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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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

WORK EXPERIENCE

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

EXTRACURRICULAR & LEADERSHIP ROLES

• Nigerian Law School, Chambers Externship	Group leader	September 2025 – Oct 2025
✓	<i>Led a group of law school externs through their externship experience at J.T.U. Nnodum SAN & Company</i>	
• Students' Union, university of Ilorin, Kwara State	Attorney-General	2024
✓	<i>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</i>	
✓	<i>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.</i>	
✓	<i>Official mediator between various arms of the Students' Union Government, University of Ilorin</i>	
✓	<i>Introduced various law reforms in respect of the Students Legal Practice in the Students' Union, University of Ilorin</i>	
✓	<i>Led the Litigation Bureau of the Students' Union, University of Ilorin comprising of Student Legal Practitioners of the highest distinction</i>	
• Liberty Chambers, University of Ilorin	Lord Advocate/Principal	2022-2023
✓	<i>Led over 300 law students towards student legal practice, client-counselling and advocacy.</i>	
✓	<i>Spearheaded the organization of the Liberty Chambers Tech Law Summit sponsored by G-Elias Law firm</i>	

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

AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS

- **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**

PUBLICATIONS

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)

SOFT AND CORE SKILLS

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

