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Bar Admissions: New York & Nigeria

PROFILE: *Oluwakemi leverages his legal practice and non-profit background to offer practical solutions in the intersection of law, economy and finance that enable clients to achieve their objectives.*

CORE COMPETENCES AND SKILLS:

Stata, Datawrapper, Commercial awareness, Policy Research and Implementation, Compliance, Empirical Research, communication skill

EXPERIENCE

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- Center for Social and Behavioral Science** – Urbana, Illinois *May 2024 – Date*
Policy & Research Legislative Fellow with the Office of Representative Carol Ammons
- Operationalizes [Illinois HR 453](#) which recognized the Family Roots Genealogy Program; an anthropological project that aims to connect African Americans with their extra-extended African relatives through autosomal DNA testing
 - Drafted law and resolution to address the disproportionate impact of HIV/AIDS on cisgender black heterosexual women in Illinois
 - Reviewed and analyzed the state annual budget for budgetary allocations addressing the need of colored populations
 - Researches on equitable repatriation of Benin Bronzes to Nigeria that centers the concerns of African Americans bearing in mind their connection with the Bronzes through the Transatlantic Slave Trade
- University of Illinois College of Law** – Champaign, Illinois *August 2024*
- Taught an introductory class on American laws and legal scholarship
- Spurlock Museum of World Cultures** – Urbana, Illinois *July 2023 – August 2024*
Graduate Assistant
- Served as a tour guide to twenty new judges across the State of Illinois illustrating through artifacts *The New DEI* namely: *Diverse ways of knowing, Empathy and Inquiry* to help judges identify implicit bias; understand the role of inquiry in interpretation as well as the similarities between how interpretation works in museums and in the courts
 - Taught over 70 hours of big history (gold, salt, medicine, water, climate change and the Silk Road Trade) illustrated with artifacts to 6th grade students
 - Created educational materials on artifacts from Central Africa, Eastern Africa and Asia
 - Curated a tour for 2nd grade students on celebrations in Africa
 - Curated a tour on the influence of the Roman empire on the world
 - Participated in the development of games that mirror the Silk Road Trade
- Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Foundation** – Springfield, Illinois *July 2022 – May. 2023*
Reflection on the Fellowship - Science Policy Scholar
- Member of conference planning committee of the 2022 Annual Conference of the Foundation responsible for securing speakers on DEI & Student Debt Forgiveness and the preparation of policy documents
 - Secretary of the Innovative Policy Solutions Brain Trust on health that recommends policy and educational solutions to health inequity
 - Coordinated the scholarship program impacting over 100 students by attending to inquiries, providing technical support to applicants and receiving recommendations
 - Pro bono representation (under the supervision of a licensed attorney) to secure damages for breach of contract
 - Reported on the history of the Voting Rights Act including judicial opinions that have impacted the Act
 - Advised on possible ramifications of overruling *Roe v. Wade* on Black female Illinoisans
 - Presented a report on Ghana's economic indices and investment opportunities open to Black Illinoisans
- Duale, Ovia & Alex-Adedipe** – Lagos, Nigeria *April 2021 – July 2021*
Associate
- Represented investors in connection with their business entry, development and operations; including by drafting and reviewing their privacy policies, terms and conditions of use, service level agreements, nondisclosure agreements, employment contracts, deeds of assignment

- Advised on the private acquisition of the Ekpat Marginal field from the Department of Petroleum Resources
- Advised developer/energy supplier in connection with the installation and development of solar panels for Covid-19 isolation centers, with direct sponsorship by the World Bank
- Advised a leading enterprise service provider in a contract dispute over alleged illegal use of data
- Conducted data audit on a leading enterprise service provider in compliance with Nigeria Data Protection Regulation
- Advised on the privacy implications and significance of International Mobile Equipment Identifiers (IMEIs) and Mobile Station Integrated Services Digital Numbers (MSISDNs) as unique identifiers for online and offline touchpoints
- Advised a fintech company in its multi-million Naira endorsement contracts with Nigerian musicians

P O Bajowa Chambers – Lagos, Nigeria

July 2018 – April 2021

Associate

- Successfully negotiated property recovery and debt repayment on behalf of a high-net-worth landlord
- Negotiated a partnership between an agric-tech entrepreneur and a software developer leading to the digital connection of farmers to a larger market
- Advised an auto-tech entrepreneur to copyright her proposed solutions
- Successfully defended an agency of the Federal Government in a suit challenging its executive action of confiscating goods
- Successfully defended a trademark infringement claim against a multinational organization

Toba Olofinjana’s Chambers – Lagos, Nigeria

Nov. 2017 - June 2018

Associate

- Advised food entrepreneurs on securing corporate structures for their establishments
- Commenced a suit on behalf of a land holding community to defend its ownership of parcels of land
- Successfully secured release of a ₦400,000 bail bond lodged with the High Court of Lagos State

Ekiti State Ministry of Justice – Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria

Nov. 2016 - Oct. 2017

Legal Officer

- Advised the State to comply with the terms of judgement debts awarded against it
- Advised the State’s Ministry of Health on funding its blood bank through private sector participation
- Co-counsel to Tribunal probing the preceding administration
- Commenced the process for the recovery of over ₦7,000,000 on behalf of the State

VOLUNTEER

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- Director of Cultural Affairs, African Students Organization, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 - Volunteer Attorney, The Immigration Project, Champaign Illinois
 - Peer Advocate, Office for Student Conflict Resolution, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

EDUCATION

University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL, JSD (Doctor of the Science of Law), Aug. 2023 – May, 2026

- Teaching Assistant – Secured Transactions – Spring 2025
 - Leads class discussion on the Uniform Commercial Code and the Bankruptcy Code
 - Conducts weekly office hours addressing various topics in Secured Transactions.
- Research Assistant
 - Professor Paul Heald/Dr. Xiaoren Wang: A content analysis of *Reddit* posts examining misconceptions and unclear knowledge of copyright registration rules in various countries
 - Professor Margaret Wright: Article on developing a Secondary Market for Equity Crowdfunding in the United States
 - Professor Bob Lawless: Updated the 2024 edition of the Statutory Supplement to the Bankruptcy Code and Article 9
- Classes: Derivatives Law, Empirical Methods in Law, Transitional Justice, International Bankruptcy, Mergers & Acquisition

University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL, LLM (Master of Laws), May 2022, High Honors 3.89/4.00

- Classes: Secured Transactions, Bankruptcy, Corporate Law, Financial Accounting for Lawyers
- [Graduate Class Commencement Speaker](#), 2022 College of Law Convocation
- CALI Award (highest grade) for [Copyright](#) and [Secured Transactions](#)
- [Research Assistant](#) to Professor Colleen Murphy on transitional justice

Nigerian Law School, Yola, Nigeria, Nov. 2016, Second Class Upper

- Assistant Class Representative of a class of over 150 students
- Lagos State University**, Lagos, Nigeria *LLB (Bachelor of Laws)*, Jan. 2015, Second Class Upper **3.79/5.00**
- Thesis: [The Emerging Trend of Limited Liability Partnership](#)
 - Judge, Court of Appeal of Lagos State University Student Judicial Council

CERTIFICATIONS & RECOGNITIONS:

- 2025 Social Justice Fellow ([one of fifty in the United States](#)) of the Memorial Foundation
- Dispute Resolution Inc's Community Mediation Training, Nov. 2024
- International Association of Privacy Professionals, [CIPP/US](#), Oct. 2024
- ALDC, Covenant University's *Towards Leadership Impact Certificate*, August 2024
- WIPO-Harvard Law School Course on *Patent Law and Global Public Health*, January 2024

REPRESENTATIVE ONLINE WORKS:

- The Case for the Regulation of Hire-Purchase by States, <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/case-regulation-hire-purchase-states-oluwakemi-stephen-adeyemi/>
- Making micro pension work, <https://aolulaw17.medium.com/making-micro-pension-work-1-98783f026dec>
- Regulatory Agencies in Nigeria's Pension Market, <https://aolulaw17.medium.com/regulatory-agencies-in-nigerias-pension-market-1-3e5f5d0c469e>

FORTHCOMING WORK:

- Oluwakemi Adeyemi et al, *Tweeting Torts: A Research Note on Tort Litigation News on Twitter in The Law and Psychology Review* of the University of Alabama Law School

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS:

- *Re-examining U.S. Courts' Cooperation with Foreign Courts in Corporate Transnational Bankruptcy Proceedings* at the INSOL International's Academic Writing Workshop – Barcelona, Spain, forthcoming May 24, 2025
- *Benin Bronzes: The Scope of Cultural Nationalism and Internationalism in the Context of African Americans' Claim* at the Harvard Law School's Intellectual Property & Africa Workshop – November 6-8, 2024
- *Tweeting Torts: A Research Note on Tort Litigation News on Twitter* at the 2024 JSD Symposium: The Next Generation of Scholarship of Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri - November 2, 2024