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THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

ECNBA

NBA House, 9 Oro Ago Street

Garki, Abuja.

Dear Sir,

11:48am WAT

MY PROTEST ON THE OMISSION OF MY NAME ON THE BALLOT FROM 07.35AM WHEN VOTING COMMENCED TO 9:50AM WHEN MY NAME WAS RESTORED WITHOUT MY PICTURE

Greetings Mr. Chairman and members of the Electoral Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association. I write in my capacity as a candidate for the post of a member representing NBA in the General Council of the Bar, (Eastern Zone) in the 2026 NBA National Officers and GCB Elections.

By the Notice of Apology for delay in commencement of voting" published by the committee, where it was stated that voting would commence at 7:35am and to last for 24 hours, voting was however commenced by that time. Surprisingly I started receiving phone calls from colleagues who in their bid to vote, observed that my name was not on the ballot in the section of GCB contestants. I immediately logged into the portal and to my greatest surprised noticed that neither my name nor my picture was displayed on the ballot for GCB section, while other contestants for the same position had their names and pictures visibly displayed on the ballot.

I sent a complaint to the official ECNBA Email address while I reached out to the chairman of the Committee about the unfortunate development. While all these were ongoing more than Seven thousand (7,000) voters had already voted, while my name remained omitted from the ballot. At exactly 9:50am; my name was returned to the ballot, howbeit, without my picture which I sent to the official email address of the committee within time as requested.

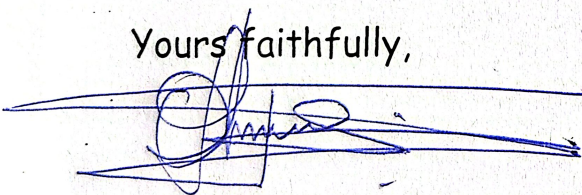
By this development, I had lost over 7,000 (Seven Thousand) votes, and my question is how do I recover the votes already been cast without my name and picture on the ballot? As at the time of this protest letter, my picture has not been uploaded to my name. Specifically my picture was sent to the committee via their official email on the 7th day of July, 2026 for this purpose as requested by the Committee after the virtual meeting of Candidates held on the 2nd day of July, 2026.

MY DEMAND

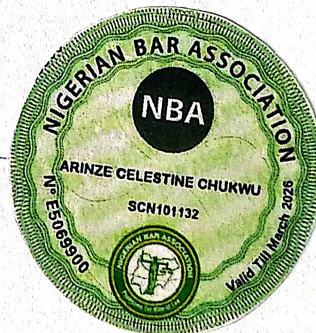
Having in mind that omission of a candidate's name on the ballot under our constitution is sufficient to invalidate the election. However, I hereby call on the committee to afford me a level playing ground with other candidates on this section of GCB Eastern Zone, by scheduling a fresh election for GCB Eastern Zone, as failure may leave me with no other option than to explore the constitutional remedy available to me.

Thanks for your anticipated urgent response.

Yours faithfully,



ARINZE CELESTINE CHUKWU ESQ.



Cc:

1. Mazi Afam Osigwe SAN. The President, Nigerian Bar Association.
2. The Chairman Body of Benchers,
3. The Chairman General Council of the Bar,
4. The Chairman Board of Trustees of NBA,