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17th day of March 2026

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Sirs,

**RE: SUIT NO: I/221/2026, IBRAHIM LAWAL AND ORS VS
INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE NIGERIAN BAR
ASSOCIATION AND 8 ORS; CONDUCT UNDERMINING JUDICIAL
AUTHORITY AND POWER.**

**A DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ECNBA NOTICE
NO.6 OF 16TH MARCH 2026**

We are counsel to the Claimants in the above-named suit which is currently pending before the High Court of Justice, Oyo State, holden at Ibadan, which suit you are very much aware of.

2. As you are very much aware, on the 4th day of March 2026, his lordship, **Hon Justice G A Opayinka** of the High Court of Justice of Oyo State sitting in Ibadan made orders against you and the Respondents in the case. The orders specifically restrained, you as the 5th Respondent and the 6th Respondent, respectively and the other 7th to the 9th Respondents in the case in the following terms: **The 5th to 9th Defendants/Respondents are hereby restrained by themselves, their agents, privies or assigns from parading or holding themselves out as the Chairman, Secretary or members of the Electoral Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association (ECNBA) or from performing, undertaking, or participating in any acts, step or process whatsoever in furtherance of the conduct of the 2026 National Officers' Election of the Nigerian Bar Association, pending the hearing and determination of the Motion on Notice**



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for Interlocutory Injunction dated 19th February 2026. The 2nd defendant is restrained from taking any steps whatsoever towards the constitution and composition of the Electoral Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association, or from participating in, supervising, influencing, or otherwise interfering in any manner whatsoever with the conduct of the said 2026 (NBA) National Officers Election pending the hearing and determination of the motion on notice for Interlocutory Injunction.

3. It is our instruction that after these orders were made, the matter was then adjourned to 12th March 2026 for hearing of the motion on notice for interlocutory injunction aforesaid. On the 12th of March 2026, the matter could not go on and the matter was further adjourned to the 15th day of April 2026 for hearing of all applications including the motion for interlocutory injunction. For ease of reference, the enrolled order of 4th March 2026 wherein you were restrained and which order is clear and easily understandable is hereby annexed as **annexure JSO to guide you and your team.** You were duly served and to show that you were duly served, and not satisfied with the orders in annexure JSO hereof, you caused eminent Senior Advocates of Nigeria and other lawyers to file an appeal for you on the 9th day of March 2026. Find attached for your guide, copy of your notice and grounds of appeal, which annexed herein as **annexure JSO1**
4. It is our instruction that, despite your awareness of the orders in **annexure JSO** hereof, the fact that you exercised your undoubted constitutional right of appeal and the fact that all the parties have full knowledge of the said subsisting orders, it has come to the notice of our clients and indeed all Nigerian lawyers, that you and Ibrahim Aliyu Nasarawa Esq, in the most spiteful, disrespectful and contemptuous manner while purporting to act as Chairman and Secretary of ECNBA of the Nigerian Bar Association deliberately stole a match and then allowed yourselves to be used, or chose to deliberately undermined the authorities of courts to which this matter have been submitted for adjudication by doing the very act that you were prohibited from doing by issuing or causing to issue under your hands, ECNBA Notice No 6 on the 16th March 2026.

5. This notice you issued under your hands in furtherance of the exercise of your purported power is one of the things the orders in annexure JSO hereinbefore attached prohibited you and members of the said ECNBA from doing. For ease of reference the said notice issued under your hands and the hands of Ibrahim Aliyu Nasarawa Esq is annexed herewith as **annexure JSO2.**
6. We have the instruction of our clients to draw your attention to the point that as lawyers and indeed one of the Senior Advocates of Nigeria of considerable age at the Bar and the Inner Bar, you and Ibrahim Aliyu Nasarawa Esq have unqualified duties and obligations not only to respect pending court process in this case and the orders in annexure JSO hereof, but you have the burden duties to avoid doing anything that could undermined or give appearance of undermining the powers and authorities of courts before which the matter is pending. The orders in annexure JSO have not been set aside. There is no order staying its execution. There is no doubt that you are parties to the orders in annexure JSO hereof. You are aware of the orders; hence you appealed against it.
7. The position of the law is that no party before the court should do anything to undermine the authority of the court. When that is done, it is a challenge to the administration of justice. This trite position which you both know very well and there is no need to cite any authority. But to enable you retrace your steps and do the needful, kindly see the following cases, **Etaluku vs. A.G., Delta State (1997) 8 NWLR (Pt.516) 308 at 318-319 paras G-A, and Odogwu vs. Odogwu (1991) 8 NWLR (Pt. 208) 253 at 260, Paras. A-C.** The law is now settled that when parties have turned over their dispute to court and seek the intervention of court in adjudicatory processes none of the parties is allowed to take extra- judicial steps to undermine the orders, judgment or pending proceeding as done by both of you in this case when you caused to issue, annexure JSO2 hereof. Sirs, what you did by issuing annexure JSO2, amounts to self-help.
8. The Supreme Court made the points very clear in the case of **Registered Trustees Apostolic Church vs. Olowoleni (1990) 6 NWLR (Pt.158) 514 at 537, Paras. D-F,** when their lordships held that: **I wish to begin by recalling some of the decisions and pronouncements of this court and, indeed, the Court of Appeal, as well as courts in**

other common law countries in the area of self-help vis-à-vis the rule of law. They all come to this: that once parties have turned their dispute over to the court for determination, the right to resort to self-help ends. So, it is not permissible for one of the parties to take any step during the pending of this suit which may have the effect of foisting upon the court a situation of complete helplessness or which may give the impression that the court is being used as a mere subterfuge, to tie the hands of one party while the party helps himself extra-judicially. Both parties are expected to await the result of the litigation and the appropriate order of court before acting further. In **CHIEF EMEKA ODUMEGWU OJUKWU VS. MILITARY GOVERNOR OF LAGOS STATE & ORS (NO.1) (1985) 2 NWLR (PT. 10) 806** at pp. 821-827, in the Court of Appeal, I invoked the principle to order a mandatory injunction to restore the applicant to possession which was wrested from him, *vi et armis*, during the pendency of the litigation. Cases decided in other common law jurisdictions show that the principle is the same.

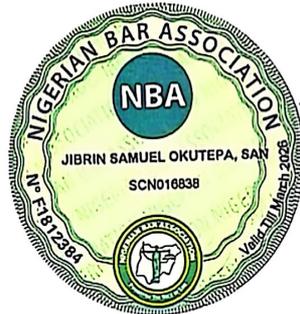
9. There is no doubt that both of you and even your appointor may not like the orders in **annexure JSO**. Even at that the law does not allow you to do what you did by the issuance of annexure JSO2 hereof. The Court of Appeal made these points very clear in **Ezegbu vs. F.A.T.B. Ltd, (1992) 1 NWLR (Pt. 220) 699 at 736, Paras. A-C**, where his lordship Kalgo JCA, as he then was, held that: **All judicial decisions on this point including those discussed above, support the proposition that none of the parties in litigation before a court of law is allowed to take the law into his own hands and foist a fait accomplis on the court thereby rendering it impossible for the court to arrive at a decision one way or the other on the merits of the issue before it or render any decision it may take nugatory or futile. What then is the remedy of the court where it finds itself in this situation? I have earlier said that any court found in the same situation would frown against it. I also add that the court must in addition take positive and mandatory act in order to instill judicial discipline on the erring party and in order to maintain, restore and preserve the dignity and respect of the court. This includes the undoing of what has been done by the erring party**

irrespective of what the court will decide on the merits, when the matter is properly heard.

10. In the same case, Niki Tobi JCA, as he then was, on his part made a profound pronouncement at PP. 724-725 Paras. H-C of the report that: **it is trite law that where a matter is before a court of law, none of the parties can legally or lawfully take any unilateral action that will prejudice or tend to prejudice the hearing or adjudication of the matter by the court. Parties who have submitted to the jurisdiction of the court are under a legal duty not to do anything to frustrate or make nonsense a possible court order. They must whether they like it or not, wait for the court to take a decision one way or other. The procedure at arriving at the decision may be slow. It may even be sluggish. But the parties cannot jump the gun and do their own things their own way. That will be tantamount to undermining the integrity of the court. What I am in effect saying is that party who has submitted to the jurisdiction of the court is not entitled to resort to self-help. That will be chaos and distability of the social equilibrium if the opposing party reacts.....Whenever such a situation arises, the court must invoke its disciplinary jurisdiction to curb the excesses of a recalcitrant party.**
11. In the light of what we have said above, we have the unequivocal instruction of our clients, the claimants in the above case to demand and we do so now that you withdraw and caused to be withdrawn within 24 hours of the service of this letter, the ECNBA Notice No.6 which was issued under the hands of both of you on the 16th of March 2026 in complete disregards of the orders in annexure JSO, the pending processes before the High Court of Oyo State and the notice and grounds of Appeal which is annexure JSO1 hereinbefore attached. In the most unlikely event that you failed, refused and or neglected to do so, we shall perfect the instruction of our clients and proceed against both of before the appropriate authorities, including but not limited to filing contempt proceedings against you.
12. We have no doubt in us that as learned gentlemen who have been properly schooled in the concept of the rule of law and due process, you will not allow us to use the weapons in our legal armoury before you do the needful. The legal profession for which you are part and parcel of

cannot continued to act with audacity of impunity as both of you have exhibited in this case by the issuance of the ECNBA Notice No 6 of 16th March 2026, when the orders in annexure JSO prohibited you from doing so.

Be guided accordingly and accept the assurances of our professional respect always.



Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J.S. Okutepa", written over a horizontal line.

Chief J.S. Okutepa, SAN
(Lead Counsel to the Claimants)
J.S. Okutepa SAN and Company

ANNEXURE JSO

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
OYO STATE OF NIGERIA
IN THE IBADAN JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT IBADAN

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE G. A. OPAYINKA – JUDGE
THIS WEDNESDAY, 4TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

ENROLMENT OF ORDER

COURT NO. 16

BETWEEN:

SUIT NO. I/221/2026

1. IBRAHIM LAVAL. ESQ.
2. RAYMOND OKI, ESQ.
3. OMOTAN OLUSOLA OGUNMODEDE, ESQ.
4. CHIEF GABRIEL OJO ADEKUNLE IJALANA, ESQ.

..... CLAIMANTS/
APPLICANTS

AND

1. INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION
2. MAZI AFAM JOSIAH OSIGWE, SAN
3. THE BODY OF BENCHERS
4. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION
(IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN, GENERAL COUNCIL
OF THE BAR)
5. AHAM EJELAM, SAN
6. IBRAHIM ALIYU NASSARAWA, ESQ.
7. MUHAMAD M. NUHU, ESQ.
8. UJU OKAFOR, ESQ.
9. UME MADUKA. ESQ.

..... DEFENDANTS/
RESPONDENTS

MOTION EX-PARTE

Motion Ex-parte before this Honourable Court as Counsel on behalf of the Claimants/Applicants may be heard praying this Honourable Court for:

1. AN ORDER OF INTERIM INJUNCTION restraining the 5th – 9th Defendants whether by themselves, their agents, privies or assigns, from parading or holding themselves out as the Chairman, Secretary, or members of the Electoral Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association (ECNBA) or from performing, undertaking, or participating in any act, step or process whatsoever in furtherance of the conduct of the 2026 National Officers' Election of the Nigerian Bar Association, pending the hearing and determination of the Motion on Notice for Interlocutory Injunction.
2. AN ORDER OF INTERIM INJUNCTION restraining the 2nd Defendant, from taking any steps whatsoever toward the constitution or composition of the Electoral Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association, or from participating in, supervising, influencing, or otherwise interfering in any manner whatsoever with the conduct of the said 2026 NBA National Officers' Election, pending the hearing and determination of the Motion on Notice for Interlocutory Injunction.

AND FOR SUCH FURTHER OR other orders as this Honourable court may deem fit to make in the circumstances of this case.

UPON READING: the Application and affidavit in support of IBRAHIM LAWAL Esq., Adult, Male, Nigerian of Aare Afe Babalola Bar Centre, NBA House, Iyaganku, Ibadan, Oyo State. Sworn to and filed at the High Court Registry, Ibadan, Oyo State on the 19th day of February, 2026.

AND AFTER HEARING; Tunji Ogunrinde, SAN, and R.O. Solahudeen Esq. who appears for the Claimant moved the Application dated 19th February, 2026 and filed the same day. The Court then ordered as follows:

“Ordered as prayed”

1. The 5th to 9th Defendants/Respondents are hereby restrained by themselves, their agents, privies or assigns from parading or holding themselves out as the chairman, secretary or members of the Electoral Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association (ECNBA) or from performing, undertaking, or participating in any acts, step or process whatsoever in furtherance of the conduct of the 2026 National Officers’ Election of the Nigerian Bar Association, pending the hearing and determination of the Motion on Notice for Interlocutory Injunction dated 19th February, 2026.

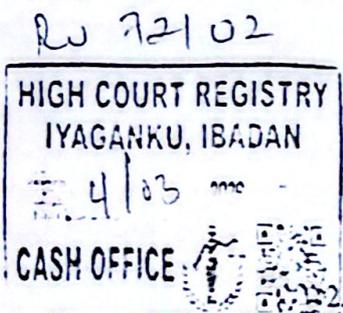
The 2nd defendant is restrained from taking any steps whatsoever towards the constitution and composition of the Electoral Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association, or from participating in, supervising, influencing, or otherwise interfering in any manner whatsoever with the conduct of the said 2026 (NBA) National Officers Election pending the hearing and determination of the motion on notice for Interlocutory Injunction.

3. This suit is adjourned to 12th March, 2026 for the hearing of the motion for Interlocutory Injunction dated 19th February, 2026.

ISSUED AT IBADAN under the Seal of the Court and Hand of the Presiding Judge, this 4th day of March, 2026.

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G. A. OPAYINKA
JUDGE

[Signature]
OYELADE O. T. (MR.)
PRINCIPAL REGISTRAR



IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF NIGERIA
IN THE IBADAN JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT IBADAN

APPEAL NO:
SUIT NO: I/221/2026

BETWEEN:

1. AHAM EJELAM, SAN.
2. IBRAHIM ALIYU NASARAWA, ESQ.
3. MUHAMMAD M. NUHU, ESQ.
4. UJU OKAFOR, ESQ.
5. UME MADUKA, ESQ.

APPELLANTS

AND

1. IBRAHIM LAWAL, ESQ.
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7. THE BODY OF BENCHERS
8. THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION (IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN, GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE BAR)

RESPONDENTS

NOTICE OF APPEAL

TAKE NOTICE that the Appellants, being dissatisfied with the Decision of the Oyo State High Court, Ibadan Judicial Division in **SUIT NO: I/221/2026 BETWEEN IBRAHIM LAWAL, ESQ & ORS V. INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION & ORS**, delivered by His Lordship, Honourable Justice G.A Opayinka, on the 4th day of March, 2026, do, hereby appeal to the Court of Appeal of Nigeria, Ibadan Division, upon the grounds set out in paragraph 3 and will at the hearing of the Appeal seek the reliefs set out in paragraph 4.

And the Appellants further state that the names and addresses of the persons directly affected by the Appeal are those set out in paragraph 5.

Part of the decision complained of: -

i. THE WHOLE DECISION

3. Grounds of Appeal: -

GROUND ONE

The Learned trial Judge erred in law and acted without jurisdiction when His Lordship heard and favourably determined the 1st-4th Respondents' Motion Exparte in SUIT NO: I/221/2026 BETWEEN IBRAHIM LAWAL, ESQ & ORS V. INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION & ORS when the subject matter of the suit bordered on alleged violation of the Constitution of an Incorporated Trustee registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission pursuant to the Company and Allied Matters Act, 2020 which is clearly beyond the scope of a High Court of a State.

PARTICULARS OF ERROR

- i. By an Originating Summons via SUIT NO: I/221/2026 BETWEEN IBRAHIM LAWAL, ESQ & ORS V. INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION & ORS, dated 18th day of February, 2026, but filed on the 19th day of February, 2026, the 1st-4th Respondents as Claimants sought for the interpretation of Sections 9 (5)(iv), 10 (3) of the Constitution of the Nigerian Bar Association (As Amended in 2025), Paragraphs 5 and 6 of Part II, Paragraph 7 of Part IV to the Schedule of the NBA Constitution, (herein referred to as the NBA), Section 10 (2) and (3) of the Legal Practitioners' Act, Cap L11, LFN, 2004 (herein referred to as the LPA).
- ii. The 1st-4th Respondents' action is predicated on the alleged violation of Sections 9 (5)(iv), 10 (3) of the Constitution of the Nigerian Bar Association (As Amended in 2025), Paragraphs 5 and 6 of Part II, Paragraph 7 of Part IV

to the Schedule of the NBA Constitution, Section 10 (2) and (3) of the Legal Practitioners' Act, Cap L11, LFN, 2004.

- iii. The 5th Respondent is a registered Incorporated Trustees with the Corporate Affairs Commission pursuant to Section 827 of Company and Allied Matters Act, 2020.
- iv. By the provision of Section 251 (1)(e) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Amended), only the Federal High Court has the exclusive jurisdiction to hear matters pertaining the violation of the Constitution of a Company registered pursuant to the CAMA.
- v. By the provision of Section 251 (1)(e) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Amended), the interpretation of the Constitution of the 5th Respondent can only be undertaken by the Federal High Court and not the State High Court as it falls within the exclusivity of Section 251 (1) (e) of the 1999 Constitution.
- vi. The Oyo State High Court lacks the jurisdiction to entertain, hear and determine **SUIT NO: I/221/2026 BETWEEN IBRAHIM LAWAL, ESQ & ORS V. INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION & ORS.**

GROUND TWO

The Learned trial Judge erred in law and acted without territorial jurisdiction when His Lordship heard the 1st-4th Respondents' Motion Exparte and granted same despite clear evidence that all the Defendants (now the Appellants, 5th-8th Respondents) reside in Abuja and the cause of action did not arise in Oyo State.

PARTICULARS OF ERROR

- i. By an Originating Summons via **SUIT NO: I/221/2026 BETWEEN IBRAHIM LAWAL, ESQ & ORS V. INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION & ORS**, dated 18th day of February, 2026, but filed on the 19th day of February, 2026, the 1st-4th Respondents as Claimants sought for the interpretation of Sections 9 (5)(iv),

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- ii. On the face of the Originating Summons, it is clearly states that all the Defendants reside in Abuja, FCT, while the cause of action (if any) arose in Abuja, FCT or Benin, Edo State where the appointment of the Appellants was done by the NBA National Executive Council (NEC) in November, 2025.
- iii. The alleged cause of action (if any) occurred in Benin and Abuja which is not within the territorial jurisdiction of the Oyo State High Court.
- iv. The Oyo State High Court, Ibadan lacks the territorial jurisdiction to hear **SUIT NO: I/221/2026 BETWEEN IBRAHIM LAWAL, ESQ & ORS V. INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION & ORS.**

GROUND THREE

The Learned trial Judge erred in law and acted without jurisdiction when His Lordship heard the 1st-4th Respondents' **SUIT NO:I/221/2026 BETWEEN IBRAHIM LAWAL, ESQ & ORS V. INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION & ORS**, who lack the locus standi to institute the suit.

PARTICULARS OF ERROR

- i. The 1st-4th Respondents commenced **SUIT NO: I/221/2026 BETWEEN IBRAHIM LAWAL, ESQ & ORS V. INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION & ORS**, dated 18th day of February, 2026, but filed on the 19th day of February, 2026.
- ii. The 1st-4th Respondents were present at the NEC Meeting in November, 2025, when the appointment of the Appellants were made or ratified by NEC without objecting to the appointment.
- iii. The 1st-4th Respondents are not aspirants in the National Officers' Election to be conducted by the Appellants.

- iv. The 1st-4th Respondents have not by their affidavit shown any injury done to them by the appointment of the Appellants.
- v. The pivot upon which an exparte order can be granted by a Court is that the applicants must show the existence of a legal right.
- vi. The 1st-4th Respondents are mere busy bodies and meddlesome interlopers.
- vii. The lack of locus standi of the 1st-4th Respondents divests the trial Court of its jurisdiction to hear the matter.

GROUND FOUR

The Learned trial Judge erred in law and acted without jurisdiction when His Lordship heard the 1st-4th Respondents' Motion Exparte on the 4th day of March, 2026, in **SUIT NO: I/221/2026 BETWEEN IBRAHIM LAWAL, ESQ & ORS V. INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION & ORS**, which is premature for failure to exhaust the internal mechanism of the NBA Constitution.

PARTICULARS OF ERROR

- i. Article 21 (1), (2), (3) and (4) of the NBA Constitution (2025 As Amended) provides for the procedure for the utilization of the internal mechanism of dispute resolution of the NBA before an action can be filed in Court.
- ii. The 1st-4th Respondents filed **SUIT NO: I/221/2026 BETWEEN IBRAHIM LAWAL, ESQ & ORS V. INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION & ORS**, dated 18th day of February, 2026, but filed on the 19th day of February, 2026, without complying with Article 21 (1), (2), (3) and (4) of the NBA Constitution.
- iii. **SUIT NO: I/221/2026 BETWEEN IBRAHIM LAWAL, ESQ & ORS V. INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION & ORS** is premature for failure to comply with Article 21 (1), (2), (3) and (4) of the NBA Constitution, and divests the trial Court of its jurisdiction.

GRCUND FIVE

The Learned trial Judge erred in law and acted without jurisdiction when His Lordship heard and granted the 1st-4th Respondents' Motion Exparte on the 4th day of March, 2026, in **SUIT NO: I/221/2026 BETWEEN IBRAHIM LAWAL, ESQ & ORS V. INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION & ORS**, which reliefs are contained in the substantive matter.

PARTICULARS OF ERROR

- i. 1st-4th Respondents' **SUIT NO: I/221/2026 BETWEEN IBRAHIM LAWAL, ESQ & ORS V. INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION & ORS**, sought several reliefs among which are injunctive.
- ii. Reliefs 7 and 8 of the Originating Summons are the same reliefs 1 and 2 in the Motion Exparte.
- iii. The Learned trial Judge granted the reliefs in the Motion Exparte and invariably granted the reliefs in the main suit.
- iv. Courts have no jurisdiction to grant substantive reliefs at the interlocutory stage.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the Appellants may file additional grounds of appeal or amend the instant Notice and Grounds of Appeal.

RELIEFS SOUGHT FROM THE COURT OF APPEAL

- i. **AN ORDER** of the Court allowing the Appeal.
- ii. **AN ORDER** setting aside the entire proceedings of trial Court or dismissing or striking out **SUIT NO: I/221/2026 BETWEEN IBRAHIM LAWAL, ESQ & ORS V. INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION & ORS** for lack of jurisdiction of the Court.

ALTERNATIVELY:

- iii. **AN ORDER** setting aside the proceedings of trial Court conducted on 4th day of March, 2026 in **SUIT NO: I/221/2026 BETWEEN IBRAHIM LAWAL,**

ESQ & ORS V. INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION & ORS, for lack of jurisdiction.

- iv. AN ORDER setting aside the ex parte order of injunction granted by the trial court on 4th March, 2026 in SUIT NO: I/221/2026 BETWEEN IBRAHIM LAWAL, ESQ & ORS V. INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION & ORS, for lack of jurisdiction.

**PERSONS DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE APPEAL
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1. AHAM EJELAM, SAN.
2. IBRAHIM ALIYU NASARAWA, ESQ.
3. MUHAMMAD M. NUHU, ESQ.
4. UJU OKAFOR, ESQ.
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7. THE BODY OF BENCHERS
8. THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION
(IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN, GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE BAR)

Dated this 9th Day of March, 2026.



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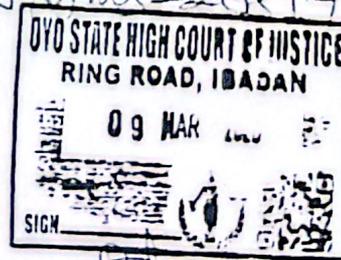
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ECNBA NOTICE NO. 6

**REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE ELECTIONS OF
NATIONAL OFFICERS AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF NBA IN
THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE BAR RESPECTIVELY**

- 1.0 This request by ECNBA for the nominations of candidates for the elections as National Officers and as the Representatives of the NBA in the General Council of the Bar respectively is made pursuant to the provisions of Section 10 of the Constitution of the Nigerian Bar Association 2015 (as amended in 2025) and PARTS III & IV respectively of the Second Schedule to the said Constitution.
- 2.0 Intending Candidates should obtain their forms from the ECNBA Secretariat at No. 9 Oro Ago Crescent, Garki Abuja or download same from info@ecnba.org.ng and complete same as required. The ECNBA Secretariat will be open between 09:00 and 17:00 hours every day except Saturdays, Sundays and declared public holidays to give out and also receive completed nomination Forms and accompanying documents from members of the NBA who are interested.
- 3.0 For the avoidance of any doubt, apart from the detailed requirements as contained in the Nomination Forms, Candidates and their nominators should also take note of the following amongst others:-
 - a) A Candidate shall be nominated by a member of the NBA and seconded by another member both of whom shall be qualified to be voted for in the position sought by the candidate to be nominated in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution relevant to the office.

- b) Candidates shall submit along with their nomination Forms, copies of their Curriculum Vitae of not more than four pages of A4-size paper, comprehensive manifestoes, and other campaign materials to the ECNBA for publication when appropriate and necessary on the NBA website and on all media operated by the Association.
- c) Nominations shall be guided by the provisions of the Constitution in relation to zoning of offices and the eligibility to stand for election as provided by PART VII (a)-(e) of the Second Schedule to the Constitution respectively which provides that candidates:-
 - a) Must be a Nigerian Citizen.
 - b) Must not be a member of a registered political party in Nigeria;
 - c) Must not have been adjudged bankrupt or has made a compromise or arrangement with his creditors;
 - d) Must not have been adjudged mentally unfit to take up the position by a competent medical authority.
 - e) Must not have been convicted of a crime involving fraud or dishonesty by a court of competent jurisdiction or has been found guilty of misconduct or professional impropriety by the Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Committee;

4.0 Hard copy of the duly Completed Nomination Form of each nominee accompanied with the supporting documents should be physically delivered in sealed envelope clearly marked: **“ECNBA 2026” (with the name of the candidate and the office he/she is contesting for)** or sent to ECNBA by a reputable registered courier company at the latest on **Wednesday the 8th day of April, 2026**. Each set should be addressed to:

The Secretary,

Electoral Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association(ECNBA)

ECNBA Secretariat, No. 9 Oro Ago Crescent, Garki Abuja.

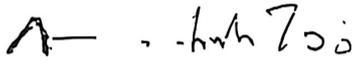
5.0 Any unsealed envelope would be rejected. Once a form is submitted and accepted, the form cannot be retrieved or retracted. A Candidate for election may wish to send notification of already submitted and acknowledged Nomination Forms to the Secretary of the ECNBA by email: info@ecnba.org.

6.0 Candidates should endeavour to go through and be guided by the provisions of the Constitution of the Nigerian Bar Association 2015 (as amended in 2025) and the Schedules thereto.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2026.



AHAM EJELAM SAN
Chairman (ECNBA 2026)



IBRAHIM ALIYU NASSARAWA ESQ
Secretary (ECNBA 2026)