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Samanta Erugo

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Sam Sien

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CandidLaw Mission and Vision

CandidLaw – an Online Journal of candid lawyering, ethical commentaries and learning

desires to fill discernable ethical gaps in lawyering and legal learning and reasoning, erudition and general legal scholarship. It appears that much of the yearning gaps are rooted in **ethics and professional responsibility**, and very little in poor legal knowledge. Consequently, **CandidLaw will provide opportunity for:**

- i. **Candid commentaries on, and critique or review of new case law, statutes and other contemporary legal issues**
- ii. **Quick and easily assessible updates or reports on new case law and statutes**
- iii. **Critical learning in law, including review of emerging legal scholarship**
- iv. **Candid legal scholarship, isolating law from politics – the public should know the truth**
- v. **Legal assistance and dispute resolution.**

CandidLaw Journal model aims to stimulate and promote candid legal commentaries, critiques and scholarship with ethics in mind. This model appreciates and celebrates candor, and the paucity of time of both legal practitioners and academics, who albeit comment and seek the truth or justice. **CandidLaw** will collate and sift the brief and candid commentaries, criticisms and opinions on court decisions, legislations and other legal issues that appear to jolt the conscience of the nation. These will constantly be juxtaposed with the law, social justice and lawyer's roles and responsibilities under the Rules of Professional Conduct for Legal Practitioners. Beyond the adversarial posture of some lawyers engaged by clients in dispute, and others in politics or business blinded by self-interest, CandidLaw insists that there is a meeting point in law. That meeting point is the justice of every case, which ethical lawyers appreciate. This is the focus of **CandidLaw – candid lawyering, candidly speaking- meeting the expectations of the populace watching lawyers disagree, sometimes in outright breach of the underlying professional duties - to uphold the law, of candor and as Minister in the temple of justice! Where lies the justice?**

In recent times, lawyers and legal academics have been nauseatingly and ignobly exposed to unprecedented and unhealthy division or schism arising from the interpretation and application of the law by the courts. The schism and split extend to discourse on the actions of the executive and legislature-they are torn apart along political or business divide, as against the profession, the loser. Where lies lawyers' professional integrity? Perhaps most published of the schism are the commentaries, criticisms and varied opinions on the several judgments of the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Nigeria flowing from the 2019 general elections. The electoral matters are closely followed by the travails, trial and eventual retirement of the former Chief Justice of Nigeria, Walter Onorhena.

The difference division or conflict lies in ethics! Ethical lawyers cannot continue in the 'conspiracy' of silence. Let's speak out and loudly too, for all to hear that the profession is not guilty.

CandidLaw will revel candor and professional integrity in commentaries, critiques and scholarship coming from legal minds. In this Journal we want to read original writings on recent or current legal issues *vis-à-vis* the following truisms:

- i. the lawyer is in business, but in a regulated profession
- ii. The lawyer's duties to uphold the law and of candour
- iii. The lawyer's dual role as an advocate for the cause of her/his client and as an officer of the court.
- iv. The lawyer's dual considerations in the advocacy for her/his client-the ethical duty to cite to the court every adverse authority; and the strategic concerns in managing adverse authorities.
- v. When an authority is distinguishable or truly contrary to a case at hand.

There is need for synergy in discussing these professional conundrums *vis a vis* the ethical intricacies and dilemma. Such dialogue will improve legal practice and public perception already bashed by division or schism among lawyers traceable to values. There is obvious gap in legal scholarship compartmentalizing,

isolating and exposing professional misconduct, inadequacies and incompetence from the preceding dimensions. **CandidLaw** will publish only original but critical commentaries, critiques and reviews that juxtapose recent or current legal issues, including judgments, from the foregoing the ethical and professional perspectives. This is a mission!

The Vision is an ethically conscious legal profession with improved public image.

Speak out on those issues bothering you, and let the reader appreciate your candor.

A further objective of CandidLaw is to improve learning and information available to stakeholders, particularly lawyers and law students. We want to be sure that the relevant information on valid or good law is available and easily accessible. It has become necessary to produce a Nigerian candid legal citator [CandidCite]. Be part of this project by submitting new case laws or statutes to CandidLaw, and by commentaries on valid or invalid precedents. Elsewhere the use of a legal citator is considered very critical in legal practice. This is because of the belief that failure could cause a judicial condemnation or disapproval or in the extreme case citing for professional misconduct. We are hoping to produce a unique Nigerian online comprehensive and valid legal citator that lawyers and law students can confidently and candidly cite as valid law.

Finally, CandidLaw will provide vital teaching and learning opportunities, assistance and services consistent with her Vision and Mission.

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CandidLaw Editorial Policy

CandidLaw editorial policy is determined by the values of access to information and access rights generally as focal components of rule of law in a constitutional democracy. Access to candid and accurate legal information is key to the enjoyment of other rights. Guided by ethics both in law and journalism CandidLaw will strive to provide extensive legal information to lawyers, law students and other stakeholders.

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You can become an Editor of CandidLaw. In addition to other benefits, as may be determined by the Board from time to time, Editors will be entitled to free subscription to all CandidLaw Services and have their names listed as an editor of CandidLaw.

We encourage Students to volunteer as Editors of CandidLaw. In addition, to the invaluable experience and honour of being listed as an editor, Student Editors could earn scholarships and paid internships.

If you are interested in becoming a Student Editor, please send your short bio to: editor@candidlawonline.com

Editorial Guidelines

- The editorial work is voluntary, though the Journal may with time consider financial reward to editors. However, Editors will have their names reflected as editors, in addition to other benefits...
- The primary objective is to find the ethical value of the contribution.
- Look out for the contribution of the work in terms of candour

Write for CandidLaw

CandidLaw Online Journal of candid lawyering, ethical commentaries and learning calls short commentaries and critique of recent legal issues and scholarship deserving attention and professional attention. A model commentary or critique should relate the legal issue/s to legislative or judicial precedent followed, not followed, distinguished or avoided, and in the context of professional conundrums *vis a vis* the ethical intricacies and dilemma. The essence should be to instigate further discourse or dialogue to enhance professionalism, improve legal practice and public perception. The writing should be able to add to legal scholarship by compartmentalizing, isolating and celebrating professional competence, while exposing professional misconduct, inadequacies and incompetence. Though the rigid rules regarding academic referencing may not be rigidly applied, an ideal paper for publication should be in comprehensible and the original works of the author. The writer will be responsible for the contents and references of submissions.

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- i. Address recent legal issues that should be of note or concern to the legal profession.
- ii. Focus on stated Mission and Vision of CandidLaw.

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The selected best contribution by law students will be rewarded every session.

Author Guidelines

- i. Select only current or recent legal issues deserving professional attention, wider readership or further discourse, or alternatively of concern to the general public.
- ii. The issue should be related to legislative or judicial precedent, and in the context of professional conundrums
- iii. Commentaries and reviews should be of judgments, legislations or executive acts, government reports, or related news items not earlier than three years prior to writing.
- iv. Make it brief and to the point; preferably between 750 and 1500 words.
- v. Situate your writing in the context of celebrating professional competence, or exposing incompetence, professional misconduct or inadequacies.
- vi. The first paragraph of your article will appear as excerpt on the 'home page', so make it excellently the best.
- vii. Stimulate readership interest by legal scholarship for further healthy discourse.
- viii. Use endnotes or textual citations, where necessary. Footnotes are not available.
- ix. The conflict of interest rule applies against works where the writer has interest.
- x. Contributions must be original works of the author.
- xi. Send in softcopy

Submit new case law authority or statute

CandidLaw appreciates submission of new case law or statute touching on established legal precedent or law. This is because knowledge of new case law authorities, cases creating new precedents or overruling or distinguishing old authorities are critical to candid citation. Similarly, , news of new statutes are welcome. The strict rules for commentaries, reviews and critiques do not apply where the submission is for purposes of news only. However, the author is required to crosscheck and confirm authenticity, and acknowledge the source.

Contributors may send contributions and submissions in MSW to: editor@candidlawonline.com

Frequently Asked Questions

What does CandidLaw stand for?

CandidLaw is an *online Journal of candid lawyering, ethical commentaries and learning for lawyers, law students and paralegals*. The aim is to stimulate and promote candid legal commentaries, critiques and scholarship with ethics in mind. The reader deserves and expects to read the truth in current legal news and developments. The model appreciates and celebrates candor, and the paucity of time of both legal practitioners and academics, who albeit may comment and seek the truth or justice.

How can I contribute to CandidLaw?

You can contribute candid commentaries, critiques or reviews. See author guidelines.

You can also volunteer to edit CandidLaw. See Become and Editor.

How regular is CandidLaw publication?

CandidLaw is constantly updated as new materials are received and edited. However, the front headlines are published every month.

How can I contact CandidLaw?

You can contact our team through the Editor at: editor@candidlawonline.com

How do I make the best use of CandidLaw?

-Regularly pop into the home page, glance through and select/read from the commentaries, critiques or reviews and make a candid comment.

-Summit commentaries, critiques or reviews on topical legal issues you think deserves scholarly conversation and follow up comments on your submission.

-Make out time at leisure to read CandidLaw, and as may be necessary utilize and recommend relevant sections to friends and colleagues.

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Simply submit your commentaries, critiques or reviews on topical legal issues following the Authors guide and we will review and publish free of charge.

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Simply submit your commentaries, critiques or reviews that meet the criteria.

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To assess older commentaries, reviews and critiques go to [Archives](#).

Contact CandidLaw

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Does CandidLaw have a management team?

CandidLaw has a management team led by the Editor-in-Chief, Sam Erugo, a Professor of Law.

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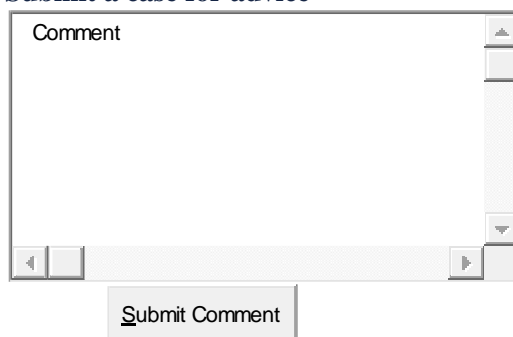
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CandidLaw offers eLearning opportunities for new and inexperienced corporate lawyers to upgrade their skills and in environment friendly enough to learn, reskill or upskill and seek necessary assistance to perform optimally in the corporate world. Special on-demand lessons could be arranged for individual customers or groups.

We also offer advisory opinions

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Submit a case for advice



Doing for-profit business in Nigeria

[With acclaimed stable constitutional democracy, guaranteed freedoms and diversity, Nigeria with its population of approximately 200 million people, arable land, good weather, appreciably fine business climate, among other favourable factors, remains the No.1 investment destination in Africa. Understandably, there is influx of businessmen from all over the world seeking to invest in Nigeria. This online short course provides comprehensive training on the legal framework and policy, on precisely how to establish and run a successful for-profit business in Nigeria. *[Webinar]*

Immigration

The world has become a global village with the attendant free movement of persons from one country to another. There is really nothing wrong with migrating to any country of your dream, provided you are welcome and satisfy all requirements for free entry. To migrate without tears, for educational pursuit or business you must understand the Immigration laws and policies of your country of destination. Learn how to how to migrate to the country of your choice without difficulties. This short online course will prepare both the Nigerian wishing to travel abroad and foreigners who wish to come in and settle in Nigeria *[Webinar]*

Taxation

Tax is a legal obligation of citizens all over the world. The dwindling oil revenue has led to increased attention in enforcing the tax obligations of both citizens, residents and corporate bodies. The drive and its forms have brought new social tensions in a population not used to voluntary tax payment. Admittedly, there seems to be clear cases of multiple taxation, and sometimes other abuses in tax administration and payment heightening the tension. We offer online advisory and training on tax obligations and

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Students' ClassRoom

CandidLaw appreciates the difficulties faced by several law students flowing from poor or unavailable mentorship and the general challenge of learning. We can provide free candid advice to students; and periodically will organise virtual classroom lessons in some courses or subjects based on popular demand. Use the Form provided here to submit request for Advice or to request lessons. You can also send email to: advice@candidlawonline.com indicating 'Student Advice' or 'Lessons' on the caption.

Request advice or Lesson



Students' Project

Long Essay or 'Students' Projects' at undergraduate level, and dissertations at postgraduate level remain burdensome for most students. So many reasons are responsible for this, the core being failure of relevant communication on what is required of the student. CandidLaw will provide necessary advice and assistance in learning to reduce the difficulties in this all-important research and writing through special online consultations and training. Send mail with 'Long Essay' or 'Dissertation' as caption to advice@candidlawonline.com or use the Form provided for students to request assistance.

- [Law Clinics](#)

Legal Internships/externships

CandidLaw attempts to seek opportunities in reputable Law Offices and CSOs for vital Legal internships and externships for law students seeking practical experiences as part of the Law Clinic activities or otherwise. We encourage students wishing to intern/extern to apply early enough and satisfy the eligibility criteria to enable early arrangements. Law Offices and CSOs wishing to host interns/externs may wish to send in requests.

CandidLawonline promotes legal internships/externships or placement in the following categories:

1. **General Legal Internships/Externships in general law office**
2. **Specialized internships/externships for Trainees in legal research/legal writing, Court Reporting & Law Reporting in Law offices and CSOs**
3. **Virtual Internship Programme**

Nature of Legal Internships/Externships

The legal 'Intern' or trainee in the case of general legal internship/externship is exposed to law in practice; assigned duties in the law office and exposed to experiential learning as he/she participates in the day-to-day business of the law office. In the specialized internship the trainee is exposed to special skills beyond the ordinary day-to-day business of lawyers. The Intern or trainee could specialize in in legal research/legal writing, Court & Law Reporting, or public interest lawyering, among others. CandidLaw will maintain a pool of applicants for internship/externship.

Virtual internship[externship] is possible where both the intern and the accepting office have the facilities. This is encouraged to expand opportunities.

Duration of internship/externship: The duration of the Virtual Internship Program shall be at least six weeks but not exceeding six months. Interns not completing the requisition...

Purpose of internship: Salient features of this internship:

General Eligibility Requirements:

- i. **Registered students of a recognized Faculty of Law or Mass Communication/Journalism or related courses in a tertiary institution in Nigeria, South Africa, Ghana, and other common law jurisdiction.**
 - ii. **Minimum score of 60% in an English language writing test to determine proficiency in the language.**
 - iii. **Submission of signed undertaking of non-disclosure and confidentiality**
- Other eligibility conditions as may be determined from time to time by the accepting office.**

Application for internship/externship

Requests for internship/externship

(Current requests)

Foundation for Conflictology & Justice – Call for Legal Interns/Externs and trainees, 2020

Organisation: Foundation for Conflictology & Justice/CandidLawonline

Nature: Virtual/Externship.

Purpose: Specialized Training in legal research/writing, Court Reporting & Law Reporting

Duration: 8 – 12 weeks

The internship programme is available for various periods commencing from the first week of August 2020 throughout the year subject to availability of space.

Vacation Jobs

CandidLaw appreciates the times and will seek to link eligible students to Law Offices and CSOs offering vacation jobs.

Competitions

Participate in on-going and upcoming competitions

Writing competitions [in Ethics, Human rights.... Commentaries]

Sample

Article Writing Competition

Topic:

Prizes:

Eligibility

1. Registered student of a Faculty of Law in any Nigerian University or of the Nigerian Law School
2. Age: No age limit
3. Nationality: Nigerians (only)

Candidate must provide following details:

1. Full name:
2. Faculty/School contact address:
3. Mat. Number:
4. Telephone Number:
5. E-mail

Submit Article not more than 1500 words

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The Essay should not be more than 1500 words.

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