



## Delivering Premium Legal Service



**LEGAL ANSWERS** LLP

LITIGATION • CORPORATE LAW • BUSINESS ADVISORY

# Introduction

LEGAL ANSWERS LLP (The firm) is a fully serviced Corporate and Commercial law firm based in Nigeria. We offer premium legal and business advisory services to top-tier clients on a wide range of areas cutting across various sectors domestically and across border.

The Legal Answers team comprises of dynamic lawyers with requisite skill set, sound knowledge and have acquired significant experience in rendering quality legal services especially in the areas of corporate & commercial transactions, litigation and dispute resolution.

## Our Approach

The firm's strategy is to provide our clients with effective outsourced legal solutions, in our capacity as external solicitors. We are very passionate about providing bespoke services to our clientele, which includes individuals, large corporations, small and medium scale enterprises. Our driving force is to ensure that all legal risks are mitigated, thus ensuring business efficiency and growth. We strive to fully understand our clients' needs and to meet those needs efficiently in terms of quality of work turnaround time and cost.

## Practice Areas

### Corporate

- Partnerships
- Joint Ventures
- Corporate restructuring
- Corporate Governance
- Special Purpose Vehicles
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Compliance and Regulatory regimes
- Offshore Arrangements
- Incorporation of Company
- Board of Directors advisory

### Commercial

- Agency
- Licensing
- Distribution
- Manufacturing
- Supply
- Sales
- Investments
- Franchises

### Tax

- Capital gains tax
- Income tax
- Value added tax
- Customs and excise
- Cross border financing taxation
- Tax dispute resolution with Federal Inland revenue service
- (FIRS) and state revenue services
- Tax incentives
- Company income tax
- Petroleum tax and royalties
- Tax opinions

### Litigation

- Oil and Gas
- Mining
- Employment
- Immigration
- Finance
- Aviation
- Election petitions
- Recovery
- Manufacturing
- Telecommunication
- Intellectual property

### Engineering Projects

- Operation and Maintenance contracts
- Construction contracts
- Engineering contracts
- Feasibility Study contracts
- EPC Contracts
- Offtake contracts
- Transfer of Technology contracts
- Front End Engineering contracts

### Finance

- Trade finance
- Project finance
- Private Equity
- Property finance
- Syndicated lending
- Mezzanines
- Debt and Equity finance
- Cross border finance

### Employment and Labour

- Collective bargaining agreements
- Employment litigation
- Employee benefits and compensation
- Discrimination (religion, gender, ethnicity, disability etc)
- Employment contracts
- Employee's health and safety
- Tax and Pensions
- Severance

## Practice Areas

### Real Estate

- Joint Venture arrangements
- Conveyancing
- Lease
- Perfecting of titles
- Property tax
- Acquisitions
- Sales
- Due Diligence
- Mortgage registrations
- Portfolio restructuring

### Secreterial Services

- Meetings
- Share restructuring
- Incorporation of Corporations
- Maintenance of statutory register
- Compliance
- Liquidations and winding up
- Secretarial audits
- Trustees
- Notices
- Resolutions

### Immigration

- Visitors Visas
- Temporary work permits( TWP)
- Permanent residence permits
- Corporate visas
- Work permits
- Citizenship applications

### Alternative Dispute Resolution

- Mediation
- Arbitration

### Energy and Natural Resources

- Upstream asset acquisitions
- Farm-ins and Farm-outs
- Joint operation Agreements(JOA)
- Strategic Alliance Agreement
- Floating Production Storage and Offtake Agreements(FPSO)
- Technical and Financial Service Agreement (TSA and FTSA)
- Crude sale and purchase Agreements(SPA)
- Gas service Agreements (GSA)
- Operation and Maintenance ( O&M)
- Oil and Gas Logistics Agreements
- Drilling Agreements
- Evacuation and Storage Agreements

### Intellectual Property / Entertainment

- Patents
- Trademarks
- Copyright
- Designs
- Data protections
- IP due diligence investigation and audit
- Licensing
- Investment structures
- Negotiations and settlements

## Experience

- The firm's partner advised an indigenous E&P company in respect of International Oil Company divestment for an Oil Mining Lease with value circa \$350 million USD
- The firm advised an indigenous telecommunication company on a merger with a foreign consortium with the transaction valued at \$23 million USD .
- The firm's partner advised an independent E&P subsidiary that successfully farmed -in into Oil Mining Lease (OML46) with 29% equity stake.
- The firm's partners advised a company in respect of contractual framework of a 15 years Licence to Operate (LTO) contract to manage and develop SPDC's Kidney Island Port.
- The firm advised an indigenous trading company in respect of federal government crude term lifting contract.
- The firm's partners advised an indigenous E & P company on contractual framework for re-entry and field development of an Oil Mining Lease ( OML 46) with value circa \$25 Million USD .
- The firm's partner's advised a service company on structuring of major operation and maintenance contracts with a cumulative capacity of 30,000 bbls/day.
- The firm's partners advised on the structuring of an integrated marine and offshore joint venture company with multinational shipping company based in South East Asia.
- The firm's partner's advised an entity ( alongside Denton LLP) in respect of the acquisition of the Gbarain Generation Company as part Nigerian Integrated Power Plant (NIPP) privatization process..
- The firm's partner's advised a service company in respect of negotiations and successful engagement of 3 Drilling rigs for well re-entry and other drilling programs.
- The firm advised an investment company in respect of financing and acquisition of an \$18 million USD real estate portfolio.

## Our People

### Teinane Okpokiti



**Teinane** is a Partner in the firm and leads the Corporate and Commercial Practice.

Prior to joining the firm, he was the General Counsel for Century Exploration and Production Limited (Operator OML 46 Atala field) and the Deputy Head, Legal and Compliance for Century Group (comprising 3 major subsidiaries).

With a legal portfolio spanning over 10 years of active involvement in corporate commercial practice, he has gained significant experience in relation to corporate advisory, including but not limited to mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, corporate re-organization, project and trade finance, and commercial transactions for local and international corporations.

He advises on numerous local and cross-border transactions covering various jurisdictions e.g. Norway, U.K, U.S, Singapore, Malaysia, UAE, China, Ghana Mozambique, South-Sudan, France, Malta, Austria, Denmark etc.

Teinane is a graduate of the Rivers State University of Science and Technology Port- Harcourt, Nigeria, where he obtained an LL.B degree in Law, and University of Warwick, England, obtaining an LL.M degree in Corporate Governance and Financial Regulations.

Other previous employments include Future Perfect Financial Solutions, United Kingdom; and Collet and Co, Advocates and Solicitors.

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### Owukori Akuiyibo



**Owukori** is the Managing Partner and leads the Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice.

His practice encompasses all aspects of commercial litigation providing outstanding, result-oriented service in an efficient and cost-effective manner. He represents clients on oil and gas, intellectual property, banking and finance, recoveries, employment and labor, insurance, and personal claims.

He is active in public law practice as well, representing clients in election petition matters, human right and criminal cases.

His arbitration practice involves regularly advising and representing clients on arbitration, mediation and general dispute resolution proceedings.

He bagged an LL.B Rivers state University of Science and Technology 2006 and was admitted to the Nigerian bar in 2007. He is a member of various organizations including the Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the International Bar Association.

His last employment was Head of Litigation at Chief Olusola Oke and Co.

#### Practice Areas

Commercial and Public Litigation, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Taxation

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