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EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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

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PRESENT POSITION

Partner, Jackson, Etti & Edu, Intellectual Property Department, Nigeria. Responsible for all matters within this department, including acquisition, protection, enforcement, transfer and revalidation of Trademarks, Patents, Designs and Copyrights;
Head and actively involved in the Intellectual Property Watch Service and Investigation Team, Nigeria;
Consultant, Junior Achievement of Nigeria (JAN), Nigeria.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Legal Officer, African Ocean Lines, Nigeria, 1986-1987. Worked actively on arranging the Consortium of Banks, which provided financial backing for African Ocean Lines' major projects;
Senior Associate, Bentley, Edu & Co, Nigeria, 1989-1996. Responsible for searches, filings, administration of IP portfolios, renewals as well as third party or official objections. Advised clients on IP related issues;
Involved in key projects for the UNDP concerning Intellectual Property including worldwide filing of patent and trademark applications.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Member:

International Trademark Association (INTA);
Asia Pacific Lawyers Association (APLA), Seoul, South Korea;
African Regional Center for Arbitration;
International Bar Association (IBA).

Overseas Member, Institute of Trade Mark Agents (ITMA).

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Intellectual Property Law: trademarks, patents, designs, copyrights, management of portfolios, registration of Domain Names.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Has practiced intellectual property law exclusively since 1989;
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, Federal Ministry of Commerce, , Nigeria, AIPPI (Nigerian Chapter), IPLAN, NOTAP, Abuja, Nigeria, April 2002;
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 in Nigeria;
Attended WIPO Regional Consultation Meeting on Electronic Commerce and Intellectual Property, July 1999 in Nigeria;
Attends and participates actively in many international conferences organized by the International Trademark Association, the Institute of Trade Mark Agents, the Asia Pacific Lawyers Association, the Pharmaceutical Trademark Group, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the Licensing Executives Society, the Asian Patent Attorneys Association and a number of other professional bodies.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Gives advice to clients on issues pertaining to the Internet, in particular, with the registration of domain names;

Principally responsible for coordination and obtaining the first domain name registration for the firm – a cctld (.ng) registration.

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.

Editor, The Sickle Cell Club Bulletin.

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).
