



18th February, 2026

**RE: OPEN INVITATION TO APPLY FOR CONFERRMENT OF
THE PURPORTED "BLUE SILK" RANK OF SENIOR COUNSEL
OF NIGERIA-SCN**

Dr Tonye Clinton Jaja,

I acknowledge receipt of your email inviting me to apply for the designation commonly referred to as "Blue Silk."

For the avoidance of doubt, I hereby express my vehement and final refusal to participate, in any form or manner, in the activities outlined in your proposal.

As you are fully aware, I have been deliberately non-committal in my recent interactions with you. My actions were a clear indication that I do not wish to be identified with you or your ventures. Your persistent proposal has left me with no choice but to formalize my position.

Please be advised that your invitation arrives at a particularly inopportune moment. The Legal Practitioners' Privileges Committee (LPPC), at its meeting held on 12th February 2026, has formally and unequivocally disowned the "Blue Silk" designation.

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The LPPC, the only statutory body vested with the responsibility of conferring the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), has stated clearly that:

- 1. The LPPC does not recognize any parallel, intermediate, or alternative rank styled as "Blue Silk"
- 2. The introduction, conferment, or use of such a title has no statutory backing and does not emanate from any authority recognised under the Legal Practitioners Act
- 3. Legal practitioners who create, adopt, or parade themselves under this disputed designation may be exposing themselves to potential breaches of the Rules of Professional Conduct for Legal Practitioners 2023

The LPPC has resolved to take appropriate steps within its statutory mandate to preserve the integrity of the legal profession and the sanctity of the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria.

Please note that with or without the intervention of the LPPC as stated above, I do not want to be associated with you or any of your activities and do not want to know about them. I hold the privileged and prestigious rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria, the sole recognised highest mark of professional distinction for legal practitioners in this country and I will not diminish that honour by associating with any purported rank that lacks a statutory foundation.

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I formally withdraw any implied or perceived consent to participate in any matter that is contrary to, or falls outside the purview of, my rank as a Senior Advocate of Nigeria. Participation in such schemes as you have proposed is not only prohibited by the Rules of Professional Conduct but is also entirely counterproductive.

I am not unaware that this proposal is motivated by spite, stemming from my refusal to support or sponsor your bid to renew your tenure as the Executive Chairman of the Nigerian Law Society. For the reason that, based on my assessment of your professional conduct over time, I did not and do not possess any trust in the integrity of your practice.

For the avoidance of doubt, you have long ceased to be the Executive Director of the Nigeria Law Society, and you cannot be the Executive Director of NLS and so you should desist from using the name and logo of NLS for your nefarious activities and your collaborators.

Consequently, I hereby urge you to henceforth desist from any further communication with me regarding this or any similar matter. I am resolved not to grant you an audience on any grounds whatsoever, as this is the last time I will be dignifying you with a response.

Should you refuse to heed this final warning, I will have no choice but to bring this matter to the attention of the Legal Practitioners' Privileges Committee and explore the severe consequences that may follow for conduct that violates the Rules of Professional Conduct for Legal Practitioners 2023.

Yours sincerely,



M.A. Nunghe, SAN
PRESIDENT