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**PROFILE:** *Oluwakemi works collaboratively in the intersection of law, policy, and economy to initiate and implement practical solutions that help clients achieve their objectives within the law. He leverages his legal practice and non-profit experience in offering solutions that lead to long lasting impact.*

**CORE COMPETENCES AND SKILLS:**

Commercial Awareness, Dispute Resolution skill, excellent legal advisory skill, excellent communication skill

**EXPERIENCE**

**Africa Global Chamber of Commerce** – Chicago, Illinois *Aug. 2023 - Present*

Administrative and Research Policy Officer

* Member of the Organizing Committee of a forthcoming conference highlighting business opportunities open to African youths in the United States and American youths in Africa

**Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Foundation –** Springfield, Illinois *July 2022 – May. 2023*

[*Reflection on the Fellowship*](https://extension.illinois.edu/blogs/scholars-speak/2022-12-05-his-own-words-oluwakemi-adeyemi) *-* [*Science Policy Scholar*](https://dekalbtimes.com/stories/627539985-new-cohort-of-illini-science-policy-scholars-prepares-to-serve-illinois-diverse-communities)

* Participated in the organization of the 2022 Annual Conference of the Foundation by among others sourcing for speakers on DEI & Student Debt Forgiveness and preparing 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
* Prepared a memo on the federal registration of trademarks
* 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 had consequences on the Act especially as this affects Black communities in Illinois
* 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 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 for 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
* Negotiated financing contracts on behalf of a consumer finance company with its partners
* Advised a fintech company in its multi-million Naira endorsement contracts with leading Nigerian musical artists

**P O Bajowa Chambers –** *Lagos, Nigeria July 2018 – April 2021*

*Associate*

* Advised an agric-tech entrepreneur in negotiating a partnership with a software developer leading to the digital connection of farmers to a larger market
* Advised an auto-tech entrepreneur on copyrighting her proposed solutions
* Successfully represented and defended an agency of the Federal Government in a suit challenging its executive action of confiscating goods
* Successfully negotiated the recovery of property and rent on behalf of a high-net-worth landlord
* Successfully defended a trademark infringement claim against a multinational player in the FMCG market

**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 in defense of its ownership of large expanse of land against unlawful trespass to land
* Successfully obtained the release of a N400,000 bail bond lodged with the Chief Registrar of the Lagos State High Court

**Ekiti State Ministry of Justice –** *Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria Nov. 2016 - Oct. 2017*

*Legal Officer*

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

**VOLUNTEER**

* Mentor, The Outlet, Springfield, Illinois
* Volunteer, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Springfield, Illinois
* Volunteer, Hope Centre of the Vineyard Church of Central Illinois
* Peer Advocate, Office for Student Conflict Resolution
* Coordinator, Aba-Ebira Community Project of Saving Hand Development Initiative

**EDUCATION**

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

* Classes: Derivatives Regulation, Empirical Methods in Law, Transitional Justice, Immersion Journalism
* Graduate Assistant (Education) at the Spurlock Museum of World Cultures – Teaches Big History to 6th Grade students

**University of Illinois College of Law**, Champaign, IL, *LLM*, May 2022, ***3.89/4.00***

* Classes: Corporate Law, Financial Accounting for Lawyers, Trademark & Unfair Competition, Bankruptcy
* [Graduate Class C](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/oluwakemi-adeyemi-24889aa9_on-saturday-may-13-2022-i-completed-my-activity-6932510441151614976-YqzB?utm_source=linkedin_share&amp;utm_medium=android_app)ommencement Speaker, 2022 College of Law Convocation
* CALI Award (highest grade) for [Copyright a](https://www.cali.org/award/32DBE5C0)nd [Secured Transactions](https://www.cali.org/award/33C328E0)
* [Research Assistant t](https://twitter.com/drcolleenmurphy/status/1518391130064306176?s=20&amp;t=NWzQJa896v-YE6TPhIgc-w)o Professor Colleen Murphy on transitional justice
* Presented on the US and Nigeria’s laws on the creation of [Security Interests in Intellectual Property](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Yi40LJFRBNfV0JladF5prBY_1nHJM6hs/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=107341727104081947854&rtpof=true&sd=true)

**Lagos State University**, Lagos, Nigeria *Bachelor of Laws*, Jan. 2015, Second Class Upper **3.79/5.00**

* Thesis:[The Emerging Trend of Limited Liability Partnership](https://docs.google.com/document/d/0B7h0b6CdksFmZ2dCUVh2OV9hcnBqcS1wd1h0Z3N6NGQ3X01V/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=107341727104081947854&resourcekey=0-Dpb0zG9VIh3pHH3IUmuyMA&rtpof=true&sd=true)
* Judge, Court of Appeal of Lagos State University Student Judicial Council
* Count, Lord Denning Students’ Chambers

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

* Assistant Class Representative of a class of over 150 students.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:**

* New York State Bar 2023 *(in view) –* passed the February 2023 Bar Examination with 281 points
* Nigerian Bar Association – 2016

**CERTIFICATIONS:**

* International Association of Privacy Professionals, [CIPP/US,](https://www.credential.net/59135348-83d0-47e9-9ae3-9eb24b8c6c3d?key=6176e33cfe8f9276c157cf6a2c6d3651f837c46ac2145a4bbd6f31973692f7cc) Sept. 2022