



## NIGERIAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION™

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# NOTE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Distinguished Colleagues, Greetings!

On behalf of our President, Prof. Epiphany Azinge, SAN, FNILA, the Board of Trustees and Exco of NILA, We wish all of us a Happy New Year, a Happy New Month and a Happy Valentine's Day. It is our hope that this leap year will usher in remarkable achievements to our members in our personal professional pursuits and notable accomplishments for NILA as a body.

As the year gradually evolves, we would like to share some of the highlights in our programme of activities for the year.

- **EGM:** As we were unable to hold our Annual General Meeting for the year that ended on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, we plan to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting by the second week of March to consider the Report/Statement of Affairs of the Association and discuss some important issues affecting the business of the Association which cannot be postponed till the next Annual General Meeting which has been ear-marked for November 2024. Notification for the EGM will be given in due course by the Secretariat.
- **NILA AWARENESS MONTH:** A lot of legal practitioners and other stakeholders in the Nigerian Immigration space do not know what NILA does and the role of Immigration Lawyers in general. We want to get the word out in the month of March through a series of knowledge sharing sessions with NBA branches and faculties of Law in selected Nigerian Universities. The Training Faculty shall provide guidance on the Roadmap for these KSEs
- **COLLABORATION WITH STRATEGIC PARTNERS:** We intend to continue our quest for strategic partnership with critical stakeholders to facilitate knowledge exchange and create robust network opportunities. In this vein arrangements are being made by the leadership of NILA in conjunction with the Legislative Advocacy & Law Reform Committee to arrange courtesy visits to the Minister of Interior; Comptroller- General of Immigration and the Senate and House Committee Chairmen on Interior.

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- **NILA IMMIGRATION ROUND TABLE:** In pursuance of our objective of advocating for the development of efficient immigration laws and policies in Nigeria we shall be hosting a Round-Table on Citizenship Management to review the newly launched Handbook on Citizenship Administration in Nigeria. This exercise will, among other things, broaden our understanding of this instrument and assist in bringing same to the front burner of public discourse.
- **NILA IMMIGRATION LAW JOURNAL & OTHER PUBLICATIONS:** To advance the quality of immigration law and policy and enhance the professional development of our members we will intensify efforts to ensure that the maiden edition of NILA Immigration Law Journal is published in the course of the year. It is our projection to have it completed and presented to the public at our Annual Immigration Law & Policy Conference in November. We hope that members of the Editorial & Publications Committee shall make the Call for Papers on time to enable members submit timely articles covering various dimensions of immigration law perspectives. We shall also compile and publish papers presented at the Maiden NILA Immigration Law & Policy Conference 2022.
- **MEMBERS' LUNCH:** Our members are at the heart of everything we do. We believe that hosting periodic members' lunch will help our members to bond and strengthen relationships as well as provide demonstrable positive outcomes for our Association. The pilot-event shall be organized by our Lagos Members during the year and will be replicated in Abuja and other major cities in Nigeria as we progress.
- **ON DEMAND TRAINING:** We are pleased to inform that members of our Training Faculty have developed and will be providing (On-Demand) training services-core, modular and or tailored trainings - for organizations that may require such services. Please feel free to contact the secretariat should you receive enquires from prospective clients in this regard.
- **NILA IMMIGRATION LAW & POLICY CONFERENCE & 2024 AGM:** Our Annual Immigration Law & Policy Conference /2024 Annual General Meeting has been tentatively scheduled to hold on November 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> this year. The conference which will be held at Abuja will be conducted over two days and will canvass current issues in Nigerian Immigration Law & Policy. More information about the conference shall be released by the Conference Planning Committee.
- **ENERGIZING OUR COMMITTEES:** Circa July 2022, certain strategic committees were set up to drive the Associations Programmes. Unfortunately, we are yet to feel the impact of these committees. The Committees were structured to be the most important working forces of our organization. We trust that going forward the chairpersons and members of these committees will use their talents, skills and knowledge to showcase direction of our mission and vision.

The names of the chairpersons and members of the committees for the period 2022 – 2024 are republished hereunder for ease for records.

1. Legislative Advocacy & Law Reform Committee

- a. Roland Otaru Ph.D, SAN - Chairperson
- b. Chief (Mrs) Georgina Ehuriah-Arisa, MON - Alternate Chairperson
- c. Likko Al-Bashir Lawal - Secretary
- d. Sir Ngwu Chukwuemeka
- e. ACGI (Rtd.) Edith Nkemdilim Onyemenam
- f. Senator Okey Ezea, Ph.D
- g. Barr (Mrs) Sylvia Ndubisi-Ike

2. Editorial & Publications Committee

- a. Prof Larry Chukwu - Chairperson
- b. Prince Ebere Nwokoro - Alternate Chairperson
- c. Dr. Chukwudi Victor Odoeme - Secretary
- d. Rabiah Audu Hassan
- e. Barr Eric Ibe
- f. Barr Esther Ekeocha
- g. Barr (Mrs) Ifeoma Ukachukwu

3. Public Interest Litigation Committee

- a. Norrison Quakers SAN - Chairperson
- b. Inam Wilson SAN - Alternate Chairperson
- c. Barr Daniel D. Makolo - Secretary
- d. Barr (Mrs) Tinuola Kukoyi
- e. Ugochukwu Christian Jonathan
- f. Barr Eric Ibe

4. Global Migration

- a. Attorney Johnson Babalola - Chairperson
- b. AGCI Rtd. (Mrs) Edith Nkemdilim Onyemenam - Alternate Chairperson
- c. Barr Eric Ibe - Secretary
- d. Dr. Chike Nwosu
- e. Attorney Uche Nwaneri
- f. Peace Chidinma Lotechukwu

5. Conference Planning Committee

- a. Barr Fabian Ozoemena - Chairperson
- b. Barr (Mrs) Ifeoma Ukachukwu - Alternate Chairperson
- c. Barr (Mrs) Chinyere Usen - Secretary
- d. Barr Hussain Hussain
- e. Barr (Mrs) Ihuoma Gladys Jonathan
- f. Barr Chioma Nwakor
- g. Barr Buhari Kamaludeen

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- b. Dr. Sirajo Yakubu Phd - Sub-Dean
- c. Barr (Mrs) Ifeoma Ukachukwu - Registrar
- d. Dr. Chukwudi Victor Odoeme
- e. Dr. Daniel Makolo
- f. Barr. Soetan Olamide Adejonwo
- g. Barr (Mrs) Pamilerin Akabunwa

- **THE SECRETARIAT:** The sole channel for contacting the Secretariat currently is our email: [nil.association@gmail.com](mailto:nil.association@gmail.com) or through the telephone numbers of the Principal Officers. NILA Secretariat is available to assist you with your enquiries and to address concerns you may have in relation to the Association and your membership. Negotiations have reached an advanced stage for the hosting of the NILA website but pending that we encourage our members to follow us on: **Linkedin: Nigerian Immigration Lawyers Association**
- **PAYMENT OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION:** May we also remind members on the need to pay up their annual subscription for year 2024 which became due on January 31<sup>st</sup> 2024. Please note that the annual dues for year 2023 was waived for all members across board.

The annual dues payable by each cadre are hereunder stated:

<b>Student Members</b>	-	<b>₦10,000</b>
<b>Associates</b>	-	<b>₦20,000</b>
<b>Members</b>	-	<b>₦30,000</b>
<b>Fellows</b>	-	<b>₦50,000</b>

Payments are to be made into the Association's bank account below:

Account Name: **Immigration Law Practitioners Association of Nigeria**

**Bank Name: GTB**

**Account Number: 0692837907**

Upon payment, please send the evidence of payment by Whatsapp to any of the following officers:

<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>08033310150</b>
<b>Financial Secretary:</b>	<b>07088157464</b>
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- **CLOSING:** Once again, we wish all of us a glorious new year. Please remain assured of our esteemed regards.

Barr. Eric Ibe, FNILA  
General Secretary  
**For: NILA Secretariat**