MERIT NNEDIMMA OKAFOR-MADUKAH

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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Always focused and dedicated to assigned projects as well as committed to delivering high quality results within a given and specified time, with minimal supervision; possesses strong communication and research skills.

## CAREER OBJECTIVE

To procure employment with a reputable organization by utilizing my job experiences, skills and education and becoming the integral part of the organization, a team player and an asset to the growth of organization

## BIO DATA

Surname: Okafor-Madukah Other names: Merit Nnedimma

Sex: Female

Date of Birth: July 15 1994 Marital Status: Married Nationality: Nigerian

## EDUCATIONAL HISTORY AND CERTIFICATES OBTAINED

**University of Lagos, Akoka, Yaba, Lagos State**

Master of Laws (LLM) **2020 - till date**

(In view**)**

## Nigerian Law School, Victoria Island, Lagos Campus 2016 - 2017

Barrister at Law (BL) Second Class Honors

## Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka 2011 - 2016

Bachelor Of Laws (LL.B)

Second Class Honours (lower division)

## Holy Rosary Secondary School, Ihioma, Orlu 2005 -2010

WAEC (West African Senior School Certificate Examination)

**SKILLS**

# In-depth knowledge and appreciation of corporate finance, capital market, debt, equity and borrowing transactions;

* Good knowledge and understanding of the global legal framework (criminal, corporate and commercial law);

# Ability to think strategically, holistically and to appreciate the systematic impact of various

legal policies, issues and solutions;

# Excellent written, drafting, reviewing and oral communication skills;

* Ability to exercise independent judgment and provide practical legal advice;

# Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work as a team with professionals from other disciplines;

* High ethical standards, impeccable integrity and a deep sense of fairness;

# Strong organizing, work planning and scheduling skills, capable of handling large volumes of assignments accurately and thoroughly while balancing several agendas;

* Highly experienced in litigation matters;
* Recognized for adept research on various legal concepts and areas of law (including taxation, corporate, criminal and commercial laws)**.**
* Ability to work under pressure and meet up with deadlines
* Ability to prepare minute of meetings and conferences

# Good appreciation and working knowledge of Microsoft Office tools.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Tokumbo Orimobi Legal Group (TOLG Advisors)** January 2022 till date

No. 15 Oluremi Street,

The Bolajoko,

Lekki, Lagos.

Job Title: Associate

Department: Finance Corporate and Commercial

Position Held: Team Lead

Job Functions/experience:

* Advising financial institutions, multilateral and bilateral institutions, trustees and private company borrowers on secured and unsecured debt financing transactions;
* Advising corporate entities on equity investments, mergers and acquisitions and divestments;
* Drafting, reviewing and negotiating agreements on behalf of clients, including complex loan/ financing agreements, security and guarantee agreements, sale and purchase agreements, trust deeds, prospectus/placement memorandums e.t.c;
* Advising clients and structuring transactions that are based on collective investment schemes;
* Conducting legal due diligence on companies as part of proposed transactions to advise on issues to be considered in the transaction structuring and documentation;
* Led the team that is currently advising a client on a syndicated loan transaction;
* Led a team that acted as transaction counsel to a N10 billion Naira note issuance programme;
* Led a team that acted as transaction counsel to a N500, 000 million Naira note issuance;
* Led a team that successfully negotiated and recovered debts running in millions for clients;
* Worked as part of a team that advised on a N10 billion Naira Commercial paper transaction;
* Recognized for adept research on various Legal concept and cases; and
* Assisting and supervising my teammates.

**Maximus Lex Attorneys** February 2018 till date Plot 14 Ahmed Onibudo Street

Victoria Island, Lagos.

Job Title: Counsel in Chambers Position Held: Associate

Job Functions:

* Drafting letters, court processes and other legal documents;
* Filling of processes in court;
* Recognized for adept research on various Legal concept and cases;
* Appearance in Court proceedings and arbitral panels on behalf of clients;
* providing legal services/advice in respect of client's corporate investment transactions;
* Structure transactions in a manner that is consistent with the mandate, policies and objectives of our client and provide innovative and practical solutions to legal issues pertaining to our client's transactions and activities;
* Advice our client on the legal aspects of the credit approval process relating to its corporate transactions;
* Draft, review and negotiate term sheets, Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), mandate letters, project agreements, financing and security agreements;
* Review conditions precedent and coordinate closing of the financing including perfection of security based on the requisite laws, on behalf of our client;
* visiting and liasing with relevant Government or law enforcement agencies and commissions on behalf of the firm and clients;
* Conducting Client interviews;
* Legal negotiation;
* Preparing legal opinions and legal arguments/briefs on areas of law;
* Prepared the firm's monthly case update and minutes of conference and meetings involving the firm;
* Offer corporate and administrative service;
* Debt recovery for banks and other Clients;
* Perfection of title documents;
* Incorporation of companies and registration of business names;
* Legal adviser; and
* Compliance officer

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

* I offered legal advice that resulted in the successful capturing of an absconding fraudulent defendant.
* Conducted research and offered legal advice that resulted to the firm winning a N1,500,000,000.00 (One billion, Five hundred thousand Naira) case in court.
* Facilitated and procured a multi- million Naira brief for the firm.
* Got judgement in favour of the firm on a debt recovery suit.
* Took steps that resulted in the firm not paying a huge default fee in court, upon my realization that the other party's process to which we responded to was not yet regularized and thus not properly before the court.
* Am the run to person for any research work on any novel area of law.
* Offered support and guidance to my colleagues and other younger lawyers in the firm.

**Doyin Rhodes-Vivour & Co From May** 2017 to July 2017 **( legal Practitioners & Arbitrators**)

No.9 Simeon Akinlonu Crescent

Oniru Private Estate Victoria Island Extension Lagos.

Job Title: Extern Job functions:

* Drafting letters, legal opinions and other Legal documents subject to the supervision of my field supervisor.
* Research on various legal concepts and cases.
* Attendance and observation of proceedings in Court

**Federal High Court From April** 2017 to May 2017 Ikoyi, Lagos.

Job Title: Extern Job function:

* Legal research
* Attendance and observation of proceedings in Court.

**MEMBERSHIP OF ASSOCIATIONS AND POSITIONS HELD**

* Offered support and guidance to my colleagues and other younger lawyers in the firm
* Law Clinic, Nigerian Law School, Lagos Campus \_ Member 2017
* Catholic Law Students ASSOCIATION of Nigeria (CLASAN), Nigerian Law School, Lagos \_ Member 2017
* National Association of Imo State Students, Unizik chapter, \_Secretary General 2014-2015
* Senate, Law Student Association of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka - Member 2014-2015
* Christian Law Students’ Fellowship of Nigeria, Unizik Chapter \_ Fresher’s academic adviser 2013

## INTEREST AND HOBBIES

* + Reading Novels and poetry
  + Swimming

## REFEREES: Available on request.