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NOTICE OF NEC APPROVAL FOR THE CREATION OF OYIGBO BRANCH AND APPOINTMENT OF CARETAKER COMMITTEE

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To: All Members of the Nigerian Bar Association

Subject: Creation of Oyigbo Branch and Appointment of Caretaker Committee

Pursuant to the provisions of the NBA Constitution, the National Executive Council approved, at its quarterly meeting held on 20 November 2025 in Benin, Edo State, the creation of the Kwale Branch of the NBA.

This approval was granted based on applications endorsed by not fewer than fifty (50) financially up-to-date members and supported by an identifiable judicial division.

The Oyigbo Branch is established from the Port Harcourt Branch and shall encompass the Oyigbo judicial division in Rivers State.

Following NEC approval, the President, after consultation with the leadership of the new Branch, has approved the appointment of a Caretaker Committee to oversee the Branch's affairs pending elections for substantive Branch officers.

The Caretaker Committee shall consist of -

1. Ebenezer Finecountry– Chairman
2. Nneoma Favour Adiele– Vice Chairman
3. Nnaemeka Ejike Chukwu – Secretary
4. Ukaegume Stephen Nwaeke – Treasurer
5. Solomon Iweala – Welfare/Social Secretary

The Caretaker Committee shall:

1. Immediately assume leadership of the Branch, safeguard Branch property and assets, and arrange for monthly Branch General Meetings.
2. Manage the Branch's affairs in accordance with the NBA Constitution and directives of NEC.

NATIONAL OFFICERS:

Mazi Afam Josiah Osigwe, SAN - President

Dr. Mobolaji Ojibara - General Secretary; Sebastine Anyia - 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Bolatumi Olasunbo Animashaun - 2nd Vice President; Zainab Aminu Garba - 3rd Vice-President; Blessing Imo Udofa-Poromon - Treasurer; Nyada Auta - Welfare Secretary; Bridget Ijeoma Edokwe - Publicity Secretary; Henry Barnabas Ehi - Assistant General Secretary; Ebieri Emmanuella Ekpese - Assistant Publicity Secretary

3. Establish appropriate administrative and operational structures to support the Branch's launch in alignment with the Uniform byelaws for branches.
4. Maintain proper documentation, including membership, financial records, and reports to the National Secretariat.
5. Coordinate branch activities, continuing professional development, and member welfare during the interim; plan for the election of Branch officers at an Annual General Meeting in June 2026 in accordance with Article 10(3)(b). The Notice of Election should be published no later than 31 March 2026 and forwarded to the General Secretary of NBA.
6. Organise credible, transparent, and properly supervised elections for substantive Branch officers within the period directed by the NBA President or NEC. Note: any Caretaker Member who wishes to contest an elective Branch office must resign from the Caretaker Committee on or before 31 March 2026.
7. Undertake any additional duties as may be assigned by the President or NEC of the NBA.

Members are urged to cooperate fully with the Caretaker Committee to ensure the effective establishment and consolidation of the new branch.

Sincerely,



Dr. Mobolaji Ojibara
General Secretary