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Key Professional Positions:

- Senior Partner, Aries Law Firm, Abuja, Nigeria
- Defense Counsel in 117 Sharia related cases, including the case of Amina Lawal, Safiya Hussaini (two Nigerian Women who had been sentenced to death by stoning) since 1999, when some States in Nigeria adopted the Islamic Sharia in criminal issue all cases were, Pro Bono.
- Judicial Commission Member (Appointed by President Obasanjo of Nigeria) to the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into the Alleged Killing of Six Nigerians by the Nigerian Police Force in Abuja (June-August 2005)
- Prosecutor and Defense Counsel Ministry of Justice: Bauchi State, Nigeria: 1989-1996.
- Visiting Professor, St. Louis University, Law School Aug. 2006 – Dec. 2006: (teaching West African Legal Systems)
- Yale World Fellow: Yale University, USA, Aug. 2005 – June, 2006
- Treasurer and acting Vice President, University of Jos, Nigeria (1984-1985).
- Secretary to Conference planning (1998): National Privatization Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association 1998-2000:
- National Publicity Secretary and Member of the National Executive, Nigerian Bar Association (2000-2002).
- Member of the Nigerian Bar Association National Executive Council, 1989-
- Secretary and Member of the Preparatory Committee of the Pan African Lawyers Union (2000-2002)
- Council member of the International Bar Association Human Rights Institute (2000-2005)
- Consultant to BAOBAB for Women Human Rights, an NGO based in Lagos and in the forefront on issues for the protection of women living under Muslim law (1999-2003).
- Member of the Preparatory Committee (2000-2002) and responsible for the first draft of the Constitution of the Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU), established in September 2002, with it's headquartering in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- Elected (2000-2002) National Publicity Secretary of the Nigerian Bar Association (the professional body of all Nigerian lawyers with over 40,000 members); I initiated and published 'The Bar Perspective' Newsletter. The Newsletter was also distributed to all the segments of the society from the Presidency to Prisons, from the upper legislative houses to the man on the street and the Superior court in Nigeria, to some of the airline companies. Copies were also sent abroad to Bar Associations and individuals.
- Part time Lecturer, University of Abuja, Nigeria (2001-2002): Teaching Nigerian legal system.
- Director and Acting Chairperson of Development Exchange Center (1995 1998): Bauchi, Nigeria. (An NGO supported by the **Ford Foundation**). We were involved in

the operation of micro-credit facilities for small scale industries and subsistence farming and trade. Workshops, seminars and conferences on health related issues, rural water supply, waste disposal, erosion control, usage of solar energy for domestic activities.

Degree

- Master of Laws Degree in International Studies: American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC. June 2004
- Masters in International Law and Diplomacy, 1998
- Nigeria Law School, Lagos: BL, May, 1989.
- LLB (Laws), 1987, University of Jos, Nigeria.

Honorary Certificates:

- Doctor of Humane Letters, Godwin University College, East Hartford, Connecticut, USA, 15th June 2006.
- Certificate of Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC, June 2004.
- Certificate of the Government of the United States, Graduate study and Professional Development: June, 2004.
- Humphrey Fellow, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC, August, 2003- June, 2004.
- Certificate of Rollin School of Public Health and Institute of International Education of Global Development and Social Justice, Atlanta Georgia, 2004.
- Georgetown University, Georgetown Leadership, School of Foreign Service, Certificate of Merit, 2004.
- Certificate on Humanitarian Law and Human Development, Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC, 2004.
- University of California Extension, Santa Cruz, English Language International, August, 2003.
- Certificate in American and International law, Academy of American and International law, Center for American and International law, Dallas, Texas, 2000.

Honors, Prizes, Fellowships, and Awards:

- Highest Gold Medal of the City of Toulouse, France, April 11th 2007
- Honorary Member of the Bar Association of Paris, France. 2006.
- Honorary Citizen of Paris, (Mayor of Paris), France. 2006.
- Distinguish Speaker Award, Nigerian Lawyers Association (*New York City, USA*). 2006.
- **Sakharov Price for freedom of thoughts**, by the European Union Parliament. 2005.
- Italian Government, Human Right Award (**CAVALIERE AL MERITO DELLA REPUBBLICA ITALIANA**) 2005.
- Eleanor Roosevelt, **Global Women's Rights Award**, by Feminist Majority Foundation, L.A, U.S.A, April, 2005.
- **Rare Gem Award**, by WODEF, Lagos, Nigeria, March 2005.
- **Abolition Award**, by 2nd World Congress against the Death Penalty, Oct. 8th 2004, Montreal, Canada.

- American Bar Association, Commission on Women in the Profession, **Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award**, Special Award Recipient, 2004 (for the first time awarded to a non-American woman lawyer).
- **Pushing the Envelope Award**, by Tahirih Justice Center, Washington, DC, June, 2004.
- **Prominent Woman in International law**, Washington, DC, Women in International Law Interest Group (WILIG). 2003
- **Victor Folsom Fellowship**, Academy of American and International Law, Center for American and International Law (formerly, The Southwestern Legal Foundation), as Best-Qualified Candidate from Africa, Dallas, Texas, 2000.
- Nigerian Bar Association **Merit Award**, 1998.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Nigerian Bar Association.
- Pan African Lawyers Union.
- International Bar Association.
- American Bar Association, (Associate).
- Chartered Institute of Arbitration, London.
- International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA).

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS:

- Reform and Reviews of some sections of the new Sharia Law in Northern Nigeria, April 2004.
- Religion, Culture and Traditions as Factors of Discrimination and Inequality, March 2004.
- Due Process in Some Sharia Law Cases in Nigeria, April 2004.
- Exceptionally Exceptional Year (published by Institute of International Education, 2004)
- The Rule of Law (The Case of Amina Lawal) November 2003.
- Feminism: How Global? Another Perspective, December 2003.
- What is Equality? Equality, Special Treatment and Social Transformation, December 2003
- Law as an instrument of transition to civil rule.'97, University of Jos, Nigeria, Master's Project.
- The legal framework of the Nigerian Police Force, 1987 University of Jos, Nigeria, Undergraduate Project.
- Speech delivered at the American Bar Association's Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, August 2004, on the receipt of the Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award. (Also attached to this resume).

LANGUAGES:

- English; Italian; Hausa (Native).