



# BODY OF BENCHERS NIGERIA

3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2024

Mr. Daniel Tela,  
The Secretary,  
Body of Benchers Nigeria,  
Dear sir,

FHC/L/CS/887/2024

AUGUSTINE OYAREKHUA ALEGEH, SAN

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1. CHIEF ADEGBOYEGA AWOMOLO, SAN

2. THE BODY OF BENCHERS

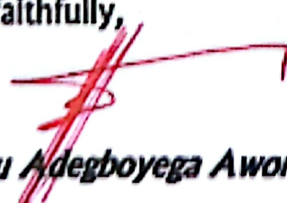
Find herewith letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 from the immediate past chairman, Hon. Justice Mary Ukaego Peter-Odili, JSC (Rtd) on the above matter. TheNigeriaLawyer

May I request for your response.

You may forward to me the memo approved by the former chairman where he instructed you to write the letter of appointment, please.

May I request for your response by Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024, please

Yours faithfully,

  
**Asiwaju Adegboyega Awomolo, SAN**

**Chairman**



*Hon. Justice Mary U. Peter-Odili, CFR, JSC (Rtd).*

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3<sup>RD</sup> June, 2024

Chief Adegboyega Awomolo SAN  
Chairman Body of Benchers

Learned Silk & Chairman,

**RE: APPOINTMENT TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BODY OF  
BENCHERS APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE**

I have just got a copy of the letter signed by Daniel M. Tela Esq,  
Secretary Body of Benchers on the above titled subject dated 28<sup>th</sup>  
March, 2024.

It is with great shock to read the contents of the letter which in  
effect means that I, as outgoing chairman of the Body of Benchers,  
authorized the said appointment. TheNigeriaLawyer

I could not have embarked on such an appointment of Augustine  
Alegeh SAN as Chairman of Appointment Committee for the  
following reasons:

1. I had made it known to the administration that I had no interest  
in reconfiguring the Appointment Committee during my tenure.
2. I could not have embarked on such a process on the day I  
chaired the last meeting of my tenure, which meant that the  
appointment would not be presented to the House for approval  
before the letter to the candidate.
3. I would not have entered into the restructuring of the  
Appointments Committee without reference to the vice-  
chairman with whom I worked as a team.

I am placing the above views on record to clarify the situation which is clearly an embarrassment to me and yourself, Chairman of the Body of Benchers. Therefore, I urge that the anomaly should be rectified and my person removed from being part of the said appointment of Augustine Alegeh SAN as Chairman of the Appointments Committee. I want to therefore categorically state that I did not make that appointment.

Yours Sincerely,  
  
Mary Ukaego Peter-Odili  
Rtd Justice of Supreme Court  
And Former Chairman Body of Benchers.

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