

# ANENE ATHANESIOUS MADUECHESI

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## EXPERIENCED COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST & LEGAL PRACTITIONER

### CAREER SUMMARY:

Experienced compliance officer and a lawyer with over nine (9) years' experience in legal and compliance practice, and in-depth understanding of AML/CFT laws, regulatory compliance, transaction monitoring, KYC, and risk management. I am looking forward to building an exciting career as a Legal and Regulatory Compliance Officer in an organization where I can excellently discharge my corporate and legal duties while promoting the organization's goals.

### SKILLS AND INTEREST:

- **Professional:** AML/CFT Compliance. Regulatory Compliance. Risk Assessment. Transaction Monitoring. Customer Due Diligence. Legal Research.
- **Personal Traits:** Presentation and Communication skills. Teamwork. Leadership skill. Analytical and Problem-solving. Time Management. Adaptability.
- **Microsoft Proficiency:** Microsoft Office, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft word, Microsoft outlook, etc.
- **Interests:** Legal and Regulatory Compliance, AML/CFT Compliance, Risk Management, Transaction Monitoring, and KYC

### EXPERIENCE

**GUARANTY TRUST BANK LIMITED (Nigeria):**

**JUNE, 2023 - MARCH, 2024.**

#### **Role: Legal and Regulatory Compliance Officer**

- Provided advice and guidance on legal and regulatory compliance cases which led to the reduction of the Bank's litigation portfolio. I liaised with the Legal department to advise the Bank on the propriety of obtaining a court order before placing regulatory restrictions on customers' accounts. This saved the Bank huge costs of avoidable litigations.
- Monitored changes in relevant legislation and the regulatory environment and took appropriate action. My team reviewed the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) circulars and directives, and Money Laundering (Prevention and Prohibition) Act, 2022, which mandates banks to file SAR/STRs to NFIU within 24 hours.
- Monitored regulatory changes and rendition of statutory returns to ensure that all the Bank's returns have been rendered. My team developed a work tracker using Microsoft Excel, which enabled us to properly track tasks and ensured timely rendition of statutory returns to external regulators.
- Effective management of regulatory enquiries and investigations from the regulatory and law enforcement agencies such as the CBN, Internal Control, EFCC, NFIU, NDLEA, Police, and INTERPOL, and ensure strict adherence to the SLA. We maintained centralised control over all regulatory enquiries and

responses to ensure complete and timely response and maintained complete record of information provided. This centralised record also assists in the Bank's internal investigations.

- Represented the Bank's interest in regulatory meetings and court cases. I attended Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), police and court invite on behalf of the Bank on legal and regulatory compliance related enquiries and investigations.

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#### **EZE G. ALALA AND ASSOCIATES:**

**OCTOBER, 2016 - MAY, 2023.**

##### **Role: Legal Associate/Compliance Officer:**

- Facilitated the recovery of assets worth over N5,000,000,000 (Five Billion Naira) illegally acquired by NDIC against a client in the Federal High Court.
- Advised clients on the legal and regulatory framework governing employment relationship in Nigeria and this reduced the cost number of avoidable litigations.
- Drafted solid agreements, legal opinions, reviewed contracts of employment and other relevant legal documentation to ensure the protection of the company's legal rights.
- Handled debt recovery and insolvency matters in EFCC, SFU and INTERPOL.
- Negotiated fair deals for the company with external parties like Industry Regulators, External Counsel, Public Authorities, etc.

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#### **AKWA-IBOM STATE, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, NIGERIA:**

**SEPTEMBER 2015 - OCTOBER, 2016.**

##### **Role: Legal Analyst and Litigation Counsel (NYSC).**

- Drafted legal documents and conducted research on legal issues.
- Drafted agreements, pleadings, and legal draft
- Managed a complex caseload, able to priorities work and deal with competing demands demonstrating an organized and methodical approach to work.
- Represented the state in court for some criminal cases against some individuals charged with criminal matters.
- Managed multiple tasks that secured criminal convictions for the state.
- Provided advocacy, emotional and practical support and information to victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse, including exploration of legal and civil options and support clients through the criminal justice system.
- Worked within a multi-agency framework and local partnership responses to domestic abuse to keep safety central to all services for domestic abuse.

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#### **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

- **Master's Degree (LL.M, Property/Corporate law)** University of Lagos (In view)
- **B.L/Nigerian Law School** (Second Class Honours) 2015.
- **Bachelor of Laws (LL. B)/ Enugu State University**, (Second Class Honours) 2014.

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#### **TRAININGS AND PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS**

- Certified Data Privacy Specialist 2024.
- Certified Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Assessment 2023.