**Josémaria Chidera Ugonabo**

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June 19th1994

**PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

I am a Barrister and Solicitor qualified to practice law in Nigeria. A competitive and reliable Commercial Lawyer with an outstanding personality and work ethic. I thrive in dynamic environments and quickly adapt to the ever-changing demands of the legal profession.

**EDUCATION**

**Qualified Lawyers Training Scheme Examination (QLTS)**

Qualification to practice as a Solicitor in England and Wales

Completion Date: (November, 2019)

**LLM Master of Laws (International Commercial and Maritime Law)**

Swansea University, Wales United Kingdom

Completion Date: (September, 2019)

Predicted grade: Distinction

**BL: Barrister at Law**

The Nigerian Law School, Abuja, Nigeria (2016 – 2017)

Grade: Second Class Lower

**The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK)**

Certificate of Associate Membership 2017

**LLB: Bachelor of Laws**

NnamdiAzikiwe University Awka, Anambra State, Nigeria (2011 – 2016)

Grade: Second Class Lower

**West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) – 6 Distinctions**

Marist Comprehensive College Nteje, Anambra State, Nigeria (2005 – 2011)

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**J.C. Ugonabo Law Office, Wuse, Abuja, Nigeria.**

**Legal Consulting (Part Time)**

**January 2018 – September 2018**

**October 2018-- Present (Nominal Partner)**

* I engaged in Commercial Property Management
* I was frequently engaged in general solicitor’s correspondence (Legal letters, contract reviews and negotiations, police bail application) amongst others
* I had retainers for Company secretarial functions
* I offered company incorporation and post incorporation services
* I represented banks in garnishee proceedings
* Pro bono career guidance for law students

**Ikwueto Law Firm, Wuse FCT Abuja.**

Associate.

**December 2017—September 2018**

* I engaged in drafting processes, filling and litigation in both trial and appellate courts.
* I was the 2nd in command in the corporate services division of the firm. I advised on company pre and post incorporation matters.
* I managed tenants and advised landlords.
* As the most junior associate I was compulsory engaged in legal research.
* I advised clients on probate matters.

**Sagerock Limited, Business Advisors and Consultants. Abuja, Nigeria**

Legal Assistant (Part-Time)

**October 2016 – November 2017**

* I engaged in Tax fillings, appeals and compliance
* I prepared pre and post Incorporation company documents
* I engaged in Development of business plan and feasibility studies

**ObidimmaObidimma& Co, Legal Practitioners. Onitsha Anambra State, Nigeria**

Graduate Law Internship

**August - October 2016**

* Researched and analyzed several legal issues with counsel at the firm.
* Attended several court proceedings with counsel from the firm.
* Drafted letters and pleadings under supervision.
* Tenancy/Property Management.

**Extra-Curricular Activities**

* Member, Rotary Club of Swansea. Currently co-heading a team to start the Rotaract club of Swansea.
* Pianist and Singer at St Benedict’sChaplaincy Choir Swansea.
* Member St Vincent De Paul Society, St Benedict’sChaplaincy Swansea.
* President of St Vincent De Paul UNIZIK Nigeria
* Distinguished Senator of the UNIZIK law students association (2012-2013)
* Member, NigerianBar Association.

**Skills**

* Languages: English- Fluent. French- Basic
* IT: Trained and experienced in MS word, Excel, PowerPoint, outlook.
* Licensed driver in Nigeria. UK tests ongoing
* Music: Experienced pianist

**REFEREES**

PATRICK IKWUETO, FCIArb (UK) Senior Advocate of Nigeria

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