

QUADIR AYINDE OYELEKE

Academic Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, College of Law — *Champaign, Illinois*

Doctor of Juridical Science (JSD), Candidate | Present

- Thesis Advisor: Professor Faye E. Jones.
- JSD Qualifying Examination: Passed, Spring 2026.

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, College of Law — *Champaign, Illinois*

Master of Laws (LL.M.), Honors | May 2024

- Concentration: Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and International Trade.

Nigerian Law School — *Yola, Adamawa, Nigeria*

Barrister at Law (B.L.), Second Class Upper Division | December 2022

Osun State University — *Osogbo, Nigeria*

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), First Class Honours | 2020

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Artificial Intelligence and Law; Privacy and Data Protection; Data Governance; Cybersecurity; Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights; Digital Financial Technologies; Technology Regulation; Law and Development; Emerging Technologies and Regulatory Governance.

ACADEMIC & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, College of Law — *Champaign, Illinois*

Research Associate | Present

- Conduct research at the intersection of law, technology, and data protection, with particular emphasis on emerging legal and regulatory questions surrounding artificial intelligence.
- Examine the implications of artificial intelligence for human rights, including questions of human dignity, equality, autonomy, and accountability.
- Analyze emerging international and domestic frameworks for AI governance, including the Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and the U.S. Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights.
- Conduct legal research on privacy, data protection, and algorithmic accountability to inform approaches to the governance and regulation of AI technologies.
- Collaborate on interdisciplinary research concerning the integration of human rights principles into AI governance.

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, College of Law — *Champaign, Illinois*

Research Assistant | January 2024–May 2024

- Conducted legal research on nonprofit organizations, privacy, artificial intelligence, and energy law.
- Researched emerging legal questions at the intersection of technological development, privacy, and regulatory governance.
- Assisted with faculty research through legal research, analysis, and synthesis of relevant authorities.

RESEARCH & SCHOLARLY WORK

Works in Progress

Sovereign by Design: Regulatory Autonomy and Data Sovereignty as Foundations for Africa's AI Governance — Manuscript in progress.

Selected Research Projects

Data Privacy and Protection Regime in Nigeria (2021)

Research examining Nigeria's legal framework for data privacy and protection, with emphasis on data processing, storage, use, and the challenges presented by emerging technologies.

Artificial Intelligence in Trademark Protection (2021)

Research examining the role of artificial intelligence in legal systems and questions surrounding the legal protection and regulation of AI-related technologies.

The Status of Sharia in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (2020)

LL.B. Research Project, Osun State University.

AWARDS & HONORS

Graduate Commencement Speaker — University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, College of Law — 2024

First Place, LL.M. Client Counseling Competition — University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, College of Law — 2024

Outstanding Academic Performance Award — University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign — 2023; recognized for outstanding academic achievement, Fall 2023

Academic and Professional Excellence Scholarship — University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign — 2023

First Class Award — Osun State University — 2021

Best Male Graduating Student — Osun State University — 2021

Brainbox of the Year Award — Falola Magna Curia Chambers, Osun State University — 2020

CONFERENCES & ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT

Privacy Everywhere Conference — 2025

Privacy Everywhere Conference — 2024

2022 Annual Corporate Governance Conference — “Digital Diversity and Inclusion: Evolving Trends in Corporate Governance and Board Culture” — Gbagada, Lagos, Nigeria | October 18, 2022

2022 Legal Business Conference — “Regulating Blockchain and FinTech Innovation: Finding the Balance” — Civic Centre, Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria | May 17, 2022

Alternative Dispute Resolution Seminar — “Application of Online Dispute Resolution Methods in Consumer Cases: A Focus on Europe and Africa” — Osun State University, Osogbo, Nigeria | February 27, 2020

LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ogunsanya & Ogunsanya — *Lagos, Nigeria*

Associate | August 2021–July 2023

- Conducted legal research and advised clients on corporate, commercial, regulatory, privacy, and governance matters.
- Researched emerging privacy and data protection laws and contributed to privacy-related legal publications.
- Conducted privacy impact assessments and advised clients on data management and regulatory compliance.
- Advised corporate clients on governance and statutory compliance, including matters involving financial institutions and telecommunications companies.
- Represented a leading financial institution in connection with a \$650 million mortgage resolved through alternative dispute resolution.

Graystone Solicitors — *Lagos, Nigeria*

Intern & Research Assistant | 2021

- Conducted legal research and prepared memoranda on privacy and data protection, Internet law, artificial intelligence, contracts, and other areas of law.
- Assisted attorneys with client meetings, legal research, and preparation of materials for ongoing proceedings.

Generis Ivy Schools (Research and Content Creation Institute) — Lagos, Nigeria

Associate & Research Assistant | January 2019–November 2022

- Conducted legal research across international law, cybercrime, data privacy, banking law, the Nigerian legal system, and other areas of law.
- Researched and developed written work addressing artificial intelligence, data privacy and protection, and other emerging legal issues.

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Vice President — Law Students' Society, Osun State University — 2017

Oversaw the Moot and Mock Society; coordinated faculty-wide moot and debating competitions; participated in amendment of the Law Students' Society Constitution.

Director of Finance — Falola Magna Curia Chambers, Osun State University — 2018

Oversaw financial administration and supervised the disbursement of Chamber funds.

Director of Academics — Nigerian Association of Muslim Law Students, Osun State University — 2019

Organized academic tutorials and moot training; coordinated educational programming on emerging legal and regulatory issues.

Director of Conciliation and Negotiation — Alternative Dispute Resolution Society, Osun State University — 2019

Conducted research on emerging issues in conciliation and negotiation; prepared educational materials and sensitization programs.

Academic Writing Advisor — Equality Justice Project, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign — 2023

Provided individualized writing support and constructive feedback to students at different stages of academic writing.

Lead Tutor — Law Students' Society, Osun State University — 2019

Organized tutorials and provided academic guidance to law students.

Legal Clinic Volunteer — Nigerian Bar Association

Provided legal assistance to individuals unable to afford legal representation; mentored law students in legal education and professional development.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Nigerian Bar — Admitted, 2022

New York Bar Examination — Passed, 2026; completing remaining formal requirements for admission.

CERTIFICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program) — Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Human Subject Protections, June 2024

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program) — IRB Administrator Professional Development and Self-Advocacy, June 2024

LANGUAGES

English — Fluent

French — Conversational