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EDUCATION

University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL, *JSD (Doctor of the Science of Law)*, Aug. 2023 – May, 2028 (*in progress*)

- Teaching Assistant – Professional Responsibility, Secured Transactions, Introduction to Legal Writing and Legal Research, Introduction to African American Studies, and Black America, 1619-Present
- Research Assistant – Professors Robert Lawless, Paul Heald, Margaret Wright, and Colleen Murphy

University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL, *LLM (Master of Laws)*, May 2022

- [Graduate Class Commencement Speaker](#), 2022 College of Law Convocation
- CALI Awards (highest grade) for Copyright and Secured Transactions

Nigerian Law School, Yola, Nigeria, Nov. 2016

- Assistant Class Representative of a class of over 150 students

Lagos State University, Lagos, Nigeria *LLB (Bachelor of Laws)*, Jan. 2015

- Thesis: [The Emerging Trend of Limited Liability Partnership](#)
- Judge, Court of Appeal of Lagos State University Student Judicial Council

EXPERIENCE

Center for Social and Behavioral Science – Urbana, Illinois *May 2024 – May 2025*

[Policy & Research Legislative Fellow](#) with the Office of Representative Carol Ammons

- Operationalized [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 the language of [Illinois HR 0211](#) which centers the ownership interests of African Americans in the Benin Bronzes because of the Bronzes' trans-Atlantic Slave Trade connections
- Drafted bill and resolution to address the disproportionate impact of HIV/AIDS on cisgender Black heterosexual women in Illinois which are under deliberation by the General Assembly
- Developed a map of Illinois annotated with Black-led/Black-serving not-for-profits
- Reviewed and analyzed the state annual budget for budgetary allocations addressing the need of minority populations

Spurlock Museum of World Cultures – Urbana, Illinois

July 2023 – Aug. 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* for identification of implicit bias; the role of inquiry in interpretation and the similarities between how interpretation works in museums and 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

Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Foundation – Springfield, Illinois

July 2022 – May 2023

Reflection on the Fellowship - Science Policy Scholar

- Served as a member of the 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
- Served as the Secretary of the Innovative Policy Solutions Brain Trust on health that recommends policy and educational solutions to health inequity
- Coordinated its scholarship program impacting over 100 students by attending to inquiries, providing technical support to applicants, and receiving recommendations
- Provided 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
- 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, and 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
- Audited the data of 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 two 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 judgment debts awarded against it
- Advised the State's Ministry of Health on funding its blood bank through private investors
- Co-counsel to Tribunal probing the preceding state administration
- Commenced the process for the recovery of over ~~₦~~7,000,000 on behalf of the State

RESEARCH

BOOK

- Early Musings on Nigeria Laws: Selected Articles ([Lambert Academic Publishing](#), 2020)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- *Re-Examining U.S. Courts' Cooperation with Foreign Courts in Corporate Transnational Bankruptcy Proceedings: A Lesson from Europe*, American Bankruptcy Institute Journal (forthcoming Oct. 2026)
- *Tweeting Torts: A Research Note on Tort Litigation News on Twitter*, Law & Psychology Review Vol. 50 (forthcoming Fall 2026) (with Alex Klimowicz, Mithran Kumaran, & Jennifer K. Robbennolt)
- *Folklore Administration under the 2023 Copyright Act: A Missed Opportunity at Decentralisation and the Empowerment of Indigenous Peoples*, SLP L.J. Vol. 12. 2026 at 90-102

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- *Benin Bronzes: The Scope of Cultural Nationalism and Internationalism in the Context of African Americans' Claim* at the 2026 Center for Indigenous Science Symposium, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, themed *Community Collaborative Research among African Populations: CIS in Practice* – March 6-7, 2026
- *Benin Bronzes: The Scope of Cultural Nationalism and Internationalism in the Context of African Americans' Claim* at the 25th Annual Graduate Conference in African American History at the University of Memphis Maxine A. Smith University Center – February 25-27, 2026
- *Re-examining U.S. Courts' Cooperation with Foreign Courts in Corporate Bankruptcy Proceedings* at the JSD Symposium: University of Luxembourg & University of Illinois Colloquium – January 28, 2026
- *Benin Bronzes: The Scope of Cultural Nationalism and Internationalism in the Context of African Americans Claim* at the Graduate Colloquium of the Maurer School of Law, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana – November 12, 2025
- *Re-examining U.S. Courts' Cooperation with Foreign Courts in Corporate Bankruptcy Proceedings* at the JSD Symposium: The Next Generation of Scholarship of Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri – October 18, 2025

- *Addressing HIV/AIDS among Cisgender Heterosexual Black Women in Illinois* to the Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health – May 15, 2025
- *Benin Bronzes: The Scope of Cultural Nationalism and Internationalism in the Context of African Americans' Claim* at 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

OTHER WORKS

- Book Review: Isabel Wilkerson's *Caste: The Origins of our Discontents*, <https://medium.com/@aolulaw17/book-review-isabel-wilkersons-caste-the-origins-of-our-discontents-6f0146d64c6a?sharedUserId=aolulaw17>
- The Pros, Cons and Challenges of Establishing and Enforcing a Scale of Charges for Legal Services in Nigeria, <https://medium.com/@aolulaw17/the-pros-cons-and-challenges-of-establishing-and-enforcing-a-scale-of-charges-for-legal-services-ce71053d9310?sharedUserId=aolulaw17>

VOLUNTEERING

- Partnership, Advocacy, and Funding Lead, Saving Hand Development Initiative, Lagos, Nigeria
- 2025-2027 President, International Friendships
- 2025-2027 Coordinator, Law as Science
- 2025/2026 College of Law Representative, Student Advising on Graduate Education, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- 2025/2026 Vice President, African Students Organization, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- 2024/2025 Director of Cultural Affairs, African Students Organization, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- Volunteer Attorney, The Immigration Project, Champaign Illinois

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

- Member of the Nigerian Bar and New York Bar
- 2025/2026 Fred S. Bailey Fellowship for Community Leadership, Service and Activism (selected from campus-wide call)
- 2025 Social Justice Fellow of the Memorial Foundation ([selected as one of fifty from a national call for applications](#))
- Dispute Resolution Inc's Community Mediation Training, Nov. 2024
- International Association of Privacy Professionals, [CIPP/US](#), Oct. 2024
- African Leadership Development Centre, Covenant University's *Towards Leadership Impact Certificate*, August 2024
- WIPO-Harvard Law School Course on *Patent Law and Global Public Health*, January 2024

ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Stata
- Datawrapper
- Yoruba Language
- Running