

# LAWRENCE OGECHUKWU OKWARA

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## EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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- **Nigerian Law School, Port-Harcourt Campus** *Qualifying Certificate (in view)* **2025**
- **University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Kwara State** *LL.B Degree (2<sup>nd</sup> Class Upper Division)* **2018-2024**

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- **J.T.U. Nnodum, SAN & Co., Imo State** *Law School Extern* **September 2025 – Oct 2025**
  - ✓ *First-hand experience on how the business of a standard law firm is conducted*
  - ✓ *Prepared/proofread legal documentation (including but not limited to legal opinion, court processes, among others) for the Firm's lawyers.*
  - ✓ *Participated in client management conferences and provided necessary assistance to the Firm's lawyers.*
  - ✓ *Accompanied associates to court proceedings, took notes during proceedings and prepared case analysis reports and presented to supervisors.*
- **S.U. Okwara & Associates, Imo State** *Legal Assistant/Records Officer* **July 2019 – April 2025**
  - ✓ *Drafted court processes, client letters, legal agreements, reports and other correspondences on behalf of the firm.*
  - ✓ *Responsible for organizing, maintaining, and safeguarding legal documents ensuring proper classification and indexing.*
  - ✓ *Assisted in the negotiation and conclusion of Land transactions including investigation of titles in search of latent and patent defects*
- **Chief Magistrate Court 1, Imo State** *Law School Extern* **June 2025- Jul 2025**
  - ✓ *Had first-hand experience of court proceedings*
  - ✓ *Had first-hand chance of learning directly from Chief Magistrate N.R. Adikibe of the Magistrate Court of Imo State*

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## EXTRACURRICULAR & LEADERSHIP ROLES

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- **Nigerian Law School, Chambers Externship** *Group leader* **September 2025 – Oct 2025**
  - ✓ *Led a group of law school externs through their externship experience at J.T.U. Nnodum SAN & Company*
- **Students' Union, university of Ilorin, Kwara State** *Attorney-General* **2024**
  - ✓ *Represented the Students' Union of the University of Ilorin with a membership of over 50,000 students before the Students' Union Courts in respect of both civil and criminal matters*
  - ✓ *Negotiated and Prepared agreements on behalf of the Students' Union for the use of its landed property and facilities granted to it by the University of Ilorin.*
  - ✓ *Official mediator between various arms of the Students' Union Government, University of Ilorin*
  - ✓ *Introduced various law reforms in respect of the Students Legal Practice in the Students' Union, University of Ilorin*
  - ✓ *Led the Litigation Bureau of the Students' Union, University of Ilorin comprising of Student Legal Practitioners of the highest distinction*
- **Liberty Chambers, University of Ilorin** *Lord Advocate/Principal* **2022-2023**
  - ✓ *Led over 300 law students towards student legal practice, client-counselling and advocacy.*
  - ✓ *Spearheaded the organization of the Liberty Chambers Tech Law Summit sponsored by G-Elias Law firm*

- **Legal Aid Clinic, University of Ilorin** *Director of Litigation* **2022-2024**  
 ✓ *In charge of facilitating inter and intra moot & mock competition among universities.*  
 ✓ *Participated actively in all clinical activities including facilitation of legal aid objectives.*
- **International Law Students' Association, University of Ilorin** *Deputy Director of Research* **2020-2021**  
 ✓ *Deputized in drafting and publishing weekly nuggets on international law principles.*  
 ✓ *Assistant chief discussant on principles of international law in the Association's weekly meeting.*
- **Students' Union Bar, University of Ilorin** *Senior Advocate of the Union* **2019-2024**  
 ✓ *Handled contentious matters before the Students' Union Court of the University*  
 ✓ *Elected into and executed the office of Registrar of the Students' Union Bar, University of Ilorin*
- **Law Students' Society Electronic Law Reporting Committee** *Chairman* **2021-2023**  
 ✓ *Spearheaded the creation of the Law Students' Society Electronic Law Reports*  
 ✓ *Pioneered the practice of creating digital law reports within the students' court system to foster and promote stare decisis therein*

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## AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS

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- **Certificate of Recognition**, for being one of the 30 most reputable advocates of the Students Union Bar, University of Ilorin, **2024**
- **Certificate of Participation**, for participation in the Liberty Chambers Inter-University Moot and Mock Competition, Osun State University, **2021**
- **Certificate of Excellence**, for recognition of excellence in advocacy and service as a Senior Advocate of Liberty Chambers, University of Ilorin, **2022**
- **Certificate of Recognition**, for being one of the 28 most reputable Law Students of the University of Ilorin, **2021**
- **Certificate of Excellence**, for recognition of excellence in advocacy and service as a Senior Advocate of the Union, University of Ilorin, **2024**
- **Advocate of the year**, Students' Union Bar, University of Ilorin, **2022**
- **Pride of Liberty**, Liberty Chambers, University of Ilorin, **2022**
- **Libertarian of the year**, Liberty Chambers, University of Ilorin, **2024**
- **Most Outstanding Law Student**, Students' Union, University of Ilorin, **2024**
- **Student Legal Practitioner of the year**, Students' Union, University of Ilorin, **2024**
- **Law Student of the year**, Law Students' Society, University of Ilorin, **2024**
- **Chambers Head of the year**, Law Students' Society, **2023**
- **Most Promising Student Legal Practitioner**, Law Students' Society, **2023**
- **Most Influential Law Student**, Law Students' Society, University of Ilorin, **2024**
- **Winner and Lead Counsel**, Nigerian Law School Port-Harcourt Campus Annual Mock Competition **2025**

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### LL.B Thesis:

- **OKWARA, L.O.**, '*Judicial Activism and Judicial Legislation: Assessing the Thin line between Administration of Justice and Law Making, 2024*' (Supervised and Graded "A" by Prof. A.C. Onuora-Oguno, Professor of International Human Rights Law, University of Ilorin)

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## SOFT AND CORE SKILLS

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<i>*Legal Drafting</i>	<i>*Legal Research</i>	<i>*Effective Communication</i>
<i>*Analytical thinking</i>	<i>*Leadership</i>	<i>*Legal research *Teamwork</i>
<i>*Organization</i>	<i>*Microsoft Office specialty</i>	<i>*Time management.</i>
<i>*Inter-personal skills</i>	<i>*Advocacy Skills</i>	

