

THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE



No: BB/LPDC/1948/2026

IN THE MATTER OF THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ACT 2004

**JOHN AIKPOKPO-MARTINS ESQ.
AND**

APPLICANT

HON. BENJAMIN OKEZIE KALU


RESPONDENT

ORIGINATING APPLICATION

I, John Aikpokpo-Martins, of No. 106, Airport Road, Warri, Delta State apply that Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu of the office of the Deputy Speaker, House of Representatives, National Assembly, Abuja be required to answer to the allegations contained in the Statement/Affidavit which accompanies this Application and that such Order be made as the Honourable Committee shall think right.

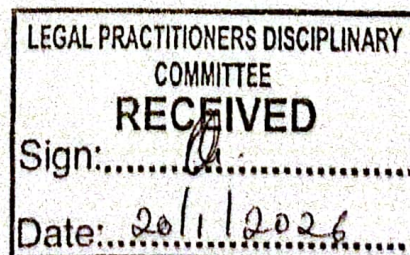
Dated this 20th day of Jan 2026




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FOR SERVICE ON:

Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu,
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TAKE NOTICE that the Applicant proposes to rely upon the Statement(s)/Affidavit of Facts and accompanying documents on oath listed below, copies of which are served herewith.

If you wish any person who has made one of these statements to be required to attend the hearing as a witness you must, not less than 9 days before the date set down for the hearing of the application, notify me and the Secretary to the Committee to that effect. In the event of your failure to do so, the Committee may accept the Statement/Affidavit in question in evidence without more.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS;

1. Affidavit of change of name of the Respondent.
2. Council of Legal Education Registration form.
3. Council of Legal Education Certificate.
4. Call to Bar Certificate.
5. NYSC Service Certificate.

Date of statement

Name of persons who made the statement/Affidavit.

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| 1. | John Aikpokpo-Martins |
| 2. | Director General-National Law School (to be subpoenaed) |
| 3. | Director General-National Youth Service Corps (to be subpoenaed). |

Dated this 28th day of June 2026



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FOR SERVICE ON:

Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu,
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24/1/2026

The Chairman,
Legal Practitioners' Privileges Committee

Supreme Court Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja, FCT.

My lord,

PETITION AGAINST BENJAMIN OKEZIE KALU SUPREME COURT NO. 078630 FOR HAVING BEEN FRAUDULENTLY ENROLLED AS A LEGAL PRACTITIONER CONTRARY TO SECTION 4 (1) B & C OF THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ACT AND SANCTIONABLE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 11(1)C THEREOF.

I, **John Aikpokpo-Martins**, a past 1st Vice President of the Nigerian Bar Association and a past chairman of the Nigerian Bar Association Section on Public Interest and Development Law (hereinafter simply referred to as the Petitioner) write this petition against Benjamin Okezie Kalu (hereinafter simply referred to as the Respondent) for acts which I honestly believe infringed the provisions of the Legal Practitioners Act, and which the Honourable Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Committee (the LPDC) has jurisdiction to investigate by virtue of Section 11(1)C of the Legal Practitioners' Act .

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. The Respondent is a Nigerian with his name enrolled in the register of legal practitioners in Nigeria kept in the custody of the Chief Registrar of the Supreme Court of Nigeria. He was called to the Nigerian Bar on the 6/9/2011 and had his name enrolled on the 5/10/2011 on the Roll of Legal Practitioners kept at the Supreme Court.
2. It is a matter of fact and law that it is a condition precedent that before any person, including the Respondent can be called to the Nigerian Bar, such a person must be of good character and repute.
3. It is also a matter of fact and the policy of the Nigerian Law School and the Council of Legal Education, that a student of the Nigerian Law School who is admitted for training preparatory to be called to the Nigerian Bar, is prohibited from participating in the National Youth Service within the same period that he is a student of the Nigerian Law School.
4. It has come to my knowledge that the Respondent was admitted into the Nigerian Law School and seconded to the Enugu campus on the 23/04/2010 under the name of Benjamin Okezie Osislogu. His Law School Registration number was EN/10/166. The Respondent later changed his name while still in the law school from Benjamin Okezie Osislogu to Benjamin Okezie Kalu, his present name.
5. The Respondent concluded his studies at the Nigeria Law School and was issued with a certificate to that effect by the Council of Legal Education on the 1/7/2011. He was called to the bar on the 6th of September, 2011 on the strength of the said certificate issued by the Council of Legal Education.

6. The Body of Benchers also issued him a Call to Bar Certificate dated the 6th of September, 2011 and caused his name to be put on the Roll of lawyers kept at the Supreme Court on the 5/10/2011.
7. The Respondent by a solemn declaration made on the 23/04/2010 vide his registration form at the Enugu campus of the Nigerian Law School, represented to the Nigerian Law School and declared thus **"I, Benjamin Okezie Osisiogu of 76 Factory, Road, Umuahia, Abia State hereby declare on my honour that I am not and will not be engaged in any employment nor serve in the National Youth Service Corps during the period of my course at the Nigerian Law School."**
8. However, contrary to the solemn declaration otherwise dubiously made by the Respondent, the Respondent was actually participating, and continuously participated in the National Youth Service from the 9/03/2010 to the 8/3/2011 while supposedly being in the law school.
9. Thus, by the 23/04/2010 when the Respondent made the solemn declaration that he was not participating in the National Service, he was already participating in the National Service since the 9/03/2010.
10. The Respondent concluded his service year and was issued a discharge certificate by the National Youth Service Corps to confirm that the Respondent not only participated in the Youth service, but that he CONTINUOUSLY participated in the serve year from the 9/3/2010 to 8/3/2010.
11. It is a fact and a matter of known policy that every student of the law school must attain 70% attendance to be certified as having met and passed all the requirements necessary to be called to the bar, and be issued a certificate of completion of study/training by the Council of Legal Education. Without meeting the said 70% attendance, a student cannot be certified to have met the requirements to be called to the bar.
12. Again, it is a matter of statutory requirement by virtue of Section 2 (3) of the National Youth Service Act that a Youth Corper must compulsorily participate in youth service for a CONTINUOUS period of 1 year without being involved in any other endeavour, including attending the Nigerian Law School. For the avoidance of doubt, the said section 2(3) provides that **"a person liable to be called upon to serve in the service corps shall serve for a continuous period of one year as from the date specified in the call-up instrument served upon him....."**
13. The Applicant believes that either the Respondent did not attend the Nigerian Law School or did not meet the basic requirements of 70% attendance and all the other requirements and qualifications, which are conditions precedent to be qualified to be called to the bar and to have his name on the Roll of legal practitioners in Nigeria.
14. From the supporting documentary evidence in this petition, it is obvious that the Respondent did not meet the attendance and qualification requirements for enrolment as a legal practitioner to have his name on the Roll of lawyers in Nigeria.

15. One the other hand, the Respondent intentional and willful breach of the provisions of the NYSC Act, without due regard and respect for the rule of law and which said breach are punishable with imprisonment cast doubt about the Respondent's fitness to be admitted to the Nigerian Bar as a Legal Practitioner in the first instance.
16. Again, his false declaration on 23rd April, 2010 to the Council of Legal Education (Nigerian Law School) for the purpose of securing admission when he had already commenced participation in the compulsory National Service on 9th March 2010 clearly shows a willful intention to deceive the Nigerian Law School for the purpose of securing admission illegally and unlawfully and these further questions his character as a fit and proper person to be called to the Nigerian Bar and to be referred to as a Legal Practitioner.
17. It is also necessary to investigate whether his breach of Section 2(3) and by implication, his liability under section 13(1)b of the NYSC Act, which provides that **"any person who refuses to make himself available for service in the service corps continuously for the period specified in subsection 2 of this section is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of N2000 or to imprisonment for a term of twelve months or both such fine and imprisonment"** qualifies him as a fit and proper person to be called to the bar as a legal practitioner.
18. It is also necessarily to investigate whether the Respondent who falsely represented to the NYSC that he was not engaged in any other endeavor, whereas he was by the records attending the Nigerian Law School and therefore liable to section 13(3) which provides that **"any person who fails to comply with or who contravenes or causes or aids or abets another to contravene any provision of this Act (.....)is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of N5000 or to imprisonment for a term of three years or to both such fine and imprisonment"** AND 13(4) which provides that **"any person who in giving any information for the purposes of this Act knowingly or recklessly makes a statement which is false.....is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of N5000 or to imprisonment for a term of three years or to both such fine and imprisonment"** is a fit a proper person to have been called to the Bar.
19. It is also necessary to investigate whether he would have been admitted to the Nigerian Law School and consequently called to the bar in 2011, if the Nigerian Law School had been aware that the Respondent was engaged in National Service at that time and that he made a false declaration on his registration forms.
20. Some of the supporting documents are attached hereto to this petition. The petitioner shall at the hearing apply for subpoena to compel the Director General of the Nigerian Law School and the Director General of the National Youth Service Corps to tender the requisite documents before the Honourable panel.

I, hereby humbly petition the very distinguished committee to investigate the Respondent and the allegations contain herein.

The petitioner shall rely all relevant documents at the hearing.

GROUND'S OF THE PETITION.

1. That the Respondent did not attend the Nigerian Law School, or did not meet the admission requirement or did not meet the requisite qualifications to be called to the Nigerian Bar.
2. That the Respondent having participated in National Service and willfully declared to the Nigerian Law School that he was not participating in the National Service at the time of gaining admission to the Nigerian Law School engaged in conduct unbecoming and unexpected of a legal practitioner.
3. That the Respondent is fraudulently enrolled as a legal practitioner in Nigeria.

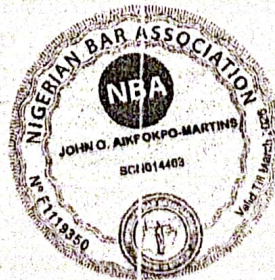
Accompanying and supporting this petition is an affidavit of fact sworn to by the Applicant.

OUR PRAYER

We respectfully urge the Honourable Legal Practitioners' Privileges Committee to investigate these allegations and mete out the sanction(s) that the Committee may find appropriate in accordance with section 11(1)c of the Legal Practitioners Act.

We hopefully look forward to your quick consideration of this Petition.

Yours respectfully,



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AFFIDAVIT OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF THE PETITION AGAINST BENJAMIN OKEZIE KALU SCN: 078630.

I, John Aikpokpo-Martins, male, Christian, Nigerian, Legal Practitioner of No. 104, Airport Road, Warri, Delta State, do hereby make oath and state as follows:

1. That I am a past 1st Vice President of the Nigerian Bar Association and past Chairman, Nigerian Bar Association Section on Public Interest and Development Law, a rule of law and public interest advocate and the petitioner by virtue of which I am very conversant with the facts of the petition.
2. The Respondent is a Nigerian with his name enrolled in the Roll of legal practitioners in Nigeria kept in the custody of the Chief Registrar of the Supreme Court of Nigeria. He was called to the Nigerian Bar on the 6/9/2011 and had his name enrolled on the Roll of Legal Practitioner kept at the Supreme Court on the 5/10/2011 with the enrolment number SCN:078630.
3. It is a matter of fact and law that it is a condition precedent that before any person, including the Respondent can be called to the Nigerian Bar, such a person must be of good character and repute.
4. It is also a matter of fact and the policy of the Nigerian Law School and the Council of Legal Education that a student of the Nigerian Law School who is admitted to the Nigerian Law School for training preparatory to be called to the Nigerian Bar, is prohibited from participating in the National Youth Service within the same period that he is a student of the Nigerian Law School.
5. It has come to my knowledge that the Respondent was admitted into the Nigerian Law School and seconded to the Enugu campus on the 23/04/2010 under the name of Benjamin Okezie Osisiogu. His Law School Registration No. was EN/10/166. The Respondent later changed his name while still in the law school from Benjamin Okezie Osisiogu to Benjamin Okezie Kalu. Thus he entered the Law School as BENJAMIN OKEZIE OSISIOGU but graduated and was called to the bar as BENJAMIN OKEZIE KALU. **Attached herewith and marked as exhibit 1 is a certified true copy of the affidavit of change of name.**
6. He supposedly concluded his studies at the Nigeria Law School and was issued with a certificate to that effect by the Council of Legal Education on the 1/7/2011. He was called to the bar on the 6th of September, 2011 on the

strength of the said certificate issued by the Council of Legal Education. The Body of Benchers issued him a call to Bar Certificate dated the 6th of September, 2011 and caused his name to be put on the Roll of Lawyers kept at the Supreme Court on the 5/10/2011. **Attached herewith and marked as exhibits 2 and 3 respectively are the copies of the Council of Legal Education Certificate and the Call to Bar Certificate of the Respondent.**

7. By a declaration made by the Respondent on the 23/04/2010 vide his registration form at the Enugu campus of the Nigerian Law School, the Respondent declared thus **"I, Mr. Benjamin Okezie Osislogu of 76 Factory, Road, Umuahia, Abia State hereby declare on my honour that I am not and will not be engaged in any employment nor serve in the National Youth Service Corps during the period of my course at the Nigerian Law School."** Attached herewith and marked as exhibit 4 is a certified true copy of the said registration form.
8. However, contrary to the solemn declaration otherwise deceitfully made by the Respondent, the Respondent was actually participating, and continuously participated in the National Youth Service from the 9/03/2010 to the 8/3/2011 while supposedly being in the law school.
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11. It is a fact and a matter of known policy that every student of the law school must attain 70% attendance to be certified as having met and passed all the requirements necessary to be called to the bar, and be issued a certificate of completion of study/training by the Council of Legal Education.
12. It is also a fact that the Respondent would not have been granted admission to the Law School, if he had truthfully disclosed the fact that he was participating in the compulsory National Service.
13. Again, it is a matter of statutory requirement by virtue of Section 2 (3) of the National Youth Service Act that a participant in National Service must compulsorily participate in the service for a CONTINUOUS period of 1 year without being involved in any other endeavor, which includes attending the Nigerian Law School.
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21. It is also necessary to investigate whether he would have been admitted to the Nigerian Law School and consequently called to the bar in 2011, if the Nigerian Law School had been aware that the Respondent was engaged in National Service at that time and that he made a false declaration on his registration forms.
22. That I shall at the hearing of the petition apply to subpoena the Director General of the National Youth Service Corps and the Director General of the Nigerian Law School for the official NYSC records inclusive of his call-up letter, attendance at NYSC activities, payment of his allowances, discharge certificate etc and the Nigerian Law School attendance register(s) at lectures and prescribed dinners in proof of this petition should the Respondent dispute the facts deposed to herein.
23. That I make this affidavit in good faith conscientiously believing same to be true and correct and in accordance with the Oaths Act of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.


DEPONENT

Sworn to at the Registry of the
Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Committee
Abuja this _____ day of _____ 2026

BEFORE ME

COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE COMMISSIONER FOR OATH Sign:..... Date: 20/1/2026.....
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ABIA STATE
IN THE UMUHIA JUDICIAL DIVISION
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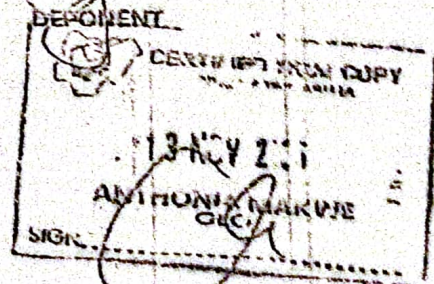
AFFIDAVIT OF CHANGE OF NAME

Mr. Benjamin Okezie Kalu, Christian, Nigerian citizen of No. 7B Factory Road, Umuahia, Abia State hereby swear as follows;

1. That I am the above named person.
2. That I wish to state that my name was changed from Master Umunna Okezie to Mr. Osiolu Benjamin Okezie and further changed to my current name Mr. Kalu, Benjamin Okezie.
3. That this became necessary so that I will not be alienated from my biological family.
4. That this affidavit is now required for record purposes especially my First School Leaving Certificate which was issued in my old name Umunna Okezie.
5. That I make this affidavit bona fide and in accordance with the Oath law Abia State.

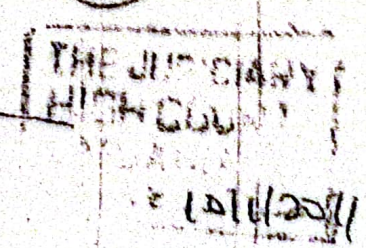
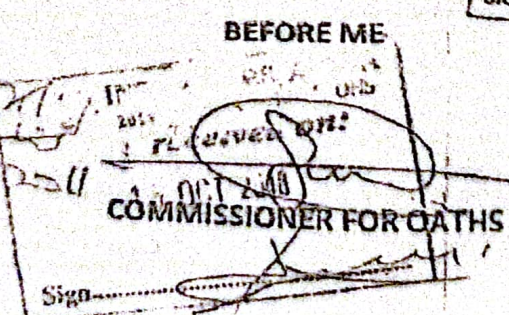
Sworn to at the High Court
Of Abia State
This 13th day of Jan. 2011

[Signature of Dependent]



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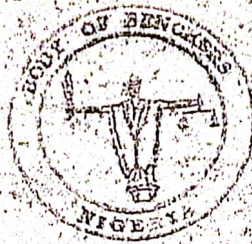
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THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

The Legal Practitioners Act 1975
LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 1990 CAP 207

CERTIFICATE OF CALL TO THE BAR



This is to certify that

William Okezie Osiadon
of Nigerian Law School

having satisfied all the conditions prescribed by law, was duly called

to the Nigerian Bar by the Body of Benchers

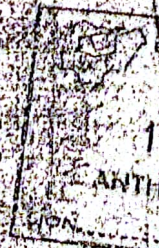
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6th day of *September* *2011*

6th day of *September* *2011*

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ANTHONY M. A. ELLI

CHAIRMAN
BODY OF BENCHERS

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COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION



Nigerian Law School,

ENUGU

Campus

Registration No. EN/10/166

REGISTRATION
SECTION A

1. Name in full: Mr. Mrs Miss OSISIOGU BENJAMIN OKEZIE
(Surname First)
2. University attended for LL.B. Degree UNIVERSITY OF CALABAR
3. Residential Address during School Session 76 FACTORY RD, UMWATHA, AGBA STATE
4. State of Origin AGBA STATE
5. Permanent Home Address CHIEF BENJAMIN KALU, CPD, AGBAMUZI VILLAGE BENE, AGBA STATE
6. Next-of-kin (a) Name DR. (MRS) EZINNE CHINYERE BENJAMIN KALU
(b) Relationship WIFE
(c) Home Address 1/30-32 BARKER AVE, SILVERWATER NSW 2122 AUSTRALIA
(D) Place of work of Next- of - kin DR. SCHERPS CLINIC, LIACHASSO SPRAY
(E) Position Held by Next- of - kin MEDICAL DOCTOR
7. Date commenced attendance at School (School's Resumption Date)
19TH APRIL, 2010
8. (A) Has there been an allegation of Examination malpractice against you during your career in any university? Yes or No NO

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

9. DECLARATION

I, MR. BENJAMIN OKEZIE OSISIOGU
of 76 FACTORY ROAD, UMWATHA AGBA STATE

Hereby declare on my honour that I am not and will not be engaged in any employment nor serve in the National Youth Service Corps during the period of my course at the Nigerian Law School.

Signature: [Signature]

Date 23/04/2010

SECTION B
DOCUMENTS RECEIVED

Date	Documents	Signature
23/04/2010	1. Body of Benchers Sponsorship Form 2. Registration Slip	<i>[Signature]</i>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">CERTIFIED TRUE COPY</div> <i>Adekunle O. Ocho</i> <i>Secretary to the Council of Legal Education</i>		
2. Name of Registration Officer <u>SALAM MUSEED ALADIPPO</u> Signature <u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Date <u>23/04/2010</u>		

SECTION C
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

- Date reference received: Form B _____ Form B1 _____
- Date Admission confirmed _____
- Date fees paid _____

(I) Tuition (a) Amount N _____
(b) Amount S _____

(II) Accommodation Amount N _____

(III) Dinner Amount N _____

(IV) Examination (a) Bar Part I (If applicable) _____
(B) Bar Part II _____

(V) Others _____

Date Examination was Passed (1) Part I (if applicable) _____
(ii) Part II _____

Date of Enrolment in the Supreme Court _____

Please Note: You are entitled to complete this form unless you have been offered full admission to this institution

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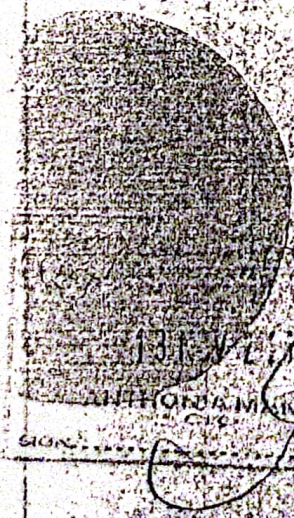


Certifies that

WILSON OKEZIE OGISIO

*has completed the approved course by the Council
and passed the examination for Call to the Bar
with Pass*

Dated this 1st day of July 2011



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Director General, Nigerian Law School

Secretary, Council of Legal Education

Chairman, Council of Legal Education

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