CHIMDIMMA DESIRRE ANETO-OKEKE

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Objective

- A seasoned legal practitioner with over 3 years' experience providing legal advisory services that manage and mitigate corporate and individual risks at both an external and in-house capacity. Articulate communicator, reliable team player with a strong desire to learn.
- I am seeking an in-house counsel, mid-level legal advisory opportunity within a reputable organisation.

Skills & Abilities

- Relationship Management
- Knowledge of Nigerian law
- Contract drafting & Negotiations
 Legal Advisory
- Litigation
- Legal research
- Risk Management
- Compliance

Work Experience

Legal Officer, Measurable Accurate Digital (MAD) Limited - Jan 2018 - Date

Serve as in-house legal counsel to management and staff at MAD, Africa's leading digital content and marketing company.

- Provide expert legal opinion and advice to management and staff on license acquisitions and contract negotiations. This has resulted in seamless delivery of valuable multi-millionnaira client portfolios.
- Protect MAD's intellectual property rights by drafting airtight non-disclosure and tripartite agreements with vendors and clients.
- Draft and negotiate customised agreements with vendors, partners, and customers. Ensuring clarity of expectations and protection of the firm's interests.
- Achieved zero cases of regulatory breaches or non-compliance through regular compliance checks and providing sound legal advice on legal obligations and implications on the company's operations and policies.
- Provide all legal advice, draft documents within set legal department agreed time, quality and cost SLAs with critical stakeholders.

Freelance legal services – Nov 2017 – Jan 2018

Worked with estate agents and landlords to draft and manage tenancy/let agreements.

- Provided expert legal opinion to clients on property law issues relating to their estates and properties.
- Drafted and negotiated agreements for clients including over 20 lease agreements and letters to tenants.
- Ensured that a cordial relationship is maintained between my clients and their tenants.

Junior Associate, George Ikoli & Okagbue, - Nov 2016 – Nov 2017

Associate supporting client litigation proceedings and representations.

Supported the accomplishment of set litigation strategies through well-drafted court proceedings such as motions and preliminary applications.

- Represented clients in court, engaging with legal colleagues and court officials.
- Drafted, negotiated and reviewed contractual agreements such as contract of sale, service level agreement, will and deeds.
- Performed company secretarial duties on behalf of clients to support and sustain good corporate governance practices.
- Liaised with counterparts at regulatory agencies, leveraging the positive relationships to address client's needs and requests.

Legal Extern, McCarthy Mbadugha & Co- Jun 2016 - Jul 2016

Provided support to Partners by conducting extensive legal research and representing clients at court proceedings.

Successfully catalogued and classified over 100 resources in the legal library.

Judicial Intern, The Coroner's Court Manchester, UK -Apr 2014 – May 2014

Successfully observed Inquest hearings, and drafted resulting notes within set deadlines (24 hours).

Volunteer Experience

Volunteer, Nigeria Education and Mentoring Initiative – 2016

Legal Volunteer, Citizens Advice, UK - Mar 2014 - Apr 2014

Volunteered to provide free legal advice and representation to low-income residents in the Manchester area.

 Successfully assisted ten clients in resolving their claim issues by educating them on their rights and the right procedures and actions to take.

Legal volunteer, BPP University pro bono centre 2015 -2016

Volunteered to deliver free legal education workshops and advice to individuals with limited access to legal representation.

Education

- BL Law Nigeria Law School, Location, Nigeria Oct 2015 Nov 2016
- LLM, International Business and Commercial Law (Merit), University of Manchester,
 Manchester UK Sept 2014 Sept 2015
- LLB (Hons) (2:1), BPP University, Manchester UK Jan 2011 July 2014

References

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