NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION ELECTION 2026

Endorsement of Lateef Omoyemi Akangbe, SAN, FCIArb for the Office of President of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA).

As the elections to offices of the Nigerian Bar Association approach, I set out my endorsement of my former partner, Lateef Omoyemi Akangbe, SAN, FCIArb for the Office of President of the NBA.

The NBA requires leadership from a person who is bold, possesses competence, and has integrity and genuine commitment to the legal profession. I have had the advantage of observing Mr Akangbe closely from the time he joined Sofunde, Osakwe, Ogundipe & Belgore in 2005. He was the first associate we invited to become an equity partner of the firm. This was a result of our conviction that he possessed the virtues summarised above – boldness, competence and integrity, as well as dedication and commitment to the Nigerian legal profession.

He is a former NBA Lagos Branch Chair, he is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Senior Advocate of Nigeria and, most recently, one of Nigeria's two members of ICC FraudNet, of which I am an Emeritus Member.

In the upcoming election for President of the NBA, I urge colleagues to vote for him, for his virtues as a Nigerian lawyer, and to ensure that Nigeria has a "***Bar That Works for Everyone***".

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