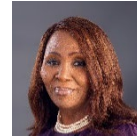


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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Uwa OHIKU
Senior Partner
Jackson, Etti & Edu
Lagos
Nigeria



Nationality: Nigerian

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

LL.B., (Hons), The University of Benin, Nigeria, 1985;
B.L., (Barrister-at-Law), The Nigeria Law School, Nigeria, 1986;
Admitted to The Nigerian Bar, 1986.

Awards:

Regarded and recognized as an authority in intellectual property law in Africa;
First Nigerian to be recognized in the Top 250 Women in IP Worldwide by Managing Intellectual Property, in its maiden edition 2013;
The Firm's IP Practice rose to become one of Africa's most admired and feared IP Teams, pulling in numerous local and international awards and recognitions;
Recognized as one of Nigeria's Top 50 Most Influential Women in Law, by BusinessDay;
Recognized annually and consecutively for more than a decade, by *IP Star*, *Who's Who Legal*, etc;
Rated by *Chambers & Partners* as a Band 1 Lawyer for a decade;
The only Nigerian bestowed with the highest honor of Gold Standard IP Practitioner by *World Trademark Review (WTR 1000)*;
Only speaker from Africa at the 2008 BRICS IP Summit held in Gurgaon, New Delhi.

LANGUAGES

English

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PRESENT POSITION

Senior Partner, Jackson, Etti & Edu, since April 1, 2021.

Responsible for driving several of the Firm's strategic goals, including the following:

- The Key Client Program, a specialized business development and client relationship management program for the Firm's 20 most important clients (50% of which are our top Intellectual property clients) aimed at increasing their footprints across the Firm, by providing top notch legal support services. Developed and have anchored this program since April 2021;
 - Key responsibility for the Firm's biggest and most important client (by revenue and type of work – all aspects of intellectual property law) since inception of the Firm in 1996. Has proudly taken on and discharged this responsibility since the Firm's inception till date;
 - Member of the Firm's Executive Committee, team responsible for executing the Firm's Strategic goals;
 - Member of the 4-man Advisory Board, the highest decision-making body of the Firm;
 - Teaching & mentoring younger colleagues and new wigs in all aspects of Intellectual Property Law and Practice, particularly ensuring they are grounded technically;
 - Member of the JEE Academy, an in-house initiative for ensuring excellence in all technical aspects of the law;
 - Anchors the Firm's 'Career Conversations', a key aspect of our Talent Engagement & Retention Initiative for high performing Senior Lawyers in the Firm, held annually;
 - Chairperson, The JEE Editorial Board. The Editorial Board vets, edits and approves all articles, Thought Leadership etc, for publication;
 - Chairperson, Origination Bonus Committee of the Firm. Also Chaired the Committee that developed the Firm's Origination Bonus Policy;
 - Anchor of the Firm's Client Satisfaction and Post-engagement initiatives, seeking and employing feedback from our clients to improve our services.
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Partner (later appointed Senior Partner) and Head of the Firm's multiple-award winning Intellectual Property Practice, from inception till March 2021.

Responsible for all matters within this department, including worldwide rights clearance, acquisition, protection, enforcement, transfer and revalidation of Trademarks, Patents, Designs and Copyrights for numerous blue-chip clients spread across the world, including United Nations bodies such as the UNDP and WHO for which we obtained worldwide protection of trademarks and patents.

Responsible for crafting and driving strategic direction of the Firm's IP Practice; securing its place as the leading IP Practice in Nigeria and beyond.

Introduced and was Head of the Firm's IP Watch Service and Investigation Team.

Established ETTS – Every Tuesday Training Session, as a training ground for IP ensuring every member of the IP Team received excellent technical training and mentorship required to succeed in the profession.

Established *Intellect First*® and *Intellect Matters*® as the Firm's Newsletters to disseminate IP-related news and updates around the world.

Speaker at many local and international fora, including Lecturer at an INTA Annual Meeting.

Involved in key projects for the UNDP concerning Intellectual Property including worldwide filing of patent and trademark applications.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Member:

Nigerian Bar Association;

International Trademark Association (INTA);

African Regional Center for Arbitration;

Intellectual Property Advocacy Network of Nigeria (IPLAN) – Trustee.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

All aspects of Intellectual Property Law and Practice: Board level Intellectual Property Consulting, Strategy Formulation & Implementation; IP Policy crafting, Risk Assessment & Mitigation, IP Audit and Valuation; Portfolio Advisory, Management, Enforcement and Adjudication; conducting worldwide clearance and free-to-use searches of worldwide databases; obtaining IP filings (trademarks, patent, designs, copyrights) and other forms of IP Protection across Africa; IP portfolio management for conglomerates and multinationals, especially across Europe and the United States; IP protection for United Nations bodies (e.g. UNDP, WHO), brand protection; advising on anti-counterfeiting and other aspects of brand enforcement; data privacy and data audits; domain name disputes; domain names advisory; domain name arbitration, filing domain name disputes; registration of Domain Names; Commercial IP-Licensing, Franchising, Distributorship arrangements; Mergers & Acquisitions; Contentious IP advisory; IP Watch Services. etc.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Has practiced intellectual property law exclusively since 1989. Was Head of the Firm's IP Practice from inception till March 2021. Under leadership, the Firm's IP Practice rose to become one of Africa's most admired and feared IP Teams, pulling in numerous local and international awards and recognitions.

Trustee of the Intellectual Property Advocacy Network of Nigeria (IPLAN).

Chaired the Review Panel on Nigeria's Draft Trademark Act, (during a Workshop on the Revision of Nigerian Intellectual Property Laws titled "Fostering a New Intellectual Property Regime", sponsored by The Commercial Law Development Program of the Department of Commerce, United States of America, the Federal Ministry of Commerce, Nigeria, etc. April 2002.

Member, Committee of Experts appointed by the then Federal Minister for Science & Technology, to evaluate the alignment of the Draft Science, Technology & Innovation Policy with Nigeria's Intellectual Property Laws.

Drafted the Terms of Reference for a Study on Intellectual Property for OPEC's Research & Development Officials (Nigeria), July 2010.

Trusted Advisor in matters of management of Intellectual Property portfolios.

Responsible for the Intellectual Property assets of numerous "blue chip" international corporations.

Handles Trademark registrations in other African countries on behalf of clients;

Attended WIPO African Sub-regional Symposium on International Standards for Protecting Intellectual Property and Intellectual Property in the Digital Age (organized with the United States Patent & trademarks Office (USPTO), Virginia, USA, July 1999, Nigeria;

Attended WIPO Regional Consultation Meeting on Electronic Commerce and Intellectual Property, July 1999, Nigeria;

Main Speaker, WIPO Sub-regional Seminar on Intellectual Property for African Women Heads of Enterprises from English-speaking African Countries, September 2002;

Attends and participates actively in many international conferences organized by the International Trademark Association, the Institute of Trade Mark Agents, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), etc.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Nigeria's first Domain name Expert to be appointed by NIRA;
Handled Nigeria's first .ng domain name dispute under the NDRP – as Sole Panelist;
Attended the recent RICTA (Rwanda Internet Community and Technology Alliance/ the WIPO Center and KIAC (the Kigali International Arbitration Center) training on the .RW Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy;
Attended the WIPO Conference – 25th UDRP Anniversary and UDRP Panelists' meeting held in Geneva in April 2025;
Gives advice to clients on issues pertaining to the Internet, in particular, with the registration of domain names.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Papers:

"Trade Infringement, Unfair Competition and Protection Against Counterfeiting – An Out Line", WIPO Sub-regional Seminar on Intellectual Property for African Women Heads of Enterprises from English-speaking African Countries, September 2002;

"Strengthening the Competitiveness of Goods Through the Trademark and Industrial Design System – An Outline of the Trademarks Registration Procedure", WIPO Sub-regional Seminar on Intellectual Property for African Women Heads of Enterprises from English-speaking African Countries, September 2002;

"Counterfeiting in Nigeria – a growing menace", Conference on Administration of Intellectual Property in Nigeria, December 2000;

"Should Nigeria Join ARIPO?", Being paper requested by then Federal Minister of Commerce, Nigeria;

Defensive Registration of Trademarks: A Strategy to Elevate Brands Against Competitors, 2025;
Mergers & Acquisitions in the FMCG Sector: Navigating IP Risks & Maximizing Value, 2025.

EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION

Attended seminars on Arbitration in relation to Intellectual Property organized by the African Regional Center for Arbitration, part-sponsored by the United States Information Service (USIS).

Attended the online WIPO Mediation and Arbitration Workshop, June 2-4, 2025.
