**THE FIRM (NOT HISTORY)**

Clay & Amicus Solicitors is a leading law firm with an established track record for providing the best legal services to individuals and companies. We are distinguished by the exceptional legal services we render in all areas of law.

We take pride in adopting the highest international standards on all matters as they relate to our clients. Our lawyers provide services for a wide range of local, national and international clients.

We have a cost-conscious attitude that permits all our clients secure our topnotch services irrespective of their means.

At Clay & Amicus, we are confident that our experienced and versatile lawyers are always available to proffer pragmatic legal solutions to issues.

With our presence in four States in Nigeria, and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, we have over time garnered a cocktail of experience in litigation, fraud examination, alternative dispute resolution and corporate law.

We are also a leading human rights advocacy firm as we have over the years, through an affiliate nonprofit organization- Amicus Centre for Justice, involved ourselves in numerous human rights education campaigns, interventions and pro bono suits especially in favour of indigent and oppressed women and children.

\***OUR CLIENTS**

At Clay & Amicus we believe our clients deserve the best. This is why we continuously equip ourselves to ensure we provide pragmatic legal solutions at all times and in various areas of law to all our clients.

Our experienced legal practitioners and support staff have been meticulously selected to provide reliable and efficient legal services for our clients’ satisfaction.

**-Vision**

To be the best legal service rendering firm in Africa known for our high level of professionalism, integrity and for promoting the course of justice at all times.

**-Mission Statement**

To continuously work hard in ensuring our clientele satisfaction through the excellent legal services we render even as we always strive to improve the firm by undergoing regular staff and personnel trainings in a bid to stand out as the best law firm in Africa and engineer positive change in our society.

**CLAY & AMICUS SHELTER COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Clay & Amicus Solicitors through its affiliate NPO- Amicus Centre for Justice, has over the years involved itself in a number of projects aimed at empowering young people, defending the human rights of indigent persons and holding the different levels of the Nigerian Government accountable.

We organize annual essay competitions for undergraduates in Nigeria on political and human right topics in a bid to arouse their interests on the numerous roles youths can play in ensuring good governance in Nigeria; and the alarming rate of human rights abuses in the country. We also reward youths with exceptional essays.

Amicus Centre for Justice also provides a platform for budding entrepreneurs in Nigeria to be trained for free and access funds for their startups.

We have also been involved in a number of human rights interventions and suits especially where there are cases of extreme abuses meted out by government ministries, agencies, departments or other powerful institutions and persons, on poor and defenseless persons particularly women and children.

**AWARDS**

Clay & Amicus has been recognized by numerous bodies not just for the excellent legal services we provide, but also for our contributions to the positive reinvention of society and for our unwavering drive in defending indigent persons in Nigeria.

\***Human Rights Law Firm of the Year Award**

-Southeastern Media Practitioners Consultative Forum (2016)

\***Law Chambers Merit Award**

-Anambra State Law Students’ Association (2017)

**\* KM Group of Companies Management Labour and Employment Law Firm of the Year**

**-**KM Group of Companies

**\*Law Office of the Year Award**

-Young Professionals Shield (2016)

**GALLERY**

**\***this section is to contain pictures of official functions of members of the law firm, including NBA functions attendance, human rights intervention pictures, law firm offices pictures, other pro bono activities etc\*

**CAREERS**

At Clay & Amicus we are keen on delivering excellent legal services to all our clients. We therefore welcome applications from industrious legal practitioners with impressive résumés who want to be part of our team.

The firm also employs a number of support staff including legal secretaries, information systems professionals, cooks, professional drivers, law office business managers and receptionists. Interested applicants can apply by sending their curriculum vitae (CV) and cover letters to [info@clayandamicus.com](mailto:info@clayandamicus.com).

\***Internship**

The Firm also accepts law students for its internship programme and invites hardworking and talented second (2nd) or third (3rd) year students who are interested in being groomed in litigation, corporate and property law practice, and legal drafting. Interested law students can apply by sending a letter to [info@clayandamicus.com](mailto:info@clayandamicus.com).

**CONTACT US**

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**OUR PEOPLE**

Our experience extends to intellectual property law, alternative dispute resolution, corporate practice, taxation, capital market operations, industrial law, telecommunications, maritime, commercial transactions, oil and gas, insurance, human rights law, constitutional law, among other areas of law.

Clay and Amicus boasts of the best legal minds in Nigeria all working hard to ensure effective service delivery to our clients.

**PARTNERS**

**\*Johnmary Akachukwu Maduakolam**

J.A. Maduakolam is an astute legal practitioner and the Firm’s Managing Partner. He is a graduate of the University of Wolverhampton, UK, where he obtained his Bachelor of Law Degree (LL.B) with First Class Honours. He also holds a Bachelor of Philosophy Degree from the Pontifical Urban University, Rome and a Masters of Business Administration Degree from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland.

Johnmary brings a diverse wealth of experience to the table. Before setting the framework for the establishment of Clay & Amicus Solicitors, he worked as a Human Relations Administrator at Viper Security Scotland Limited, and as Director of Operations, Human Resources and Legal Department of K.C. Akoson Investment Co. Ltd, where he received a number of performance related awards.

He is an alternative dispute resolution expert who provides clients with cost effective solutions to complicated legal problems and he also heads the Firm’s ADR Group. He is also highly skilled in taxation law, family law, commercial law and immigration law. Mr Maduakolam has also been involved in multiple high profile litigations representing State Governments and Multinational Companies.

He is also regularly invited to speak at local and international seminars and has been the Public Relations Officer of his NBA Branch.

Johnmary is an author of numerous books and also a member of a number of professional bodies including the Chartered Management Institute, UK; Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK; Association of Certified Fraud Examiners of Nigeria and the Nigerian Bar Association.

He was a recipient of the prestigious Governor Peter Obi’s Award of Academic Excellence and the University of Wolverhampton (UK) Bar and Mooting Society Award.

\***Rev.Fr. (Dr.) Maurice Okechukwu Izunwa**

Rev. Fr. Maurice is an internationally acclaimed scholar of law, religion and philosophy. He possesses a Bachelor of Philosophy Degree (B.Phil) and a Bachelor of Theology Degree (B.Th) from the Pontifical Urban University, Rome, and a Bachelor of Law Degree (LL.B) from the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka. He also has Postgraduate Masters Degrees in Philosophy (M.Phil) and Law (LL.M) from the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, a Masters Degree in Religion (MA) from the Imo State University and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Law (PhD) from the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka.

A consummate litigator and educator, whose core interests include medical law, family law, human rights law, and international law. He has advised various State governments and multinational corporations on intricate issues in the areas of project finance and corporate restructuring.

Dr. Maurice is currently a lecturer in the Department of International Law and Jurisprudence, Faculty of Law, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka.

**SENIOR ASSOCIATES**

**\*Henry Chibuike Ugwu**

Henry is a Senior Associate in the Firm’s commercial law department and a vibrant legal practitioner who holds a Bachelor of Law Degree from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. He has also been called to the Nigerian Bar where he emerged as the Overall Best Student in Professional Ethics and Skills.

His key areas of interest include intellectual property law, corporate and telecommunications law, military law, and alternative dispute resolution. He is also passionate about human rights advocacy and the promotion of the rule of law in Nigeria.

Prior to joining Clay & Amicus Solicitors he worked as a legal practitioner with Dr. M.E. Ediru & Co., Company Secretary at Feshill (Nig.) Limited and he also served as the National Secretary/Legal Adviser to the Human Rights Volunteer Corps (HRVC).

\***Franklin Chigozie Asonye**

Mr Asonye is a Senior Associate in the Firm. He is an exceptionally bright lawyer who graduated with Second Class Honours (Upper Division) from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. He works with the Firm’s Property and Real Estate Law Department and has received numerous praises from many quarters with regards to his high level of professionalism and diligence in the way he handles clients’ briefs.

Before he joined the law firm of Clay and Amicus Solicitors he interned in highly renowned law firms in Imo State and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja where he garnered crucial experience.

\***Iheanacho Chinedu Darlington**

Darlington’s primary areas of expertise are intellectual property law, corporate and regulatory law, project finance and litigation. He was head of a team that advised a popular leading multinational company on its restructuring options and has advised many local and multinational companies on acquisitions, mergers, joint ventures and corporate due diligence. He has also been involved in a number of high profile cases where he represented State and Local Governments in Nigeria.

Prior to joining Clay & Amicus Solicitors he worked at renowned law offices in Calabar and Abuja where he garnered relevant experiences that have continued to make him standout among his peers.

A graduate of the Faculty of Law, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, he also graduated in the top of his class at the Nigerian Law School where he obtained his BL with a Second Class (Upper Division). He is a football enthusiast and has represented the Nigerian Bar Association in a number of football competitions.

**ASSOCIATES**

\*Under Construction\*

**SUPPORT STAFF**

**\*Amobi Ikeolisa Victor**

Amobi Victor is the Law Office’s information and communications technology (ICT) Manager. He holds a Master of Science Degree and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science from Anambra State University, Uli.

His efficient handling of the Firm’s information and communication apparatuses has immensely contributed to the accolades and awards the Firm has received including the award for ICT compliant law firm of the year 2015.

Prior to joining the Firm Victor worked as an information and communication administrator and consultant for blue-chip companies in Anambra and Lagos States.

**\*Okechi Obunikem Sylvanus**

Okechi heads the Firm’s Human Resource Department as the Chief Human Resources Manager. He is a graduate of Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree. He has also worked with a few prominent companies in Nigeria including Phocles Nigeria Ltd and Amicus Meus International Services Ltd and has developed himself remarkably in personnel training and management, job analysis and recruitment.

**OUR EXPERTISE**

**\*Alternative Dispute Resolution**

The Firm handles a wide range of cases in its ADR Department. With legal practitioners who are highly skilled in negotiation, arbitration, conciliation, and mediation, Clay & Amicus engineers amicable settlement of disputes between parties and has been commended severally by different courts for our ingenuity and approach to client matters in this regard. The Firm adopts a practical approach in all matters in a bid to achieve success for our clients.

We have also provided platforms for arbitration and mediation between Local Governments and renowned villages in south-eastern, south-southern and north-central Nigeria.

\***Energy and Natural Resources**

Clay and Amicus Energy team is well equipped to proffer solutions to our clients in the oil, gas and other natural resources sector. Our energy practice includes advising companies and individuals on issues that relate to electricity, oil and gas, biomass and solar energy. With offices in all the geopolitical zones in Nigeria, we are ready to meet the needs of our clients and consistently work hard to improve our team.

\***Mining and Metals**

Our Mining and Metals legal team has represented some of the continent’s major mining and metals corporations and at all times we have adequately defended our integrity and status through the high level of professionalism we display. We have advised many clients as to steps to take in obtaining various categories of mining licenses from the Ministry of Solid Minerals Cadastral Office at Abuja. The team has also commenced suits on behalf of our clients to protect their interests in the solid minerals sector. Our objective is always to provide solutions for our clients in this sector that ordinarily presents numerous challenges to investors.

Members of our mining and metals team have been recognized in the past by many corporations for the patent difference in the type of services we render.

\***Corporate Legal Services**

We provide general company and compliance advice to our clients in a bid to minimize regulatory risks and secure optimal performances of their companies. Our experts advise on issues of corporate restructuring, company incorporation, corporate finance, corporate governance and compliance, and company secretarial activities.

\***Capital Markets**

The Firm’s capital market team has garnered abounding experience in various areas of capital market operations and securities trading. We have represented top players in the capital market and have advised clients on domestic and international markets.

Our capital market unit works alongside finance, litigation, banking, insurance and other specialist teams and professionals to develop workable solutions for our clients.

\***Telecommunications**

With many years of experience operating in Nigeria and advising clients on various aspects of telecommunications law and regulations, the Firm’s telecommunication’s team stands out. Several Partners and Senior Associates of the Firm are recognized nationally and internationally as leading experts in Telecommunications law and they translate their wealth of knowledge into the impeccable legal services we render to the telecom industry giants and players we represent.

\***Real Estate**

Our real estate and property management team has in-depth experience in real estate outsourcing, real estate finance, leases, investigation and perfection of title to land, and mortgages.

The team currently manages major properties including hotels for both local and international clients and has successfully defended the legal and/or equitable interests of our clients in the law Courts against trespassers.

\***Taxation**

Clay and Amicus has a proven taxation group that acts as consultants to State Governments and international bodies. We work in concert with proven tax experts, chartered accountants and investment bankers in a bid to proffer sustainable solutions to the numerous tax problems facing our clients.

\***Maritime and Aviation**

Clay & Amicus is comprised of a number of legal practitioners who are highly skilled and have undergone series of academic trainings in maritime and aviation laws in Africa. The Maritime and Aviation team has advised numerous clients on regulation of airlines, carrier rights and obligations, passenger rights and marine commerce. They team has also secured judgments in Courts on behalf of our clients.

\***Military Law**

Clay & Amicus Solicitors in establishing itself as one of the leading law firms in Africa has taken steps to make the Firm competent to give superior legal advice and representation in all genres of law.

In this light, the Firm has developed a very strong unit which is versatile in the area of military law. Legal practitioners in the team have successfully defended Military Officers in General Court Martial, and at other times acted as consultants to members of General and Special Court Martial on issues of military law and procedure.

The Head of the team was instrumental in securing justice for a Sub-Lieutenant that was on trial at the General Court Martial, Maxwell Khobe Cantonment, 3rd Armored Division, Rukuba Barracks, Jos.

\***Human Rights**

The Firm is actively engaged in human rights education and advocacy. Through an affiliate NPO, the Amicus Centre for Justice, the human rights department of the Firm has commenced suits at the Federal and State High Courts in a bid to enforce the fundamental rights of indigent persons.

The Managing Partner of the Firm who also heads the human rights team, is a regular speaker on national and international human right platforms where he shares his wealth of experience in fighting human rights abuses in Nigeria.

The team also prosecutes persons where necessary through the direct criminal complaint procedure in a bid to get justice for victims of human rights abuses.

The firm has also submitted a number of proposals to State Governments and other agencies of Governments aimed as proffering solutions for curbing the outrageous rate of human rights violations in Nigeria.

\***Labour Law**

The Firm has worked for clients of different backgrounds on a variety of issues related to labour and industrial law. The labour law team carefully takes time to understand the peculiar situation of all its clients and aids them in appreciating all the options available to them under the law. The team has advised clients on personal injury recovery, employee compensation, trade unionism laws and recruitment of workers.

\***Finance**

The Firm has aided many clients on a number of legal issues bordering on loan securitization, structured finance, asset and project finance, corporate debt restructuring, financial restructuring and syndicated loans.

The finance team is particularly renowned for efficiently handling intricate finance problems expediently.

\***Litigation**

The litigation department of Clay & Amicus is comprised of the best legal minds in Nigeria with impressive professional and academic track records. The team has successfully represented clients at the Supreme, Court, Court of Appeal, Court Martial, Customary Court of Appeal, High Courts, Election Petition Tribunals, Sharia/Area Courts, Customary Courts and Magistrate Courts.

Our depth of experience in litigation is unrivaled, and with a record of over ninety percent success rates, we stand out as one of the best litigation firms in Africa.

The team has represented Governments, multinational companies, churches and various individuals in different Courts.

The Firm has also received numerous accolades for the excellent legal services