

## MID-WEST BAR FORUM

Motto: Promoting The Rule of Law.

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September 22, 2025.

The Chairman

Egbe Amofin O'odua

C/o NBA House, Iyanganku GRA
Ibadan, Oyo State.

Attn: Aare Isiaka Abiola Olagunju, SAN

Dear Sir,

RE: NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION GENERAL ELECTIONS 2026: MIDWEST BAR FORUM CONCEDES OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION TO THE SOUTH-WEST.

RE: LET THE EGBE AMOFIN OODUA BREATH: CLARION CALL ON MR. AUGUSTINE ALEGEH, SAN TO STOP ENCOURAGING REBELLION AGAINST EGBE AMOFIN OODUA'S RESOLUTION.

Subject matter above refers.

We confirm receipt of your letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (year 2024 obviously being a typographical error, as it was received in 2025) which referenced our letter dated August 22, 2026 (should be 2025).

We note the points stated in the said letter, particularly paragraph 12 of your letter, confirming the adoption of the Midwest Bar Forum's concession by the Nigerian Bar

Officers are: Olukunie Ogheneovo Edun, SAN (Chairman), Kelly O. Ogbe Esq. (Secretary)

Association National Executive Council meeting held in Enugu on Saturday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2025 "as part of the fulfilment of the constitutional provisions microzoning within the NBA".

While, we thank you for affirming the applicable constitutional provisions on sub-zoning of offices and the acceptance of same by the Western Zone, we are unable to agree with you that any member of the Midwest Bar Forum is, has or will dictate or impose on members of the Midwest Bar Forum any candidate for the 2026 NBA General Elections. The Midwest Bar Forum has not adopted any candidate for the NBA 2026 General Elections, as the Forum respects the rights of its members to exercise their franchise freely. Every member of the MWBF has only one vote. Therefore, Mr. Augustine Alegeh, SAN past President of the NBA has only one vote. We wish to also state that the MWBF is aware of four (4) candidates from the South West who have indicated interest in contesting for the office of the NBA President in 2026 and each of the four (4) candidates are still actively canvassing for support till date from NBA members.

The MWBF having advised its members to step down their aspiration to contest for the office of the NBA President, 2026, and they have since complied, this leaves the field open only to the South West. The Forum looks forward to the South West producing the President of the Nigerian Bar Association in 2026. The MWBF, in the

spirit of bar unity will support the candidate from the South West that emerges as the NBA President.

While we remain committed to the ideals of the NBA, as espoused in the provisions of the NBA Constitution, please do accept our esteemed regards.

Yours Sincerely,

Olukunle O. Edun, SAN (Chairman)

Mr. Kelly Ogbe (Secretary)

Cc:

- Mazi Afam Osigwe, SAN
   President, Nigerian Bar Association
- 2. National Executive Council Nigerian Bar Association
- 3. Trustees

  Nigerian Bar Association
- 4. Past Presidents

  Nigerian Bar Association.
- 5. Past General Secretaries

  Nigerian Bar Association