

PROFILE

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FURTHERING A CULTURE OF SERVICE, INNOVATION AND QUIET EXCELLENCE

Okey Leo Ohagba, is a legal practitioner and Notary Public of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, whose professional life and career trajectory have been defined by service, innovation, and quiet excellence.

Born 19th October, 1978, and hails from Ihiala, Anambra State. A passionate member of the Port Harcourt Branch of the Nigerian Bar Association, he was called to the Nigerian Bar in November 2007 and has since remained in active private legal practice while consistently offering selfless service to the Bar and society.

Driven by a passion for litigation and dispute resolution, he declined a lucrative corporate offer from a reputable Nigerian bank to begin his career at N. H. Ajie & Company in 2008. There, he mastered the rigours of commercial litigation. In 2012, Okey Ohagba established O. L. OHAGBA & Company (Pax et Caritas Chambers), a commercial litigation and ADR consultancy firm in Port Harcourt, where he serves as Principal Partner. He was sworn in as a Notary Public of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in 2020.

COMPETENT

In his quest for a broadened knowledge of the law, Okey pursued structured professional development in dispute resolution prior to beginning his legal career. He obtained a Certificate of Proficiency in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) after completing an intensive programme at The Settlement House, Abuja.

He was also awarded the title of Professional Negotiator and Mediator (PNM). Okey is a member of the Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators (ICMC) and is a certified Chartered Mediator and Conciliator (ChMC)

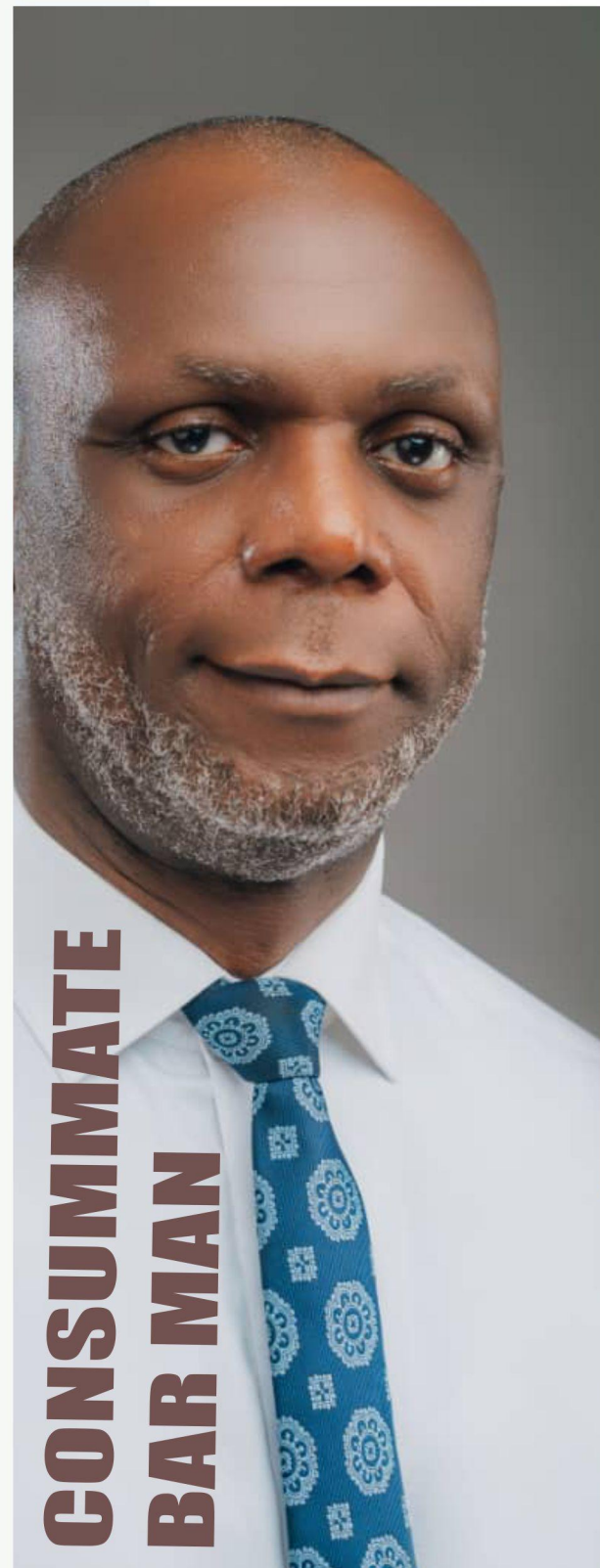
Okey Leo Ohagba, a pioneer law alumnus of Madonna University, Okija (2005) and the Nigerian Law School, Lagos Campus (2007), is renowned for his service excellence and professional discipline. These qualities have found expression in his extensive service to the Nigerian Bar Association and the country—serving at both branch and national levels in various capacities, including, but not limited to, the following;



INTELLIGENT

SERVICE EXCELLENCE

- National Secretary, NBA Young Lawyers' Forum Governing Council (2012–2014)
- Member, NBA National Executive Council (NEC) (2012–2014; 2016–2018; 2020 till date)
- Member, NBA Port Harcourt Branch Executive Committee (2012–2014)
- Secretary, NBA Constitution Review Committee, Port Harcourt Branch (2012–2016).
- Assistant Secretary, NBA Human Rights Committee, Port Harcourt Branch (2012–2014)
- Member, Continuing Legal Education Committee, Port Harcourt Branch (2012–2014)
- Member, International Conferences and Opportunities Committee, Port Harcourt Branch (2014–2016)
- Member, Technical Committee on Conference Planning (TCCP), NBA AGC Owerri (2014)
- Chairman, Sports Sub-Committee, TCCP, NBA AGC Owerri (2014)
- Member, Local Organising Committee, NBA AGC Port Harcourt (2016)
- Secretary, Transport and Logistics Sub-Committee, NBA AGC Port Harcourt (2016)
- Secretary, Eastern Bar Forum ICT Committee (2016–2019)
- Chairman, Eastern Bar Forum (NBA National Elections Screening Committee) 2022
- First Assistant Secretary, Nigerian Bar Association (2016–2018)
- NBA Representative on the Board of Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) (2013–2015)
- Secretary, NBA Port Harcourt Branch Advisory Committee (2022 till date)
- Secretary, NBA Sports Committee (2024 till date)
- Chairman CPC, NBA-SPIDEL Annual Conference, Ikeja- Lagos (2023)
- Executive Committee Member, NBA-SPIDEL (2023 – 2024)



COMMITTED

He belongs to all NBA Sections – Section on Business Law (SBL), Section on Legal Practice (SLP) and Section on Public Interest and Development Law (SPIDEL); and has maintained fair participation at the Sections' conferences and professional activities.

As a consummate Bar man, Okey has attended all NBA Annual General Conferences since post call without exception. He has equally participated in several international Bar conferences, including the IBA Annual Conferences in Boston (2013), Tokyo (2014), the CLA Biennial Conference in Glasgow (2015), the ICC Africa Regional Arbitration Conference, Lagos (2017), and the African Bar Association Annual Conference, Port Harcourt (2017).

INNOVATION & QUIET EXCELLENCE:

Okey Ohagba is renowned for the mark of excellence he leaves wherever he serves. His characteristic meticulousness and attention to detail in service endear him to many.

Mentorship & Innovative impact at NBA-YLF NATIONAL SECRETARY

-One of the most defining phases of his service to the Bar was his tenure as National Secretary of the NBA Young Lawyers' Forum. During this period, he developed a comprehensive National database of young lawyers, revitalised the YLF segment of the NBA website, and followed through with consistent digital updates and site functionality throughout his tenure.

-He served as Chairman of the NBA-YLF National Summit Planning Committee for the 2013 NBA-YLF National Summit held in Port-Harcourt; which event was widely adjudged as most successful in the annals of the Forum then. He also coordinated very robust YLF Sessions at the Calabar and Owerri NBA AGCs in 2013 and 2014 respectively.

-Working robustly with the then YLF Chair, now Paul Daudu, SAN, and other Council members, he facilitated the establishment of Young Lawyers' Fora in over 70% of NBA branches nationwide.

-Okey maintains a flourishing mentorship relationship with young lawyers. He has consistently supported capacity-building programmes and leadership inclusivity at both branch and national levels for the younger lawyers, believing that the future of the legal profession lies with them.

EFFICIENT

YOUNG LAWYERS' FORUM

Innovation at the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)

Okey Ohagba's service as NBA Representative on the Board of the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) further reflected his administrative capacity and inclination for innovation. During this period, he championed the e-revolution, driving the full automation of CAC processes through 'CAC ONLINE', enabling lawyers to seamlessly transact with the Commission remotely.

He also strengthened institutional collaboration between the NBA and the Corporate Affairs Commission at the time.



Innovative Advancements In NBA Sports Tournaments

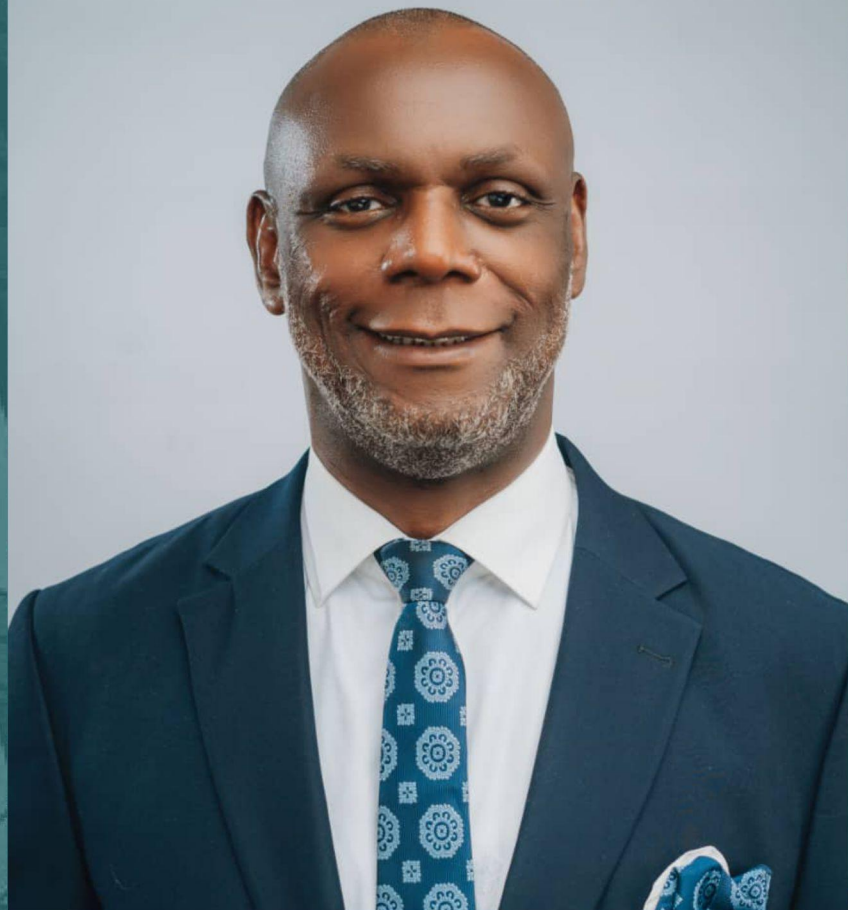
As Chairman of the TCCP Sports Sub-Committee for the 2014 NBA AGC in Owerri, Okey introduced cash prizes for tournament winners to offset branch expenses and boost participation.

Following approval from then NBA President Okey Wali, SAN, this initiative led to the first-ever ₦500,000 cash prize for the football tournament winners, with the second and third-place teams also receiving financial rewards.

INNOVATION

HARDWORKING

**CREATIVE
PROACTIVE &
THOROUGH**



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Past National Officer, NBA.**

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROWESS



Secretariat Innovation & Administrative Excellence

While serving as First Assistant General Secretary of the NBA, Okey maintained consistency in the preparation and delivery of accurate, error-free minutes at National Executive Council (NEC) meetings, executing a mandate delegated by the General Secretary.

He also facilitated the electronic dissemination of NEC minutes and document bundles prior to meetings, enabling robust participation and high-quality deliberations.

Community Service, Religion and Leadership Excellence

-Beyond his professional service, Okey Ohagba served as President General of Ihiala Town between 2022–2025, achieving significant milestones in community administration—particularly in the fight against insecurity. His dogged commitment to this cause contributed immensely to the restoration of normalcy and calm to the once insecurity-ravaged Ihiala Town.

-He is a Rotarian of the Rotary Club of Port Harcourt, District 9141.

-He is a devout Christian of the Roman Catholic Church.



**VISIONARY
MULTI-TASKER
GO-GETTER**

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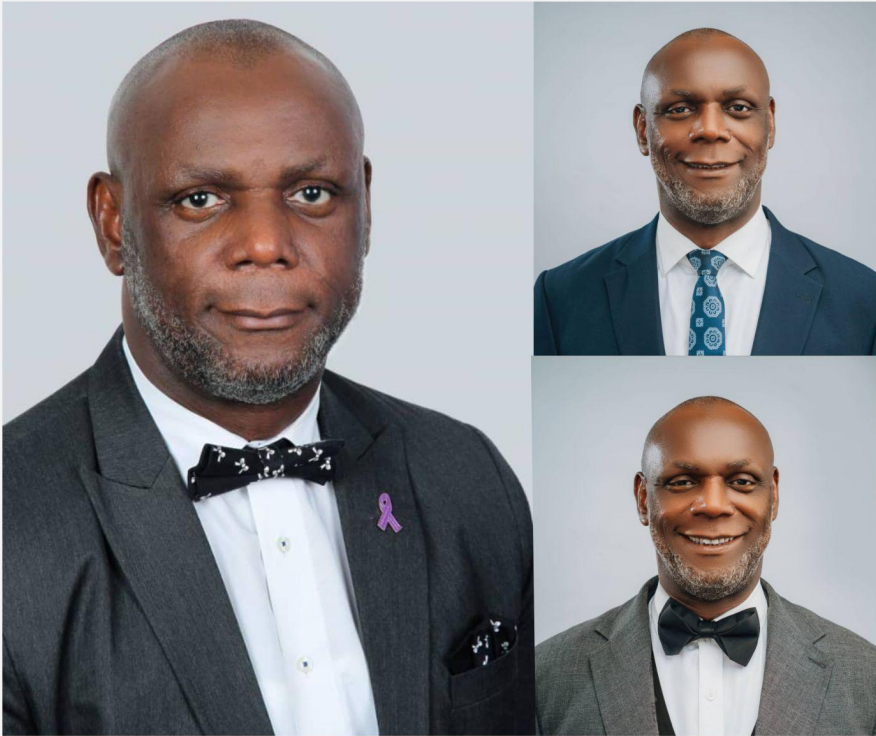
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Personality & Strength of Character

-Okey Leo Ohagba is known for his insistence on accountability, professional ethics, grooming, impeccable integrity, and administrative clarity. He approaches leadership as a duty and service as a solemn responsibility. He has received numerous awards from various organizations, including the 'Man of Integrity of the Year' Award 2024 from the Nigerian Association of Christian Journalists.

-As a humanitarian and rights crusader, Ohagba has handled numerous pro bono cases for indigent persons.

-Outside the court and committee rooms, he enjoys singing, cooking and sporting.

-He is happily married.



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