equivalent 3.75/4).
 - Recipient, Award of Excellence, First Class Honors.
 - Recipient, Award for the Second-Best Graduating Student.
 - Recipient, Award for the Best Student in Commercial Law, Real Estate Law, Professional Responsibility.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lerners LLP, London Ontario, Canada. July 2022(In view)
Articling Student

Fidelis Oditah & Co, Lagos, Nigeria. May 2019 - August 2019
Associate

- Represented a debtor corporation in loan restructuring negotiations with a bank to restructure an overdue facility.
- Represented an e-commerce corporation in a debt restructuring process that successfully reduced the corporation's debt by 35%.
- Advised a financial institution on the framework for winding-up corporations in Nigeria, as part of an effort to recover an outstanding debt owed by a distressed airline under an aircraft leasing agreement.
- Made submissions at the Federal High Court on behalf of an oil service corporation, in a petition to wind-up a debtor bank for its failure to pay an irrevocable order of an assigned debt.
- Monitored the activities of a liquidator in a court-supervised winding-up proceeding.
- Drafted the counter affidavit and factum asserting an aircraft servicing corporation's possessory right over an aircraft in response to the owner's application for release of the aircraft.

Country Hill Attorneys & Solicitors, Lagos, Nigeria. January 2018 - April 2019
Associate

- Provided legal support, including due diligence, contract negotiation and drafting services to enable a technology corporation obtain finance from private equity funds.
- Advised and represented a domestic financial institution in its merger with another domestic financial institution.
- Provided advisory memoranda to foreign investors and reviewed an asset purchase agreement in a deal to acquire an agricultural corporation.
- Rendered legal advisory services for a proposed share acquisition and transfer of assets of a telecommunication corporation by another telecommunication corporation.
- Conducted legal due diligence on the litigation portfolios of corporations.
- Conducted research and drafted closing submissions in the defence of a corporation in an action for fraudulent misrepresentation and deceit.

- Represented corporations in garnishee proceedings and similar post-judgment enforcement procedures.
- Represented a client in an action challenging an assessment issued by the Federal Inland Revenue Service based on the excess dividend tax rule.

Aluko & Oyebode, Lagos, Nigeria.

September 2017 - December 2017

Graduate Intern

- Assisted with trial preparation on various files.
- Attended general firm meetings and drafted meeting minutes.
- Took notes at mediations at the Lagos State Multi-Door Courthouse.

LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

Trustee, Zara Women’s Initiative

2016 - Present

- Raised awareness and educated domestic abuse victims on their legal rights.
- Raised funds through crowdsourcing for counselling victims of sexual abuse.
- Organized campaigns to enlighten uneducated widows on customary inheritance rights.

Founder and Creative Director, Mirabelle Clothing

2017 - 2019

- Sketched designs and collaborated with tailors to release clothing collections.
- Managed clients requests and expectations from the fabric selections to the formal fittings.

Volunteer, Legal Aid Community Development Service Group

2017 - 2018

- Rendered pro-bono legal services to low-income earners in Lagos.
- Enlightened members of several Local Governments in Lagos on their fundamental human rights and the appropriate remedy to seek when these rights are violated.

Lead, Student Advocacy Group, Afe Babalola University

2015 - 2016

- Led the group through mock trials and inter-school competitions.

Vice President, Drug Free Club, Afe Babalola University

2013 - 2016

- Enlightened first-year students on the dangers of drug abuse.
- Raised awareness and delivered seminars to victims of drug addiction.

PUBLICATIONS

- Adiele Chioma, “Developing a Corporate Insolvency Framework for Nigeria.” (2020) *Master of Laws Research Papers Repository*.
- Adiele Chioma, “DIP Financing in Canada in Light of the recent amendments to the CCAA” [SSRN \(2020\)](#).
- Adiele Chioma, “Does Canadian Law Adequately Protect Creditors of Financially Distressed Corporations?” [SSRN \(2020\)](#).

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Associate Member, International Women’s Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation. 2021
- Member, Canadian Association of Black Lawyers. 2020
- Associate Member, Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators. 2018
- Member, Nigerian Bar Association. 2017

INTERESTS

- **Language:** I speak French at A2 Level and I am currently improving my vocabulary.
- **Hiking:** I enjoy exploring hiking trails. I have gone on several hikes in Quebec and Ontario.
- **Event Planning and Styling:** I enjoy planning and decorating venues for special occasions.
- **Music:** I like listening to afrobeats and hip-hop.