



NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL

BWARI - ABUJA

BAR EXAMINATION-PART II FINAL

PROFESSIONAL ETHICS & ETHICS

FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY, 2020

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

THIS PAPER IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS. TWO ANSWER BOOKLETS ARE PROVIDED. QUESTIONS FROM EACH SECTION SHOULD BE ANSWERED ON A SEPARATE ANSWER BOOKLET. QUESTIONS 1 AND 4 ARE COMPULSORY. ONE OTHER QUESTION FROM EACH SECTION SHOULD BE ATTEMPTED.

WRITE YOUR EXAMINATION NUMBER ON EACH ANSWER BOOKLET.

SECTION A

QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

Sesan Johnsons has been the family solicitor to the Miliki family of Lagos State. In 2015, the government acquired part of the land belonging to Miliki family for the purpose of road construction. As a family solicitor, the Miliki family briefed Sesan Johnsons Esq to pursue the payment of compensation due to them. In 2018, the Lagos State Government paid the first tranche of N80,000,000 (Eighty Million Naira) only to the Miliki family. Sesan Johnsons Esq remitted only N50,000,000 (Fifty Million Naira) to the Miliki family claiming that the remaining N30,000,000 (Thirty Million Naira) only was his professional fees. Repeated demands by the Miliki family to remit the N30,000,000 (Thirty Million Naira) and settle professional fees fell on deaf ears.

In desperation to recover the N30,000,000 (Thirty Million Naira), the Miliki family has petitioned the Nigerian Bar Association, Lagos Chapter.

Answer the following questions:

- (a) Which other bodies can the Miliki family petition to ensure the professional discipline of Sesan Johnsons Esq?
- (b) Assuming Sesan Johnsons Esq is to be arraigned before the Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Committee, explain the likely offence(s) he would be charged with.
- (c) What other offences does the Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Committee have power to hear!
- (d) Assuming Sesan Johnsons Esq is adjudged guilty by the Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Committee, what are the possible direction(s) the Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Committee may give?
- (e) Assuming Sesan Johnsons Esq is objecting to his name being struck off the roll by the Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Committee, explain to him the step(s) he must take.
- (f) Apart from the Body in (b) above, highlight the other controlling bodies in the legal profession and briefly state their roles.

QUESTION 2

During the Call to Bar reception organised by your family in your honour, your parents announced a donation of #10,000,000.00(Ten Million Naira) only to you to commence your legal practice immediately. Your uncle also gave you #5,000,000.00 (Five Million Naira) to support your new law office.

In commencing your law practice as a sole practitioner, you have paid #200,000.00 for office apartment, 180,000.00 for computer accessories and #1,000,000.00 for a brand new Toyota Car, 2010 model. You have also spent

#20,000.00 on stationery and another #5,000,000.00 for the purchase of Laws of the Federation, Books and Law Reports since 1980.

Answer the following questions:

- (a) Draw up your Cash Book Account.
- (b) Discuss three (3) different Bank accounts you must keep as a legal practitioner.
- (c) Highlight the basic offices, furniture and books that should be provided in your proposed law office.
- (d) Discuss the implication(s) of failure to maintain the Bank accounts in (b) above under the rules of professional conduct for legal practitioners.

QUESTION 3

Jack Mark, a Barrister called to the New York Bar in the United States of America since 1975 was briefed by Bill Chicago, also an American Citizen, to defend him in the money laundering charge filed against him at the Federal High Court, Abuja. Jack Mark's application to the President of the Nigerian Bar Association for permission to represent Bill Chicago was granted. In the course of preparing his defence, he was briefed by three other persons and became Defence counsel in the four cases.

On the day of Bill Chicago's arraignment, the Attorney General of the Federation, A.B Kokoma, SAN (called to the Bar in 1978 and conferred with the rank of a SAN in 2000) and C.U. Upat SAN (called to the Bar in 1984 and conferred with the rank of SAN in 1999 and Chief Olasko Alaska, a life Bencher had cases in that Court. Jack Mark requested that being a very senior foreign lawyer, he was entitled to sit in the inner bar and have his case called first. The judge granted these request and in anger, A.B. Kokoma, SAN shouted "Look, Your Honour, you do not seem to know what you are doing. This is what happens when half-baked judges are appointed." He then stormed out of the court.

Using the above scenario, comment on the following:

- (a) The propriety or otherwise of Jack Mark defending Bill Chicago and there other defendants.
- (b) The proper order of precedent in court on the day of Bill Chicago's arraignment.
- (c) The request by Jack Mark to sit in the inner bar.
- (d) The request by Jack Mark to have his case called first, and the granting of same by the judge.
- (e) The comments and conduct of the A.B Sokomo, SAN

QUESTION 4 (COMPULSORY)

During the initial client interview held on 18th November, 2019 in the office of Richard Chukwuma and Co. at Plot 20, Herbert Macaulay Street, Port Harcourt. Madam Nengi Tyger informed Richard Chukwuma Esq of the debt of #30,000,000.00 (being owed to him by Ayabowei Nigeria Ltd. She asked her lawyer to write a letter to the company requesting for the payment of the money into her lawyer's account by the end of January, 2020. Secondly, Madam Nengi Tyger said she was willing to accept installments of #10,000,000.00 (Ten Million Naira) each at the end of every month beginning from January, 2020, if the Company cannot pay the total amount as at the due date. She informed her lawyer that she wanted the company to know this and the fact that she is willing to enter a negotiation if the company do desires. Finally, Madam Nengi Tyger said her lawyer should notify the company that she would not hesitate to institute an action in court if the company fails to comply with any of the two options provided.

Answer the following questions asuming you are the lawyer, Richard Chukwuma Esq:

- (a) Write a letter to your client for the confirmation of her instructions to you during the client interview.

(b) Draft the letter requesting for the amount of money owed your client, incorporating all the available options.

(c) Assuming the company was adamant to comply with the available options and the matter is already in court, but you have another matter at the Court of Appeal, Calabar on the same day your client's case at the High Court 4, High Court Complex, Ovom, Yenegoa, will be coming up, draft the application to the appropriate court in the circumstance.

(d) At the conclusion of Madam Tyger's case in court, judgement was delivered in her favour. Aggrieved by the judgment, Ketu Ogbonna Esq. counsel to Ayabowei Nigeria Limited, stood up immediately after the judgment was delivered and shouted at the judge, alleging bias while other counsel in Court were trying to caution him as well as calm him down, he turned and hit your face (as counsel to Madam Tyger) with a blow. With the aid of relevant authorities, comment on Ketu Ogbonna's action.

(e) List the stages of initial client's interview you conducted on 18th November, 2019, assuming you employed Avron Sherr's stages.

QUESTION 5

Jama's Chamber, a firm of legal practitioners, held its annual meeting on the 10th July, 2019 at its rented office apartment located at No. 700, Guyman Street, Utako District, Abuja. The meeting was to discuss the activities of the firm for the legal year just ended and deliberate on the proposed purchase of an existing building in Maitama, Abuja, to be used as the permanent office of the firm.

Present at the meeting were Mr. Mobolaji Alaba, the Principal Partner, Idris Ojimba, partner, Lazarus Hakim Counsel and Mrs. Helen Paul a counsel. In attendance was Mr. Sule Amodu, a Chartered Accountant. It was resolved. It was resolved at the meeting that two (2) or more legal practitioners, of not less than 5 years post call, should be employed by the firm.

Answer the following questions:

- (a) Prepare the minutes of meeting of Jama's chamber, held on the 10th day of July, 2019.
- (b) Write an application for the position of a Senior Counsel in Jama's and attach your updated CV.
- (c) Discuss the usual stages you will go through to prepare a legislative Bill.
- (d) Distinguish between legislative stages and legislative process.

QUESTION 6

Mr. Abiola Daniel was called to the Nigerian Bar in 2007. After 10 years stint with the firm of Azam Madu & co., he left and set up his law firm, Abiola D. & Co., based in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. He employed two (2) lawyers to work with him.

Mr. Tanko Bako retained Mr. Abiola Daniel to defend him in a case of defamation of character instituted against him by Juliet Azaka. On the 16th November, 2019, the matter came up for hearing. Mr. Mohammed Isa counsel to Mrs. Juliet Azaka raised an objection to the right of audience of Mr. Abiola Daniel on the ground that he has not paid his practising fee for the year. Mr. Abiola Daniel conceded and was subsequently refused the right of audience. Subsequently, the case was adjourned. Mr Mohammed Isa came out of court and granted a press conference to journalists, where he boasted that his client will definitely win the case.

Answer the following questions:

- (a) Comment on the refusal of the judge to grant the right of audience to Mr. Abiola Daniel.
- (b) would your answer in (a) above be different if Mr. Abiola Daniel is a state counsel?
- (c) Identify the type of law of firm of Abiola Daniel.
- (d) List other types of law firms

(e) Comment on the action of Mr. Mohammed Isa, when he came out from the court.

(f) Assuming you are Mohammed Isa and a judgment was delivered in the case, write letter Miss Juliet Azaka, telling her of your intention to close the case file.

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

(a) The other bodies the Miliki family can petition to includes:

- i. The Chief Justice of Nigeria
- ii. President of the NBA
- iii. Attorney General of the Federation or the State
- iv. Chief Judge of the State
- v. Chairman of the NBA branch of Sesan Johnson Esq.
- vi. President of the Court of Appeal

(b) If Sesan Johnson Esq. is to be arraigned before the Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Committee (LPDC), he will be charged with "Infamous Conduct in a Professional Respect", section 12 Legal Practitioners Act

(c) The other offences that the LPDC have power to hear are:

- i. Obtaining enrolment by fraud
- ii. Misconduct incompatible with the status of a legal practitioner
- iii. Conviction by a court in Nigeria for a criminal offence; **section 12 LPA, Okeke v LPDC, RE: W. C Abuah**

(d) If Sesan Johnson is found guilty of the alleged offence, the LPDC may give any of the following directions:

- i. Striking out of his name from the roll of legal practitioners at the Supreme Court
- ii. Admonition or caution him to be of good behavior
- iii. Suspend him for a definite period of time

iv. Order him to return the client"s property or money in his possession; **Re: W.C Abuah, Akintokun v LPDC; section 12 LPA**

(e) If Sesan Johnson is objecting the direction of the LPDC that his name be struck off from the roll, he can appeal against the direction to the Supreme Court within 28 days from the date of the direction.

(f) The other controlling bodies in the legal profession and its functions include:

i. Council of Legal Education. It is responsible for training aspirants to the bar and issuing qualifying certificates to successful aspirants.⁹

ii. Body of Benchers. It is responsible for call to bar of successful aspirants; it also conducts dinner and sponsors aspirants to the bar.

iii. Legal Practitioners Privileges Committee. It confers the rank of Senior Advocates of Nigeria to deserving members of the legal profession; it also makes regulations for the conferment to the rank.

iv. Nigerian Bar Association. It brings together members of the legal profession and takes care of the welfare of lawyers in Nigeria. It also organizes the Annual General Conference.

v. General Council of the Bar. It makes revises and enforces the Legal Practitioners Accounting Rules.⁹

QUESTION 2

(a) Draw up My cashbook

DATE PARTICULARS DEBIT (N) CREDIT (N)

NO DATE GIVEN CAPITAL 10,000,000.00

CAPITAL 5,000,000.00

OFFICE APARTMENT 200,000.00

COMPUTER 180,000.00

TOYOTA CAR 1,000,000.00

STATIONARIES 20,000.00

LAW BOOKS 5,000,000.00

BALANCE C/D 8,600,000.00

BALANCE B/D 15,000,000.00 15,000,000.00

(b) The three (3) different Bank accounts to be kept by a legal practitioner are:

- i. Client"s Bank Account. This is used for keeping all monies received o behalf of the client. The account is usually in the name of the legal practitioner and must contain the word „client“; Rule 3 of the Legal Practitioners Accounting Rules 1964
- ii. Trust"s Bank Account. This is used for deposit of all monies held in trust by the legal practitioner.

iii. Personal Bank Account. This is a private account maintained by the legal practitioner for depositing all his personal or partnership money.

(c) Highlights of basic offices, furniture and books that should be in a law office:

i. Basic offices includes:

1. Reception office
2. Interview room
3. Legal practitioner"s personal office¹¹
4. Library
5. Conference/meeting office/room
6. ICT Room

ii. Basic furniture includes:

1. Tables
2. Chairs
3. Cubicles
4. Shelves

iii. Basic books includes:

1. Laws and Statutes for examples Laws of the Federation of Nigeria.
2. Law reports
3. Law dictionaries and other forms of dictionaries
4. Law textbooks

5. Journals etc.

(d) The implication of failure to keep and maintain the various bank accounts above is that the General Council of the Bar will order for an inspection of the legal practitioner under Rule 21 of the Legal Practitioners Accounting Rules. This will be done by requesting the legal practitioner to produce his books of account, bank pass books, bank statements of account and other necessary documents for inspection by the Council.12

QUESTION 3

(a) A person who is not qualified to practice law in Nigeria (but qualified in another country) may do so if granted a warrant by the Chief Justice of Nigeria for the purpose of particular proceedings. The president of the Nigerian Bar Association lacks the authority to grant such warrant. In the instant case, Jack Mark lacks the competence defend Bill Chicago or any of the defendants because he was not granted warrant to do so by the Chief Justice of Nigeria.

(b) The proper order of precedence in court the day Bill Chicago was arraigned is as follows:

- i. The Attorney General of the Federation; A.B Kokoma SAN
- ii. Chief Olasko Alaska (life Bencher)
- iii. C.U Upat, SAN
- iv. Jack Mark

(c) The inner bar or front row of the court is reserved for the following categories of persons:

- i. The Attorneys General of the Federation or state
- ii. Life Members of the Body of benchers
- iii. Senior Advocates of Nigeria

iv. President of the Nigerian Bar Association

Therefore, Jack Mark is not qualified to sit in the inner bar.

(d) Cases in court are called according to how it is arranged in the cause list. However, Senior Advocates of Nigeria may be allowed to call their cases that are for mention out of turn. Jack Mark is neither a Senior Advocate of Nigeria nor the Attorney General, therefore it was wrong for him to have requested to call his case out of turn and for the court to have granted same.

(e) A legal practitioner is enjoined to treat the court with courtesy, dignity, respect and honour; Rule 31 & 35 of the Rules of Professional Conduct 2007 (RPC). The conduct of A.B Kokoma, SAN amounts to contempt of court and a breach of court room decorum.¹³

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SECTION B

QUESTION 4 (COMPULSORY)

(a) Letter of confirmation of client's instruction:

**RICHARD CHUKWUMA & CO
BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS
PLOT 20 HERBERT MACAULAY STREET,
PORTHARCOURT, RIVERS STATE**

richyc@gmail.com +2347064599441

OUR REF.....

. DATE: 19TH NOVEMBER, 2019

MADAM NENGI TYGER

(Any address)

Dear Madam,

LETTER FOR CONFIRMATION OF YOUR INSTRUCTIONS

I write in respect of the above subject matter. Please recall my interview with you on the 18th of November, 2019 in our office, I wish to confirm that the following were your instructions:

1. That our firm should help you recover a debt of N30, 000,000.00 (Thirty Million Naira) from Ayabowei Nigeria Limited.
2. That we should write a letter to the company requesting for repayment of the loan not later than 31st January, 2020
3. That we should give the company an option of payment by three installments if the company cannot pay total amount due as at 31st January, 2020.

4. Furthermore, that if all steps to possible negotiations fails that we should resort to litigation to recover the loan.

Please kindly, confirm the above instructions and also confirm that will you pay our legal fees as discussed to enable us carry out the brief in earnest. Thank you for your usual patronage.

Yours Faithfully;

.....

Richard Chukwuma Esq.

Principal Partner: Richard Chukwu & Co15

(b) letter of demand to the Company:

RICHARD CHUKWUMA & CO

BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS

PLOT 20 HERBERT MACAULAY STREET,

PORTHARCOURT, RIVERS STATE

richyc@gmail.com +2347064599441

OUR REF.....

DATE: 20TH NOVEMBER, 2019

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,

AYABOWEI NIGERIA LIMITED

(Any address)

Dear Sir/Madam,

LETTER OF DEMAND OF THE DEBT OF N30, 000,000.00 (THIRTY MILLION NAIRA)

I am Richard Chukwuma Esq. legal practitioner to Madam Nengi Tyger (my client) and I have her instructions to write this letter to your company Ayabowei Nigeria Limited. My client informed me that your company owes her a debt of N30, 000,000.00 (Thirty Million Naira) which is due and unpaid.

I hereby request that the said debt of N30, 000,000.00 (Thirty Million Naira) be paid into my Firm Client"s Account No 1234....on or before the 31st of January, 2020.

I wish to further inform you that my client is willing to allow the Company pay the debt by three (3) installments of N10, 000,000.00 (Ten Million Naira) each month starting from 1st January, 2020 to 31st March 2020, if the company cannot pay the total amount due as at 31st January, 2020.

Furthermore, my client is willing to enter into any form of negotiation as may be proposed to by the company.

Please kindly note that I have my client"s instruction to institute an action in the appropriate court against the company should it fail to act accordingly.

Thank you as I await your response.

Yours Faithfully;

.....

Richard Chukwuma Esq.

Principal Partner: Richard Chukwu & Co.16

(c) letter for Adjournment

RICHARD CHUKWUMA & CO
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PLOT 20 HERBERT MACAULAY STREET,
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OUR REF.....

DATE: 20TH MARCH, 2020

THE REGISTRAR,
HIGH COURT 4,
HIGH COURT COMPLEX,
OVOM, YENAGOA

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: MADAM NENGI TYGER V AYABOWEI NIGERIA LIMITED; SUIT NO.....

I am Richard Chukwuma Esq. counsel to the Claimant in the above suit. I regret to inform you that I will not be available to attend proceedings on the next adjourned date in the above suit.

This is because I am billed for another matter at the Court of Appeal the same date. I most humbly request for a short adjournment to enable me attend and prosecute the suit. I suggest the 10th and 12th of April, 2020 subject to the convenience of the court.

I apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused this Honourable Court.

Accept the assurances of my extreme regards.

Yours Faithfully;

.....

Richard Chukwuma Esq.

Principal Partner: Richard Chukwu & Co.

(d) A legal practitioner is enjoined to treat the court with courtesy, dignity, respect and honour; Rule 31 & 35 of the Rules of Professional Conduct 2007 (RPC). Also a legal practitioner should treat his colleagues with respect, dignity and fairness and shall not allow the ill-feelings between the clients to influence his conduct towards his colleagues; Rule 26 RPC. Above all, he should observe decorum and desist from any undignified or discourteous conduct which is disregarding to the court; Rule 36 RPC.

The actions of Ketu Ogbonna amounts to contempt of court and a breach of court room decorum and all the rules of the RPC provided above.

(e) The stages of clients interview in accordance with Avron Sherr"s model of interview include:

- i. Listening state**
- ii. Questioning stage**
- iii. Advising stage 18**

QUESTION 5

(a) the minutes of meeting:

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING OF JAMA`A CHAMBERS A FIRM OF
LEGAL PRACTITIONERS OF NO 700 GUYMAN STREET, UTAKO DISTRICT, ABUJA
HELD ON 10TH JULY, 2019 AT THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE FIRM AT ABOUT
4:00PM.**

PRESENT:

NAME POSITION

1. Mr. Mobolaji Alaja Principal Partner
2. Idris Ojimba Partner
3. Lazarus Hakim Legal Practitioner
4. Mrs. Helen Paul Legal Practitioner

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Sule Amodu Chattered Accountant

ABSENTEES:

None

1. OPENING REMARKS/ PRAYERS

All done by Mrs. Helen Paul at about 4:10 pm

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE MEETING

The main agenda for this meeting are:

- a) To discuss the activities of the firm for the legal year that just ended.
- b) To deliberate on the proposed purchase of an existing building in Maitama Abuja, to be used as the permanent office of the firm.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the Day of20..... was read and adopted by

a) Idris Ojimba and

b) Lazarus Hakim

4. MATTERS ARISING

None

5. ISSUES DISCUSSED FOLLOWING AGENDA

6. RESOLUTIONS

Employment of two new legal practitioners of not less than 5 years post call

7. AOB/GENERAL ISSUES

a) None

8. ADJOURNMENT/ CLOSING REMARKS/ PRAYERS

In the absence of any other business, Mr. Mobolaji Alaja moved the motion for the adjournment of the meeting supported by Idris Ojimba. The meeting came to an end at about 6:00 pm and was

adjourned to the.....day of.....20.....

DATED THE DAY OF..... 201920

Chairman

Secretary

(b) Application letter for employment:

JAMES TANKO

NO. 2 ZAMANI STREET,
WUSE 2, ABUJA
(ANY DATE IN 2020)

THE HEAD OF CHAMBER
JAMA`A CHAMBERS,
NO 700, GUYMAN STREET,
UTAKO DISTRICT, ABUJA.

Dear Sir,

APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT AS SENIOR COUNSEL

The above subject matter referred. I am James Tanko Esq. a legal practitioner called to the bar on 28th November, 2014 with over five (5) years active practical experience.

Pursuant to your advert on the Daily Sun Newspaper dated.....advertising for vacancy in the position of Senior Counsel in your Firm, I hereby apply for the advertised position.

I believe I possess the requisite knowledge and experience for the said position. Please find attached a detailed copy of my curriculum vitae for your kind consideration.

Yours Faithfully;

.....

James Tanko

ENCL: Curriculum Vitae

CURRICULLUM VITAE OF JAMES TANKO

No. 2 Zamani Street, Wuse 2, Abuja FCT

08065748908: e-mail:warz@yahoo.com

1. PERSONAL DATA:

Name: Tanko James

Address: No. 2 Zamani Street, Wuse 2, Abuja FCT

State of origin: Kaduna State

Permanent Home Address: No 205 Kankanwa Street Dankowa Kaduna

State-Nigeria

Date of Birth: 10 March 1988

Marital Status: Married

2. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS WITH DATES

a. Barrister-at Law (B.L) 2014

b. Bachelor of Laws Degree (LL.B) 2013/22

c. Secondary School Certificate(WASCE) 2007

d. Primary School Certificate 1996

3. WORK EXPERIENCE

a. National Youth Service Corps with the Ministry of Justice Ekiti State 2008

b. Legal Practitioner in Austin Olowolafe & Co from 2015-2019

4. HOBBIES

a. Reading

b. Travelling

5. REFEREES

a. Alhaji Tafida Ekundayo

No16 Kent Road

Lagos Island, Lagos.

b. Benson Amande

Director of Administration

Ministry of Justice

Ekiti State.

DATED THE.....DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020.

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JAMES TANKO

(c) The stages of legislative drafting include the following:

- i. Taking and understanding instructions
- ii. Analyzing the instructions received
- iii. Designing the draft and structures of the Bill
- iv. Composition of the draft
- v. Scrutinizing the proposed Bill

(d) Legislative stages is the stages which a legal practitioner takes in order to prepare a proposed Bill while legislative process is the whole process by which the law making body of a state or of the federation takes in order pass a proposed bill into a Law or an Act.²⁴

QUESTION 6

(a) As a general rule, a legal practitioner has right of audience before any court or tribunal in

Nigeria, **Uzodimma v COP**. However, where a legal practitioner fails to pay his professional fee, it may be a valid ground for him to be denied audience in court. Therefore, in the instant case since Mr. Abiola Daniel conceded to having not paid his practicing fee, the Judge was right in denying him right of audience in the court.

(b) Yes my answer in (a) would have been different because states counsel are exempted from payment of practicing fees.

(c) The type of law firm Mr. Abiola set up is a Sole Proprietorship

(d) The other types of law firms are:

i. Sole Practitionership

ii. Associateship

iii. Partnership

(e) A legal practitioner is not permitted to make extra-judicial statements or comment on a pending litigation in such a manner as to suggest the outcome; Rule 33 of the Rules of Professional Conduct 2007. He must not make boastful assurances to the client. The action of Mr. Mohammed Isa is a breach of the Rules of Professional Conduct stated above.

(f)

MOHAMMED ISA & CO
BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS
NO 1 WIGWE CRESCENT, YABA, ABUJA

OUR REF:

DATE: 9 DECEMBER, 2019

MISS JULIET AZAKA

(Any address)

Dear Madam,

RE: CV/10/2019 MISS JULIET AZAKA V MR TANKO BAKO

This is to inform you that judgment has been delivered in the above case in your favour. The defendant has expressed his unwillingness to appeal against the judgment; therefore I wish to inform you of my intentions to close the case file as duly resolved. We await your Co-operative response. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

.....

Mohammed Isa Esq.

For: Mohammed Isa & Co25