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Dear Sir,

RE: PETITION AGAINST CHIEF JOE-KYARI GADZAMA, OFR SAN FCI Arb FOR UNETHICAL MISCONDUCT

We regret to inform you that a careful reading of the petition, failed to disclose any alleged infraction of the Rules of Professional Conduct in the Legal Profession 2007 in respect of which the Respondent, Chief JOE-Kyari Gadzama SAN and Henry Michael-Ihunde could be called upon to offer further explanation before a Disciplinary Panel of the NBA.

Our conclusion is particularly reinforced by the following facts:

1. We note that even though you complained about the alleged unprofessional conduct of the Respondent and his colleagues in chambers for 'unnecessarily interfering and dealing with your clients without your knowledge and or approval', you appear to have admitted in paragraph 18 of your petition that your 'clients were forced to sign' a letter 'purporting' to debrief you.
2. We further note that your clients who were allegedly 'forced to sign' a letter 'purporting' to debrief you, have not written any petition against the alleged action of the Respondents in allegedly forcing them to sign a letter debriefing you.
3. You approbated and reprobated by stating in one breath that your clients actually signed letters debriefing you and repudiating that assertion in another breath by claiming that they were forced to sign the letter debriefing you. It is either you were debriefed or you were not. 'Your clients' who signed the letter are the only persons who can

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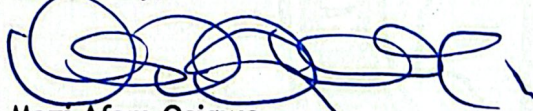
repudiate the letter 'debriefing you' and you have provided no evidence that they have done so.

4. Assuming without conceding that we are wrong in the fore-going paragraphs, we would still not be able to investigate the allegation against the Respondent and Henry Michael-Ihunde, because the subject matter of the petition is the subject of a legal dispute in an application brought by your good-self in Suit No. FHC/ABJ/CS/M/444/2015, wherein you are challenging the propriety of your being 'debriefed' by Benue Development Movement which you claim is not a party to the suit the Respondents seek to now represent, the 'debriefing' party, as counsel. The issue of legal representation is therefore sub-judice in the suit.

The NBA is therefore satisfied that in the peculiar circumstance of this matter, there is no basis to further inquire into the matter by forwarding your petition to a disciplinary panel and the same will be terminated forthwith.

Accept our regards of the highest esteem.

Yours truly,



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General Secretary, Nigerian Bar Association

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Chief Joe-Kyari Gadzama SAN

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