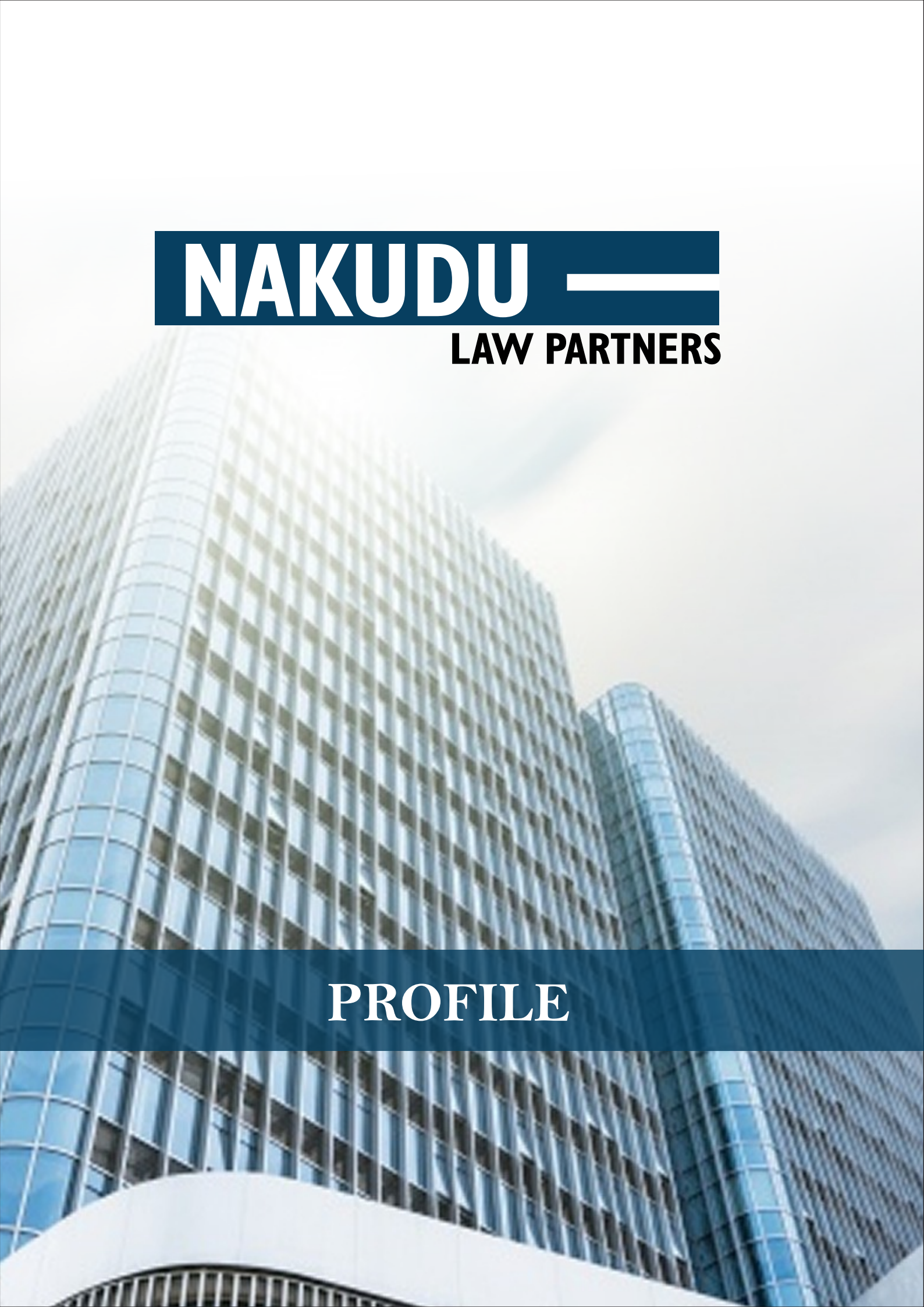

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THE FIRM - NAKUDU LAW PARTNERS

Nakudu Law Partners is a full-service law firm that provides an innovative legal solution to its clients both within and outside Nigeria. The firm has become a significant presence in the provision of first–class legal services, offering legal guidance and support of the highest standards to a wide range of local and international clients.

Our team is comprised of partners with experience in local as well as international legal practice. With four partners who are recognized leaders in relevant sectors within the legal profession, supplemented by eminent consultants and associates whose experience span across Nigeria, England, and Asia and an excellent team of paralegal staff. The Firm, boasting of a robust team aggregated into a seamless whole, pulls together talented and age-cutting lawyers with the best of trainings.

We have our offices in Kano, Abuja and Dutse and are working towards opening more branches in order to have wide range of legal service coverage, all in a bid to shoulder the burden of our clients. We work wherever our clients need us. This is how we define ourselves, not by reference to where we have offices. Cross border work isn't just what we do; it is what we excel at. We understand what it really takes to work across different legal systems and commercial environments and to bridge language and cultural gaps.

In the short time of our presence, we have excelled to be one of Nigeria's pre-eminent and fast growing law firms, focused on delivering exceptional legal advisory services and representation in multiple areas of law. The resourcefulness and experience we apply is evident in the high rating the firm has attained and the satisfaction our clients have often expressed with our services. On several occasions, we go out of our way and make personal sacrifices – within the bounds of the law and ethical practice – to ensure that we deliver timely and satisfactory results to our clients.

Our clients have come to value our ability to achieve successful outcomes in litigation cases; give expert and pragmatic advice; and provide conscientious and responsive services. We formulate legal strategies that will ensure the continued and effective flow of your daily business operations as well as minimize the often disruptive impact of legal issues that may arise in the course of your business.

We have carefully built a sterling professional reputation through capacity building and thoughtful selection of our team members of astute solicitors with vast experience in Corporate and Commercial Law, among our expertise in sectors such as Intellectual Property, Copyright, Estate and Patent Litigation, International Commercial Arbitration, Corporate Commercial, Banking and Finance, Oil & Gas, Real Estate, Intellectual Property, Start-ups, Sports Law, Entertainment & Media Law. And our insight into regulatory compliance issues stands us in good stead for the purposes of an engagement with your establishment.

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Our identity as a firm revolves around our unalloyed commitment to excellence in servive delivery and a drive to succeed in every task we undertake to execute. We fuel in each other an undaunted desire to identify newer, quicker and more effective means of getting the job done –- for ourselves and our ever growing family of clients.

We enjoy our work and are determined to do an outstanding job, whatever our role in the firm. We observe the highest personal, ethical and professional standards in everything we do and operate with integrity at all times. We recognise that the reputation of our firm is vital to our success and we all have a duty to preserve and grow it for the long term.

We value people and treat them with respect, consideration and courtesy.

We are a people business. Diversity is strength and we value the fresh perspectives, creative ideas and connections that flow from bringing together people with different backgrounds. We seek to create a welcoming, supportive environment in which all can flourish.

We aim to add value in everything we do and make a positive contribution to the communities in which we work. Through our work for our clients, the value we contribute every day by our *pro bono* work and volunteering and our ethical and responsible business practices, we seek to make a real and positive difference to the world around us.

At Nakudu Law Partners (NLP), we maintain a culture of transparency and honesty to not just our clients but also our colleagues.

Ours is a team of resourceful, quick-on-their-feet lawyers who combine knowledge, zeal and relevant experience to help resolve the biggest client challenges whenever and wherever they may arise.

It is a guarantee that we have all it takes to meet your expectations and to excel beyond your imagination, and we are committed to our client's satisfaction.

We strive to be exceptional and meet the highest standards.

At Nakudu Law Partners, *"Our Firm is our Team"*

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At Nakudu Law Partners, we understand the diversity and ever evolving of legal services and the need to arm ourselves with the in-depth understanding of our chosen practice areas. We have taken the liberty to succulently capture our practice areas while we explore other emerging areas in our legal practice. Our avalanche of legal services is as follows:

- Asset Management
- Banking and Finance
- Capital Markets
- Corporate Governance and Compliance
- Environment and Regulatory Law
- Litigation, Arbitration and Dispute Resolution
- Financial Services Regulation and Investigations
- Insurance
- Islamic Finance
- Intellectual Property
- Mergers and Acquisition
- Maritime
- Oil & Gas
- Privatisation and Public Procurement
- Property/Real Estate
- Public International Law
- Emerging Markets
- Tax
- Sanctions, International Trade and Investment Compliance
- Telecommunications, Media and Technology

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Asset Management
Our lawyers in Nakudu Law Partners understand the need to manage investment, investment risk and ensure return on investment on behalf of our clients. We often provide expert advice on a vast array of legal issues in asset acquisition and investment. We understand the multifaceted requirements that come with legal arrangements in the assets in Nigeria and beyond and we can ensure that our clients satisfy any and all legal requirements anywhere their assets may be located. Our support includes the preparation of documents associated with asset acquisition, leasing, sell, reinvestment, regulation compliance, up to date regulatory updates, as well as any legal concerns connected with asset disputes or liabilities. As a complete legal service provider, Nakudu Law Partners covers all of a client's needs in this industry.

Banking & Finance
With its evolving financial markets and securitization transactions emerging in project financing, Nigeria requires sophisticated legal advisers who understand the meaning of risk and reward. Our firm employs experienced lawyers in the field of local and international banking and finance law, regulations and customs. Their global perspective enables them to complete the most complex transactions for corporate bodies, commercial and investment banks, funds and financial institutions. Throughout the years, Nakudu Law Partners has successfully provided advice on local and international development projects, rescheduling debts and preparing loan documentation.

The Banking and Finance Department prides itself on the wide range of expert services it offers. These services include providing legal advice on all banking issues, letters of credit and other related matters, such as the establishment of representative offices for foreign institutions.

Capital Market
At Nakudu Law Partners, our practice on capital markets focuses on providing legal expert advice and analysis on a wide range of capital market matters including public offerings, rights issues, private placements, derivative transactions and custodial arrangements. We offer our clients clear, concise and efficient advice and offer creative solutions to issues that arise in the local and international securities market.
Through our wealth of experience and our specialist focus, we are able to deliver results to our clients in a timely and cost-effective manner, and keep our clients in constant touch with emerging trends.

Emerging Markets
We help nation states who are looking to considerably invest in more productive capacity as well as diversify from their traditional economies. We understand that the emergence of more proactive governance will require more sensible legal and fiscal directions and that is what we help provide.

Islamic Finance
Islamic Finance has taken center stage in Nigeria's financial market, providing valuable financing for individual, corporate and governmental project marked by the use of Sharia-compliant transactions. The lawyers at Nakudu Law Partners have the requisite experience to help you with Sharia-compliant finance options. Islamic Finance includes several essential concepts, including *Murabaha* (cost-plus financing), *Mudaraba* (profit sharing), *Sukuk* (Islamic bonds), *Ijara* (leasing) and *Musharaka* (partnership financing). Our lawyers have a deep understanding of these different financing options, allowing us to explain the interaction between Islamic finance and other financing options. With our support, clients can be rest assured that they will not run afoul of Sharia law.

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Insurance
We offer a range of insurance advisory services at Nakudu Law Partners which includes regulatory, transactional, dispute resolution, competition, claims and reorganization. We have a vivid understanding of the regulatory environment relevant to the insurance business in Nigeria which, combined with our conversance of the insurance business, makes us a great choice for local and international clients and other industry players.

We strive to guarantee the best solutions for our clients and we concentrate on the practical and commercial realities that their businesses face at all times.

Intellectual Property
At Nakudu Law Partners we advise on all aspects of the development, exploitation and enforcement of IP rights. We file trademark, patent and design applications in Nigeria and around the globe. We handle contentious and non-contentious matters relating to trademarks, patent, copyright, franchising, licensing, distribution agreements and technology transfer. Our profound knowledge of IP law enables us to serve local and multinational companies working in a variety of sectors as reliable advisors. We help our clients manage IP disputes in defense of their IP rights.
We have over the years built solid relationships with firms within and outside Nigeria to enable us serve our clients better.

Litigation And Dispute Resolution
At Nakudu Law Partners, we efficiently prosecute and defend litigation matters on behalf of our clients in the Nigerian courts. Over the years we have created the reputation of actively and efficiently representing a broad variety of clients in complicated and multiple litigation issues. We help our clients manage risk in all areas of their business. We resolve dispute via litigation, mediation, arbitration or by expert determination.

We have a great preference for the speedy and efficient resolution of challenging conflicts and we regularly deploy our broad knowledge to provide solutions that are creative and efficiently sensitive to the goals of our clients.

Our team of dedicated lawyers have an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the substantive and procedural laws in both criminal and civil system of laws in Nigeria and in most of the common law nations and have handled cases in various courts of law in Nigeria leading up the apex court----the Supreme Court of Nigeria.

Maritime
Nakudu Law Partners offers advice on laws related to charter parties, marine insurance and laws related to collisions and salvage. We are actively involved in a broad range of maritime representations, such as ship owners, charters, cargo owners, shipyards, and insurers. Our services cover general maritime fraud, demurrage, shipbuilding contracts and the sale and purchase of vessels. The firm offers advice to its maritime clients at an early stage so that disputes and litigation arising at a later stage may be avoided. We also provide assistance in drafting memorandums, articles of association, charters, bills of lading, towage, sale of commodities and other maritime documentations.

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Mergers and Acquisition
At NLP, we appreciate the dynamic ramifications of business and the often expedient need to strategically realign a company's trajectory to help sustain its growth. We are involved in the consolidation of corporate entities as well as corporate take-overs all with the objective of wealth maximization, diversification of business risk, technological change, broader market access, renewed tax considerations and the exploration of more profitable business opportunities for our clients.

At Nakudu Law Partners, we take pride in ensuring the success of complex transactions in Nigeria. We advise at all stages of Mergers and Acquisitions, from due diligence all the way through to completion. Our focus is to work closely with our clients to understand their objectives and come up with effective, efficient and cost-friendly solutions.

Oil & Gas
The firm is involved in the oil and gas industry advising clients on mineral rights as exercised by individual communities as well as corporate entities. We at NLP recognize the vast legal needs of the individuals and entities involved in the various aspects of oil and gas production and we are here to provide much needed legal counsel. We help draft and negotiate mining lease agreements that are ultimately favorable to our clients and in the event of litigation; we also provide competent legal representation.

At Nakudu Law Partners, we serve a vast clientele in the oil and gas sector. Our expertise covers legal, regulatory and policy issues as well as commercial and fiscal matters. Our clients are predominantly in the upstream and downstream sectors of the oil and gas industry. We understand the workings of Petroleum Sharing Contracts (PSCs), Joint Ventures Agreement (JVA), and other similar agreements in the industry; the applicable tax regime in the industry and the intricacies that is involved in Cost Oil, Royalty Oil, Tax Oil and Profit Oil. Some of our lawyers have been involved in some complex arbitrations and litigations in the sector and perfectly understands the industry and its mechanisms.

We are conversant with the unique issues that clients may face, and so we are well experienced and equipped to tackle them. With us, clients are in safe hands.

Privatization and Public Procurement
Our firm is here to aid both government and private sector bidders in the conception as well as the implementation of privatization transactions. This includes the sell of government shares and general private sector participation in energy and transportation privatization projects.

We advise clients on contract biddings in public and private privatization and represent clients in negotiations and all the bidding processes and ensure that our clients meet the bidding requirements. Our team of lawyers is dedicated in this sector.

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Public International Law
Our firm has considerable experience advising nation states as well as international corporate bodies on laws, rules and general principles guiding communication between nation states and international organizations as well as individuals whether natural or judicial.

Sanctions, International Trade and Investment Compliance
At NLP, we help to assess the potential risk our clients face with respect to their proposed business ventures, business relationships and contracts. This includes potential sanctions, export controls, foreign direct investment, jurisdictional regulations as well as general complex requirements associated with doing business in a particular territory.

Tax
We have a brilliant team of tax law experts who have considerable experience in local and international tax negotiations, arbitration and litigation. We analyze and provide sound legal advice on potential tax risk, compliance review as well as tax efficient investment strategies. Our team also, on behalf of our clients, interfaces with state tax bodies and assists with tax assessments, audits and appeals to relevant tribunals.

Telecommunications, Media and Technology
We at NLP recognize the telecommunications, media and technology sector as one of the fastest-growing areas of the legal market. As a result, we have members of our team who study technology market developments, regulatory progressions as well as commercial and technical potential of innovations. We partner with bodies looking to push the boundaries of traditional business practice, provide fresh perspective to their business as well as comprehensively explore the vast potential of technology in aiding the smooth flow of business. We also help them navigate the challenges that arise therefrom, providing needed legal insight and fiscal advice.

Nakudu Law Partners understands the positive impact technology is having on our lives and on Nigeria's ease of doing business, that is why we have dedicated lawyers whose expertise in this area span over years with in-depth understanding of the workings and regulations of the area.

Our lawyers are experienced in the full range of technology, media and telecom issues and our clients include telcos, app developers, broadcasters, software companies and venture capitalists. We also have excellent relationships with government entities that seek to facilitate the entry and development of start-up companies as well as continuously advise clients regarding regulatory reforms and compliance.

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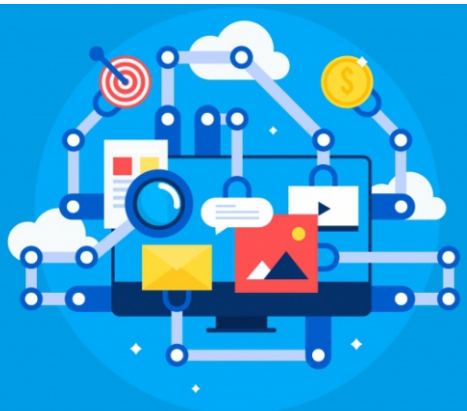
THE FIRM'S SET GOALS

"NAKUDU LAW PARTNERS will strive to be amongst the top leading recognized global law firms in the globe"



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One of the interesting things about Nakudu Law Partners is that the firm is made of young talented lawyers who have gathered rapid experience and achieved remarkable results within the years of their practice.

Nakudu Law Partners believes in young and energetic talents who have tested integrity and work smartly to deliver accurate and impressive results. Aside from the partners and Associates, Nakudu Law Partners leverages on our established relationships with some other top law firms in Nigeria and beyond and some other accomplished legal practitioners who are either renowned Senior Advocates of Nigeria (SAN) or Senior Lawyers who provide support to our legal services under a well-defined and confidential arrangement.

We present to you each of our partner's summarized profile.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE/EDUCATION

Mohammed is the founder and managing partner of Nakudu Law Partners. He had his education at the prestigious Bishop Douglass College, UK as well as at the Southampton Solent University where he obtained his LLB Hons degree. In the course of his studies in the UK, Mohammed undertook several vocational trainings in legal studies, ranging from social engagement, public speaking, strategy development and several managerial skills. He also developed a unique interest in finance and corporate law practice.

Mohammed proceeded to obtain a Masters degree from the Hult International Business School where he obtained valuable training in both the English and Asian Corporate and Legal Jurisprudence and practice as well as in fundamentals of global businesses which knowledge has put him in good stead for all kinds of local and international transactions and corporate relations.

In addition to being a legal practitioner, Mohammed is an entrepreneur and managing director of several corporate entities which include: Porto golf hotels, Nakudu tannery, Nakudu Nigeria ltd, La sultana apartments, and La sultana sports and leisure center. He has pioneered several complex and challenging multi-billion business ventures across a wide range of sectors his roles including but not limited to the preparation of transactional documents, project finance and implementation, regulatory compliance and advice, financial and risk management, corporate governance amongst other involvements.

Some of Mohammed's transactions and accomplishments include:

1. Conceptualizing the transactions leading to the construction and management of a 64 room hotel from inception till date (www.portogolfhotels.com)
2. Conceptualizing the transactions leading to the construction and management of a first of its kind, and state of the arts sports and leisure facility (https://la-sultana-football-field.business.site/)
3. Implementing a management structure & a regulatory compliance framework in Nakudu tannery.
4. Implementing a management structure, a regulatory framework, and standard operating procedures in Porto golf resort.

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MOHAMMED, M NAKUDU
MANAGING PARTNER

MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Nigerian Bar Association

Community Service/ Pro bono

Mohammed has personally sponsored several pro bono criminal and civil cases for indigent Nigerians in several courts in the country.

PRACTICE AREAS

1. Criminal & civil Litigation
2. Corporate practice
3. Regulatory compliance
4. Government relations
5. Dispute resolution
6. Risk Management
7. Intellectual property
8. Human rights

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ikechukwu has built his experience in the practice areas of Dispute Resolution, Oil & Gas Law, Taxation, Constitutional Law, Finance Law, Mining Law as well as in-depth knowledge of litigation and procedural laws of Nigeria. He has been involved in prominent litigation disputes in all courts of the Nigerian Federation including an anti-corruption case involving over $2.1 Billion USD in of OMLs, arbitration dispute of over $3 Billion Dollars involving a state actor and an international oil company in OMLs, on-going dispute over renewal of OMLs, recovery of over 20 Hectares of land in the Federal Capital Territory, employer-employee disputes, investment disputes as well as privatization disputes involving the sale of some of the integrated power plants in Nigeria. He was a counsel on record for the 2019 Presidential Election Tribunal.

Ikechukwu routinely provides advice to clients on mitigating litigation risk in their transactions and has also been involved in very interesting and intricate commercial transactions as a transactional adviser of some transactions including a $2Billion Dollar automation project of one of the government agencies, Distribution Agreement of $750, 000 Dollars, loan transactions with some of the commercial banks, Dispute Settlement Agreements and some structured corporate financing of some capital projects.

He is a prolific writer and a strong advocate for socio-economic rights of the African society. Ikechukwu has written several published articles on various aspects of law and social life. Some of these include:

- *"A Time to Keep and a Time to Automate"- Published on February 20, 2019 at page 22 of Business Day News Paper"*
- One of the contributors writing on behalf of Nigeria on Law Business Research Publication (an International Journal) on "Private Wealth and Private Client Law Review- 8th Edition Nigeria.
- "Cybercrime; A Call for Cyber Security System" – *published on January 24,2017 at www.greymile.wordpress.com*
- "Fate of a Disowned Child: Any Legal Implication" – *published on August 13 on www.lawyard.ng*

- "Enforcement of Judgment against Government, Cause of Executive rascality". *Published on March 6, 2017 at www.greymile.wordpress.com*
- "Stamping out the stamp duties from deposit accounts in Nigeria". www.lawyard.ng

- "The Inner Sanctum" - *published on April 4, 2017 at* www.greymile.wordpress.com
- "A Court Room without Wall" published in www.greymile.wordpress.com.
- "No work no pay policy v Right of Workers to Strike" published on www.greymile.wordpress.com.
- Nigeria External Reserve; A Role Play for Gold Mining: http://www.mondaq.com/Nigeria/x/699896/Mining/Nigerias+External+Reserve+A+Role+Play+For+Gold+Mining

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He is currently a Post-Graduate Degree student of Commercial Law and Finance (Masters) of the University of Jos.

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Institute of Chartered Arbitrators and Mediators, United Kingdom
International Bar Association
Nigerian Bar Association

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1. Litigation
2. Dispute Resolution & Risk Management
3. Energy & Mining Law
4. Constitutional Law
5. Finance Law
6. Tax

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Clients appreciate how Mohammed is able to utilize his deep understanding of key areas of law to find strategic and effective solutions to their needs.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mohammed has worked on litigation matters including banking, public, labour, company, Sharia, tax and administrative law. He also provides an array of clients which include financial institutions, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, engineering firms and energy firms with advice on various types of regulatory compliance issues. Mohammed also provides legal advisory services on diverse areas such as company formations and restructuring, corporate governance, procurement, tax, labour, employment, environmental and Islamic finance.

EDUCATION

Nigerian Law School, B. L
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MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Nigerian Bar Association

Community service/ Pro bono

Volunteer, Legal Aid Council of Nigeria

PRACTICE AREAS

1.Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Risk Management
2. Corporate services
3. Regulatory Compliance
4. Islamic Finance
5. Tax

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Anthony has broad experience across admiralty law, commercial law, property/real estate and general civil and criminal litigation. He is skilled in applying creative solutions in overcoming complex client problems. He has represented several multi-nationals and individual clients in aviation, banking, oil & gas as well as complex commercial disputes. He is also a skilled writer and editor having co-edited the Praxis Magazine and made writing contributions to First Culture, AFREADA, Brittle Paper and Kalahari Review Magazines.

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