



**COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION
NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL**

**NOTICE TO ALL CANDIDATES FOR CALL TO THE BAR ON THE PROHIBITION
OF THE UNAUTHORISED USE OF BARRISTERS' REGALIA (WIG AND GOWN)**

The Council of Legal Education, Nigerian Law School has observed with concern a rising and unacceptable trend among candidates for Call to the Bar.

This involves candidates circulating invitations, photographs and videos of themselves dressed in full legal regalia (wig and gown), portraying themselves as qualified legal practitioners and disseminating such content on various social media platforms. Specifically, this notice addresses:

1. Candidates posing as lawyers and misrepresenting themselves as having been called to the Nigerian Bar prior to the official ceremonies and addressing themselves as Barristers and Solicitors of the Supreme Court and appending the title "Esquire" to their name in contravention of Section 22 of the Legal Practitioners Act (LPA).
2. Candidates wearing the wig and gown in conjunction with unauthorized, casual, or otherwise non-prescribed apparel, thereby presenting an appearance that is inconsistent with the dignity, decorum, and established standards governing the use of legal regalia in contravention of Rule 45 the Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC).

Candidates who have breached these Rules are hereby directed to forthwith take down all offending posts, photographs, videos and other related content from all social media and online platforms.

Non-compliance with this directive may attract disciplinary consequences and may adversely affect the candidate's eligibility and fitness for Call to the Bar.

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