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INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to share with you the second edition of our e- newsletter, showcasing a summary of key events, committee activities, and branch developments from April to June 2025.

Thank you for staying connected with the heartbeat of the Tiger Bar.

Happy reading!

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CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS



Dear Distinguished Leaders and Noble Members,

It is with immense gratitude that I address you in this Q2 2025 edition of our NBA Ikeja Quarterly Newsletter. As we journey further into my tenure as your Chairman, I am consistently inspired by the unwavering commitment and collaborative spirit that defines our esteemed branch.

Our Q1 address laid out a foundational vision for building upon our strengths, embracing innovation, and upholding the core values of integrity, professionalism, and service. I am delighted to report that the past quarter has seen significant strides towards these objectives, thanks to the collective efforts and dedication of every single member. We've witnessed a remarkable engagement in our professional development programs and a renewed energy in our community outreach initiatives.

In this quarter, our focus has been sharply attuned to consolidating the gains from Q1 while strategically expanding our impact. We've initiated several key programs aimed at enhancing legal education and fostering greater collaboration within the legal community and with other vital stakeholders. These efforts are not merely about ticking boxes; they are about tangible contributions to

the growth of the legal profession, the advancement of legal reforms, and ultimately, the betterment of our society here in Nigeria.

I want to take this opportunity to express my profound appreciation for your continued hard work, dedication, and invaluable contributions. Your active participation in our various committees, Meetings, and discussions has been the bedrock of our progress. It is this spirit of unity and shared commitment that transforms our aspirations into achievements. To our esteemed past leaders, your legacies continue to inspire us, and we are diligently building upon the strong foundations you have laid.

Looking ahead to Q3 and beyond, we remain steadfast in our commitment to deepening our engagement with critical legal reforms, exploring new avenues for member welfare, and continuing to champion justice.

This newsletter will provide comprehensive updates on our activities, including highlights from Meetings, community impact initiatives, and upcoming events designed to empower and unite our branch. Let us continue to move forward with purpose, unity, and an unwavering shared commitment to excellence.

Thank you for your unwavering support.

Sincerely,

Adeniyi Quadri, Esq.

Chairman, NBA Ikeja Branch

EDITORIAL NOTE



Dear Distinguished Seniors and Esteemed Members,,

It is with great pleasure that we present to you the second quarter edition of the NBA Ikeja E-Newsletter. This publication serves as a vital bridge between the Branch and its members, offering a comprehensive summary of our engagements, initiatives, and achievements, as a branch over the past months. Through its pages, we aim to keep you well informed, meaningfully engaged, and deeply connected to the vibrant pulse of our Branch. We invite you to read, reflect, and continue contributing to the growth and excellence we share.

From April through June 2025, the Branch witnessed remarkable engagements: impactful legal clinics, health-focused outreach, continuous advocacy through our Human Rights

Committee, sports activities, and professional development initiatives. We also embraced digital transformation in court processes and internal communication, all captured in this edition.

We thank every Committee, volunteer, and member who contributed to the content and growth of the Branch. Your involvement indeed makes the difference.

Enjoy the read, and stay inspired.

Warm regards,

Kayode Agbedejobi, Esq.

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NBA IKEJA BRANCH APRIL 2025 MEETING SUMMARY



The NBA Ikeja Branch held its April 2025 General Meeting on Monday, April 7th, at the Bar Centre, with the Chairman, Adeniyi Quadri, Esq., presiding.

1. MATTERS ARISING

- **Prioritizing Members' Health:** The Branch Chairman encouraged members to prioritize their health, with a reminder about the ongoing free monthly health checks and the National Health Insurance Scheme. Two attendees were found to be in critical condition during routine checks and were promptly referred for urgent care. The incident highlighted the vital importance of proactive health monitoring, rest, exercise, and regular medical evaluation. The availability of both the Branch's monthly health screenings and the National Health Insurance Scheme was reiterated as part of a proactive approach to maintaining their health and wellbeing.
- An update was provided regarding the subsidised rice scheme facilitated through the Ministry of Agriculture. Members were briefed on the logistical challenges that arose during the distribution phase, particularly the unforeseen relocation of rice supplies from the designated location without prior notification to the Branch. Due to these unexpected changes, additional costs were incurred to transport the bags to the Secretariat. The explanation was provided to ensure transparency around the added transport fee required from beneficiaries of the scheme.

2. REPORTS

- **Minutes of March 2025 Meeting:**

The minutes were reviewed and adopted following a motion by Olusegun Oyiku, Esq., and seconded by Prince Kayode Eludoyin, Esq.

- **Secretariat Report:**

Presented by the Branch Secretary, Ayodeji Olabiwonna, Esq., the report highlighted the Branch's activities in March.

- A motion was adopted to submit a bid for NBA Ikeja to host the 2025 Annual General Conference, should the venue be moved from Port Harcourt.

- Concerns were raised over the poor implementation of the e-filing system in courts. The Chairman confirmed the Branch's ongoing advocacy for a seamless, fully virtual filing process and announced plans to set up an e-filing room at the Secretariat.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

Presented by the Treasurer, Ganiyat Adisa, Esq., and adopted following a motion by Mrs. Margaret Nwachukwu and seconded by Scholastical Nwogu, Esq.

- **Gani Fawehinmi Annual Lecture Committee:**

Lanre Komolafe, Esq. delivered the committee's report, giving an overview of the 2025 edition of the annual lecture held on January 15, 2025.

- **Unveiling of maiden NBA Ikeja E-Newsletter:**

The maiden digital newsletter was unveiled by the Publicity Secretary, Kayode Agbedejobi, Esq., who commended the Publicity Committee for their creativity and hard work.

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Stamp Name Irregularities:** Concerns were raised by Mrs. Fausat Bakare regarding the issuing of NBA stamps in maiden names instead of married names. The Chairman advised affected members to reach out to the Branch Secretary.
- **Tribute to Late Deaconess Morohundiya:** Chief Richard Oma Ahonaruogho, SAN expressed gratitude to the Branch for honoring the late wife of the Branch's pioneer Chairman.
- **Insurance Reform Suggestions:** Mr. Egorp suggested that long-standing members who have never claimed insurance be entitled to age-based benefits. He also encouraged more efficient time management during meetings.
- **Magistrate Misconduct Allegation:** Idahosa, Esq. and Abdulateef Abdusalam raised complaints about inappropriate threats by a Magistrate. The Chairman assured members that the Security Agencies Relations Committee would take up the matter.
- **Inclusion for Persons with Disabilities:** Mr. Olanrewaju Adebayo called for stronger implementation of laws protecting persons living with

disabilities and recommended the formation of an Inclusion Committee.

- **Insurance Policy for 2025:** The Chairman announced that negotiations are ongoing for a better insurance package, with feedback from members welcomed.







APRIL KSS BY AFOLABI SOLEBO, ESQ.

Topic: Consumer Protection In Lagos State



Brief History of the Lagos State Consumer Protection Agency (LASCOPA)

LASCOPA started as a unit in the Ministry of Justice in the administration of former Governor Bola Ahmed Tinubu. The Lagos State Consumer Protection Law 2015 created LASCOPA as an independent agency within the Ministry of Justice and became fully functional in 2018.

Mandate – to protect the rights of consumers within Lagos State.

Rights of Consumers

- Right to information
- Right to safety
- Right to choose
- Right to seek redress
- Right to education and awareness

Responsibilities of Consumers

- Making personal decision about goods and services required.
- Products must be safe with date of production clearly stated, NAFDAC number.
- Voice out their needs and concerns.
- Responsible.
- Give feedback on products to agencies like LASCOPA

Consumers must take action

Collaborative Efforts of LASCOPA with other Bodies

LASCOPA collaborates with NAFDAC, SON, MAN, the Nigeria Police Force, Lagos Chamber of Commerce, and the judiciary.

Adoption of ADR

LASCOPA engages in mediation to settle disputes between consumers and product/service providers.

Where mediation fails, the agency prosecutes consumer infractions in court on behalf of the consumer.

Brief Track record of LASCOPA

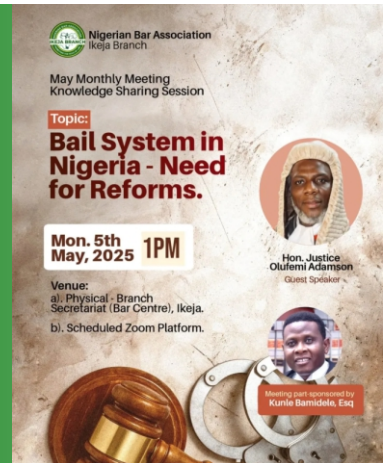
The agency has resolved over 9,000 complaints in favour of consumers. Total sum of money recovered by the agency on behalf of consumers is over 400 million from inception till date (date of presentation of the lecture) covering insurance, electricity, mediation of electricity disputes bothering on transformers, banking (reversal of erroneous transfers), automobiles disputes bothering on warranties, aviation, online marketing, real estate etc. compensation for failure to deliver service on time, etc

LASCOPA'S Commitment

LASCOPA is committed to enforcing consumer protection laws, and therefore, consumers should not suffer in silence. They protect consumers against unscrupulous trade practices, unsafe products, engage in public education and enlightenment on consumer protection issues, resolve consumer protection issues using mediation and conciliation, and litigation where ADR fails.

The speaker concluded by encouraging consumers to be aware of the rights and seek redress from LASCOPA when necessary.

NBA IKEJA BRANCH MAY 2025 MEETING SUMMARY



MATTERS ARISING

- **E-Filing Room Support:** The Chairman reiterated the Branch's plan to set up a fully functional e-filing room to assist members navigating the Lagos State Judiciary JIS platform. He encouraged members to donate IT gadgets and computers for both the e-filing room and the library.
- **Update on Harassment Complaint:** The Chairman expressed disappointment over the lack of follow-through from Mr. Bright Idahosa on the harassment complaint raised against a Magistrate. Despite the Branch's willingness to intervene, Mr. Idahosa's reluctance hampered the process. Members were urged to remain courageous and committed when the Branch stands to protect them.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report

Presented by Ayodeji Olabiwonnu, Esq., the report captured the Branch's activities in April and was adopted by motion.

The Chairman praised **Tigress FC**, the female football team of the Branch, for finishing as **second runners-up** at the 2025 NBA Lagos Premier Bar League. He also commended Chief Emeka Ozoani, SAN for donating ₦1,000,000 to support the team.

Additional donations towards the upcoming AGC football tournament were received from:

- Chief Emeka Ozoani, SAN – ₦1,000,00
- Rilwan Alli, Esq. (Diaspora) – ₦300,000

Welfare Report

- Mrs. Folakemi Jegede, Welfare Secretary, reported increased health awareness among members due to the monthly health checks. A visiting Optometrist stressed the importance of regular eye exams to prevent avoidable blindness.

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Ganiyat Adisa, Esq. and duly adopted.

CO-OPTED EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

The Chairman announced the co-option of five members into the Branch Executive Committee:

Statutory: Seyi Olawumi, Esq., Issa Adedokun, Esq., and Bunmi Ogunmodede, Esq.

Nominated: Matthew Ero, Esq. and Biola Hamzat, Esq.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGC Planning Committee

Tope Adebayo reported good progress, including secured accommodation and negotiations with airlines. He donated ₦3,000,000 to support Branch participation at the Enugu conference.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Access to Justice Committee:

- New Membership & Data Committee constituted.

- Access to Justice Committee was reintroduced, headed by Otunba Olumide Oniyire, SAN, to tackle corruption and inefficiencies in the justice system.

- Members including Lanre Adebayo, Chibuzor Aguocha, Femi Falana SAN, and Evans Duru voiced strong support for the committee, suggesting reforms in lawyer conduct, staff training, accessibility for persons with disabilities, and soul-searching within the Bar.

- The Chairman called for volunteers, while Mr. Falana offered to host a session on best practices from other African jurisdictions.

Proliferation of Court Touts:

- Members raised alarm about touts operating openly within court premises, enabled by judiciary staff.

- The Security Agencies Relations Committee, chaired by Seyi Olawumi, is already conducting sting operations to curb the menace.

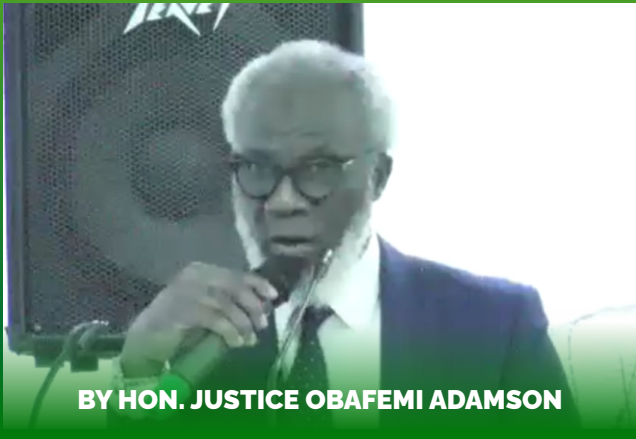
- **Appeal for Support (Deceased Member's Hospital Bill):**
- Akin Elegbede raised the issue of a deceased member's corpse being held by LUTH due to unpaid medical bills totaling ₦14 million. Though ₦6

million has been raised, the hospital demands ₦5 million more.

- Femi Falana, SAN declared it criminal to hold a corpse and offered to take up the matter pro bono if the body is not released within seven days.

MAY KNOWLEDGE SHARING SESSION DELIVERED

Topic: BAIL AND THE NEED FOR REFORM IN NIGERIA



BY HON. JUSTICE OBAFEMI ADAMSON

The presentation commenced with the purpose of bail, which is to ensure attendance of trial by a defendant. Section 264 of ACJL allows for a defendant to be remanded for 30 days and that where there is no application or filing of information by the Directorate of Public Prosecution, the Magistrates could be asked to elongate the number of days by another 30 days.

Duty of Counsel Representing Defendant

The Defence counsel has a duty to remind the court of its duty to release the Defendant after 30 days of remand in line with the court's discretion, and make the

same application for unconditional release where the Defendant was not released initially.

Factors Courts Consider in Granting Bail

1. The nature of the charge.
2. The strength of the evidence, which supports the charge
3. The gravity of the punishment in the event of conviction
4. The previous criminal records of the defendant
5. The likelihood of the defendant jumping bail.
6. The likelihood of the defendant interfering with witnesses of the prosecution
7. The likelihood of the defendant destroying evidence
8. The likelihood of the defendant committing another offence
9. Detention for the protection of the defendant
10. The necessity to procure medical or social report pending final disposal of the suit.

Bail Reforms

Adopting ICT is critical to the speedy administration of criminal justice. He





QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. The Tigress of the football team concluded their participation in the NBA Lagos- Premier Bar League 2025 and came out with a victory of 2nd runner up with the cash sum of N750,000.002.
2. The football teams have been actively training weekly on Thursday @4pm and Saturday between 6:30 am- 8:30am.
3. The male team participated in 3 friendly matches.
4. In preparation for the AGC female team participated in a friendly match with the NBA Lagos female team, on a full field play.
5. Preparation for the AGC football competition by both male & female teams is in top gear.



enjoined the court to use ICT in bail administration. This will ensure efficiency, transparency and fairness in the administration of bail and the judicial process in general.

The licensed bondsmen scheme - was introduced into the Lagos State Judiciary as a key reform to enhance the bail system. This has brought to an end the use of unregistered and unlicensed sureties which negatively affects the effectiveness of sureties.

Bail Information Management System - Registration of sureties on the Bail Information Management System is a criteria by some courts as part of bail conditions. This is consistent with S. 118 (2) of the ACJL.

Biometrics Scanners - helps in capturing and verifying key biometrics of sureties.

Criminal Information System - a database that creates information of defendants who have earlier been convicted of crimes, awaiting trial or undergoing trial. This will help the court in applying its discretion in the grant of bail.

Courts should consider use of NIN and BVN for tracking of defendant. Legal practitioners have a lot to do to ensure that their application for bail is seamless and fast. Legal practitioners are to be fast and proactive in providing the likely persons they intend to use as sureties for

the Defendant and providing all necessary information and attaching all necessary documents to ease the exercise of the court's discretion. Onerous bail conditions are imposed due to the failure of lawyers to put before the court necessary information to sway the mind of the court.

Conclusion

Adopting ICT is necessary for improvement of administration of bail.

**NBA IKEJA BRANCH EXECUTIVE
& FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
VISIT DELOITTE NIGERIA**

In a show of appreciation and strategic engagement, the Executive Committee of the NBA Ikeja Branch, in collaboration with its Finance Advisory Committee, paid a courtesy visit to Deloitte Nigeria on Thursday, 8th May 2025.

The visit was organized as a formal expression of gratitude to Deloitte for its invaluable support and expert contribution to the Finance Advisory Committee's webinar held on 27th March 2025. The webinar, which focused on smart investment strategies and financial planning for legal professionals, featured a seasoned expert from Deloitte who delivered practical insights on financial independence and long-term stability.

Led by members of the Branch Executive and the Advisory Committee, the delegation was warmly received by the Deloitte team in an atmosphere that

reflected professionalism, mutual respect, and shared interest in advancing financial literacy within the legal community.

The visit also served as an opportunity to deepen the existing relationship between the NBA Ikeja Branch and Deloitte, with both parties expressing optimism about future collaborations that would further empower members of the legal profession in areas of financial growth, business development, and professional excellence.

WELFARE COMMITTEE WEBINAR: MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING IN LAW

The Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Ikeja Branch, successfully held a virtual webinar titled *"Mental Health & Well-being in Law"* on the 30th of May, 2025.

The online session, organized by the Branch's Welfare Committee, attracted legal practitioners from across Nigeria, all seeking answers to the quiet struggles that often accompany life in the legal profession—burnout, emotional fatigue, and the elusive work-life balance.

The keynote speaker, **Dr. Oluwakemi Akintoyese**, a seasoned clinical psychologist, delivered a compelling presentation that tackled the mental health crisis within the legal sector. She highlighted the emotional weight

lawyers carry daily and emphasized the importance of self-care, stress management, and building support systems within the profession.

"You cannot pour from an empty cup," Dr. Akintoyese said. *"Lawyers must learn to draw boundaries and recognize that taking care of their mental health is a professional obligation—not a personal luxury."*

The Chairman of NBA Ikeja, Mr. Quadri Adeniyi, commended the Welfare Committee for what he described as "a timely and necessary intervention." He noted that the NBA must go beyond statutory duties and begin to cater to the holistic well-being of its members.

Participants expressed deep appreciation for the session, describing it as "insightful," "eye-opening," and "long overdue."

For those who missed the session, we have made the full recording available online.

Watch the full webinar by typing the following url link in your browser: <http://bit.ly/4nzUFhU>

As the conversation around mental health in the legal field gains momentum, the NBA Ikeja Branch is taking the lead in ensuring that lawyers are not just successful—but also sane, safe, and supported.

NBA IKEJA BRANCH - WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT

2nd Quarter Report (April – June 2025)

From the Desk of the Welfare Secretary,
Folakemi Jegede, Esq

Dear Learned Silks, Seniors, and
Esteemed Members,

Warm greetings from the Welfare
Committee of the Nigerian Bar
Association, Ikeja Branch.

As part of our ongoing mandate to care
for the health, wellness, and overall
wellbeing of our members, both in their
personal lives and professional practice,
we are pleased to present the summary
of our activities for the second quarter of
the year—April through June 2025.

1. Monthly Medical Check-Ups – Prioritizing Preventive Care

We continued our monthly medical
check-up initiative, providing critical
health screening and awareness for our
members. In each month of this quarter,
no fewer than 100 members benefited.
This quarter, we offered:

- Free Eye Tests
- Fibroid Screening for our female
members

- Hepatitis B and HIV Testing
- General tests including blood
pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar,
and more.

2. Health Insurance Support – Standing with Our Families

We remain committed to providing
some measure of comfort to the families
of our late members. In this quarter, we
successfully facilitated insurance
payouts of ₦1,000,000 each to four
bereaved families under the Branch
Group Insurance Scheme. As well as
₦3,000,000 for one of the family from
the national group life insurance.

3. Mental Health Webinar – Caring for the Mind

In commemoration of Mental Health
Day, the Committee hosted a mental
wellness webinar featuring renowned
clinical psychologist, Dr. Oluwakemi
Akintoyese. The session focused on
mental health and well being in legal
practice. The turnout was impressive,
and the feedback overwhelmingly
positive.

4. Health Walk – Fit in Law, Fit in Life

On the 28th of June, we organized a 15km Health Walk with the theme "Fit in Law, Fit in Life." It was an energizing day of exercise, networking, and community bonding, affirming our commitment to holistic health and wellness in the legal profession and it was an avenue to shed some calories and keep fit as well as bond with other members.

5. Visitation & Support – A Branch That Cares

True to our commitment to empathy and solidarity, the Welfare Committee continued its visitation and support to members who are bereaved or managing difficult family circumstances. We extended both physical presence and heartfelt care in such times.

In Closing:

We thank every member of our great branch for your support, participation, and feedback. The Welfare Committee remains resolute in ensuring that every lawyer in Ikeja Branch feels seen, supported, and strengthened.

Let us continue to look out for one another as we pursue excellence in law and in life.

Warm regards,

Folakemi Jegede, Esq

Welfare Secretary, NBA Ikeja Branch

On behalf of the Welfare Committee

NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION- IKEJA BRANCH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (2024- 2026) REPORT FOR THE 2ND QUARTER 2025

Introduction

The Human Rights Committee of the Nigeria Bar Association has continued in its commitment in ensuring justice for the indigent and vulnerable members within its jurisdiction. The committee carried out the following activities in the 2nd quarter:

LEGAL CLINIC

The committee also attended to over 60 persons in a one -on-one basis at its Legal clinic which holds every forth night. The Committee was able to successfully resolve about complaints while the others are still ongoing.

CORRECTIONAL CENTER VISITATION

On the 19th of May, 2025, the committee visited the special correctional center for boys, Oregun where 19 boys who could not afford legal representation were interviewed and their cases taken up

SCHOOL SENSITIZATION

On the 27th of May, 2025 the committee in collaboration with other NGOs joined a Sensitisation and awareness program for the students of Ikeja High school. The talk centered on the dangers and

realities of human trafficking. The program had over 400 participants in attendance.

POLICE STATION DECONDESTRUCTION EXERCISE

Members of the Human Right's Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association Ikeja branch Lagos headed first to the state command at Ikeja Lagos on the 29th day of May 2025 at about 10:30 am despite the heavy downpour of rain. On the

• STATE COMMAND

The team was warmly received by the Police public relations officer in the person of CSP Benjamin Hundeyin and other officers present.

About 41 persons were interviewed and recommendations were made for release, bail and arraignment of the detainees in accordance with the laws.

The Police command needs serious follow up on suspects rights and the education on our criminal laws and procedures.

The cell/detention facility was very dirty and the inmates were very unkempt with no care for them nor their environment. The suspects who need medical intervention should be so given and the various IPOs should be urged to work on their cases timeously as justice delayed is justice denied.

The team further observed that some suspects were arrested for offences unknown to law and most of them had stayed beyond the period allowed by law without arraignment.

The team will pay regular visits to the State Command to ensure that the rights of suspects are upheld as enshrined in our constitution and criminal laws.

• **AREA F**

The team also visited Area F, Ikeja on the 29th of May, 2025 where the team was welcomed by CSP Akinwunmi Oke- the DPO of the Ikeja police Division] and his team of officers.

15 detainees were interviewed and on the intervention of the team, 4 persons were released immediately. The others were recommended for bail and arraignment.

The cells/detention facility was quite neat, the welfare and medicals of the inmates was made a priority to the officers.

The team spoke with the superior

officers who gave the assurance that the cases will be attended to accordingly and necessary legal actions will be taken.

AREA H OGUDU

On the 25th of June, 2025, the committee visited Area H, Ogudu.

ALAPERE POLICE STATION and KETU POLICE STATION

ORIENTATION FOR RETURNEES

On the 29th of May, 2025, the committee was ably represented by a member at the Igando orientation camp for returnees where the returnees were taught their rights and duties.

COURT CASES

- The Committee appeared in the following cases in the period in view
- COP V OMOTAYO OSIBOGUN & ORS 3/04/25, 23/04/25 - Struck out on the 23/04/25
- COP v SEYI FATUROTU (charge no. FCY/C15/25.) Court 3, Ebute Metta.
- On the 23/05/2025, 30/05/25, 11/06/25, 23/06/25, 30/06/25
- COPVs SAMAD HAMZAT AGE: 14yrs
- OFFENCE: disruption of peace, illegal association etc
- On the 27/05/25, 26/06/25
- On the 26th of June, 2025, the Defendant was released and the case was struck out
- COP v VICTOR EKPO BROWN (FCY/C22/25) Court 3, Ebute Metta
- On the 30/05/25, 3/06/25, 11/06/25.
- On the 11th of June, 2025, the

Defendant was released and the case was struck out

- COP v MIRACLE SAMSON - STEALING
- COP v. ORIOLA OLAMIDE (STEALING) 30/06/25
- COP V AUWAL AHMED & DESTNY VICTOR (DEFILEMENT) 04/06/25, 18/06/25
- COP v CHUKS PROMISE - STEALING 30/06/25
- COP V BASIT ANISERE AND 3 OTHERS (ARMED ROBBERY AND ATTEMPTED MURDER -19/06/25
- C O P V H A R U N A J I M O H (DEFILEMENT) 10/06/25

VISITATIONS ON BEHALF OF COMPLAINANTS

The HRC visited NAPTIP on behalf of a complainant whose international passports were seized.

.The committee also visited the LORD'S CHOSEN CHARISMATIC REVIVAL MINISTRY twice in the month of June 2025 on the case of a complainant who was unjustly treated after the loss of his eyes in the course of duty at the ministry. In the month of June, the committee also thought it important to visit the office of the DPP but the DPP denied the team audience as the team got to the DPP's office later than scheduled due to an emergency situation.

SENSITIZATION WALK AND RALLY

On the 25th of April, 2025, the committee joined other organisations to walk to the CP's office against child sexual abuse.

On the 12th of June, 2025, there was a DEMOCRACY DAY RALLY. The Committee monitored the rally organised by the Endbad governance Movement.

HUMAN RIGHTS SUMMIT FOR THE WESTERN ZONE

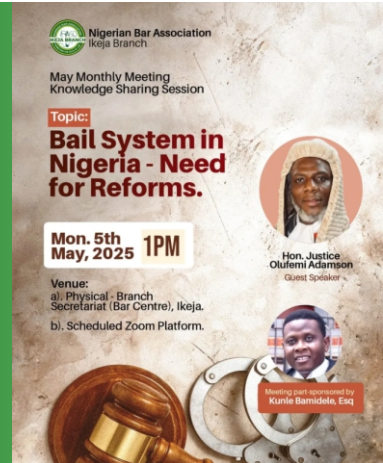
The committee was represented by the Chairperson and some committee members at a Human Rights Summit which held at Ibadan on the 4-5th of June 2025. Key stakeholders from the western zone were duly represented. Discussions were robust and very insightful. The committee duly conveyed its road map for a better administration of criminal justice delivery and system in Nigeria

Thank you.

CHINENYE UDEH ESQ.
CHAIRPERSON

CLEMENTINA OLANIYAN
SECRETARY

NBA IKEJA BRANCH JUNE 2025 MEETING SUMMARY



MATTERS ARISING

Adoption of Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the May 2025 meeting were reviewed by Ayodeji Olabiwonnu, Esq., and adopted following a motion by Chief Samson Omodara and seconded by Adesola Bello, Esq.

MCPD Compliance:

The Chairman reminded members of the NEC directive on MCPD credit points. Members were encouraged to take advantage of the Branch's CLE seminars.

Olaitan Komolafe, Esq. suggested accrediting the monthly Knowledge Sharing Sessions. The Chairman noted accreditation requires meeting certain parameters and assured the suggestion would be considered.

REPORTS

1. Knowledge Sharing Session

Facilitator: *Mr. Yemi Akangbe, SAN*

Topic: "The Strategic Use of Injunctions Under the Arbitration and Mediation Act, 2023"

Session included a Q&A segment.

2. Secretariat Report

Presented by: *Ayodeji Olabiwonnu, Esq.*

Adopted by motion of James Akhigbe, Esq. and seconded by Prince MKO Onamade.

Key Highlight: MCPD compliance reminder and discussion on accreditation of Branch programs.

3. Treasurer's Report

Presented by: *Ganiyat Adisa, Esq.*

Adopted by motion of Olusegun Okhiku, Esq. and seconded by Chika Okolie, Esq.

4. Committee Reports

a. Human Rights Committee

Presenter: *Chinenye Udeh, Esq.*

Commended by Chibuzor Agwuocha, Esq. who advised permanent documentation and naming erring officers for deterrence.

b. Annual General Conference Planning Committee

Update by: *Kayode Oyemakinde, Esq.*

- Air Peace 20% flight discount secured.
- Hotel arrangements concluded.
- Fees schedule to be circulated.

c. Law Week Committee

Presenter: *Linda Igiewe, Esq.*

- Law Week scheduled for 11th – 17th

July, 2025

- Venues: Marriott Hotel, Providence Hotel, and the Bar Centre.
- Further details to be shared on Branch platforms.

d. Welfare Committee

Presenter: *Folakemi Jegede, Esq.*

- Webinar on Mental Health and Wellbeing successfully held.
- Ongoing insurance benefits disbursement.
- Encouragement for members to prioritize health.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Dress Code Compliance

- Dress Code Committee inaugurated.
- Dr. Monday Ubani, SAN urged education before punishment.
- Mr. Chibuzor Agwuocha suggested expanding to include etiquette.
- James Akhigbe, Esq. disagreed, citing Ethics & Disciplinary Committee already handles such.
- Chief Omodara advised cooperation between Dress Code and Ethics Committees.
- Mr. Kayode Enitan, SAN tasked all 15+ year lawyers with enforcing compliance.

2. Police Interference with Court Judgement – Kembu's Case

- Mr. Adejare Kembu reported illegal eviction of his client by Police after lawful judgment enforcement.
- Oludare Falana, Esq. corroborated and condemned the Police action.
- Seyi Olawumi, Esq. (Chair, SARC) assured the matter would be taken up.
- Mr. Dave Ajetumobi called for public exposure of the incident.
- The Chairman mandated SARC to investigate and report back.

3. NBA Ikeja Women Forum

Adesola Bello, Esq. introduced as Forum Leader.

She encouraged participation from female members and support from the entire Branch.

4. Sexual Harassment Reports

Chairman warned that any future reports would be addressed firmly.

Victims would be empowered to gather evidence and perpetrators held accountable.

5. Recognition of Chief Kunle Awoma

Honoured for being installed as High Chief Awoma of Ebi Awoma, Imoru Land, Ondo State.





NBA IKEJA: JOINT COMMITTEE COURT INSPECTION VISIT



On Tuesday, 24th June 2025, a joint delegation comprising members of the Dress Code Committee, Access to Justice Committee, Publicity Committee, Disciplinary Committee, and the Security Agencies Relations Committee (SARC), alongside Executive Members of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Ikeja Branch, undertook a comprehensive court inspection exercise at the Ogba Magistrate Court, Lagos. The team was led by the Branch Chairman, Mr. Adeniyi Quadri.

The objective of the visit was to monitor court proceedings, ensure compliance with the approved dress code for legal practitioners, address instances of unbecoming conduct by a few members of the bench towards lawyers, and assess the general condition of the court environment.

The delegation paid a courtesy visit to the Chief Magistrate, during which a robust and constructive engagement was held on the team's mission. The inspection further extended to other courtrooms, as well as the registry.



Of particular concern was the state of the High Court Registry, which was found to be congested, poorly ventilated, and overcrowded. These challenges were duly noted and will form part of the issues to be presented for deliberation with the Honourable Chief Judge.

Overall, the inspection was a productive and purposeful exercise. It reaffirmed the commitment of the NBA Ikeja Branch to upholding the dignity of the legal profession, preserving the sanctity of the courts, and ensuring that the temple of justice remains a place of order, respect, and decorum.

NBA IKEJA BRANCH — WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT

2nd Quarter Report (April – June 2025)

- From the Desk of the Welfare Secretary, **Folakemi Jegede, Esq**



Dear Learned Silks, Seniors, and Esteemed Members,

Warm greetings from the Welfare Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association, Ikeja Branch.

As part of our ongoing mandate to care for the health, wellness, and overall wellbeing of our members, both in their personal lives and professional practice, we are pleased to present the summary of our activities for the second quarter of the year—April through June 2025.

1. Monthly Medical Check-Ups – Prioritizing Preventive Care

We continued our monthly medical check-up initiative, providing critical health screening and awareness for our members. In each month of this quarter, no fewer than 100 members benefited. This quarter, we offered:

- Free Eye Tests
- Fibroid Screening for our female members
- Hepatitis B and HIV Testing
- General tests including blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, and more.

2. Health Insurance Support – Standing with Our Families

We remain committed to providing some measure of comfort to the families of our late members. In this quarter, we successfully facilitated insurance payouts of ₦1,000,000 each to four bereaved families under the Branch Group Insurance Scheme. As well as ₦3,000,000 for one of the family from the national group life insurance.

3. Mental Health Webinar – Caring for the Mind

In commemoration of Mental Health Day, the Committee hosted a mental wellness webinar featuring renowned clinical psychologist, Dr. Oluwakemi Akintoyese. The session focused on mental health and well being in legal practice. The turnout was impressive, and the feedback overwhelmingly positive.

4. Health Walk – Fit in Law, Fit in Life

On the 28th of June, we organized a 15km Health Walk with the theme "Fit in Law, Fit in Life." It was an energizing day of exercise, networking, and community bonding, affirming our commitment to



holistic health and wellness in the legal profession and it was an avenue to shed some calories and keep fit as well as bond with other members.

5. Visitation & Support – A Branch That Cares

True to our commitment to empathy and solidarity, the Welfare Committee continued its visitation and support to members who are bereaved or managing difficult family circumstances. We extended both physical presence and heartfelt care in such times.

In Closing:

We thank every member of our great branch for your support, participation, and feedback. The Welfare Committee remains resolute in ensuring that every lawyer in Ikeja Branch feels seen, supported, and strengthened.

Let us continue to look out for one another as we pursue excellence in law and in life.



Warm regards,

Folakemi Jegede, Esq

Welfare Secretary, NBA Ikeja Branch

On behalf of the Welfare Committee.

NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION- IKEJA BRANCH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (2024- 2026) REPORT FOR THE 2ND QUARTER 2025

Introduction

The Human Rights Committee of the Nigeria Bar Association has continued in its commitment in ensuring justice for the indigent and vulnerable members within its jurisdiction. The committee carried out the following activities in the 2nd quarter:

LEGAL CLINIC

The committee also attended to over 60 persons in a one -on-one basis at its Legal clinic which holds every forth night. The Committee was able to successfully resolve about complaints while the others are still ongoing.

CORRECTIONAL CENTER VISITATION

On the 19th of May, 2025, the committee visited the special correctional center for boys, Oregun where 19 boys who could not afford legal representation were interviewed and their cases taken up

SCHOOL SENSITIZATION

On the 27th of May, 2025 the committee in collaboration with other NGOs joined a Sensitisation and awareness program for the students of Ikeja High school. The

talk centered on the dangers and realities of human trafficking. The program had over 400 participants in attendance.

POLICE STATION DECONDESTION EXERCISE

Members of the Human Right's Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association Ikeja branch Lagos headed first to the state command at Ikeja Lagos on the 29th day of May 2025 at about 10;30 am despite the heavy downpour of rain. On the

• STATE COMMAND

The team was warmly received by the Police public relations officer in the person of CSP Benjamin Hundeyin and other officers present.

About 41 persons were interviewed and recommendations were made for release, bail and arraignment of the detainees in accordance with the laws.

The Police command needs serious follow up on suspects rights and the education on our criminal laws and procedures.

The cell/detention facility was very dirty and the inmates were very unkempt with no care for them nor their environment. The suspects who need medical intervention should be so given and the various IPOs should be urged to work on their cases timeously as justice delayed is justice denied.

The team further observed that some suspects were arrested for offences unknown to law and most of them had stayed beyond the period allowed by law without arraignment.

The team will pay regular visits to the State Command to ensure that the rights of suspects are upheld as enshrined in our constitution and criminal laws.

• **AREA F**

The team also visited Area F, Ikeja on the 29th of May, 2025 where the team was welcomed by CSP Akinwunmi Oke- the DPO of the Ikeja police Division] and his team of officers.

15 detainees were interviewed and on the intervention of the team, 4 persons were released immediately. The others were recommended for bail and arraignment.

The cells/detention facility was quite neat, the welfare and medicals of the inmates was made a priority to the officers.

The team spoke with the superior

officers who gave the assurance that the cases will be attended to accordingly and necessary legal actions will be taken.

AREA H OGUDU

On the 25th of June, 2025, the committee visited Area H, Ogudu.

ALAPERE POLICE STATION and KETU POLICE STATION

ORIENTATION FOR RETURNEES

On the 29th of May, 2025, the committee was ably represented by a member at the Igando orientation camp for returnees where the returnees were taught their rights and duties.

COURT CASES

- The Committee appeared in the following cases in the period in view
COP V OMOTAYO OSIBOGUN & ORS 3/04/25, 23/04/25 - Struck out on the 23/04/25

- COP v SEYI FATUROTU (charge no. FCY/C15/25.) Court 3, Ebute Metta.

On the 23/05/2025, 30/05/25, 11/06/25, 23/06/25, 30/06/25

- COP Vs SAMAD HAMZAT AGE: 14yrs
OFFENCE: disruption of peace, illegal association etc

On the 27/05/25, 26/06/25

On the 26th of June, 2025, the Defendant was released and the case was struck out

- COP v VICTOR EKPO BROWN (FCY/C22/25) Court 3, Ebute Metta

On the 30/05/25, 3/06/25, 11/06/25.

On the 11th of June, 2025, the Defendant





was released and the case was struck out

- COP v MIRACLE SAMSON-STEALING
- COP v. ORIOLA OLAMIDE (STEALING) 30/06/25
- COP V AUWAL AHMED & DESTNY VICTOR (DEFILEMENT) 04/06/25, 18/06/25
- COP v CHUKS PROMISE - STEALING 30/06/25
- COP V BASIT ANISERE AND 3 OTHERS (ARMED ROBBERY AND ATTEMPTED MURDER -19/06/25
- C O P V H A R U N A J I M O H (DEFILEMENT) 10/06/25

VISITATIONS ON BEHALF OF COMPLAINANTS

The HRC visited NAPTIP on behalf of a complainant whose international passports were seized.

The committee also visited the LORD'S CHOSEN CHARISMATIC REVIVAL MINISTRY twice in the month of June 2025 on the case of a complainant who was unjustly treated after the loss of his eyes in the course of duty at the ministry

In the month of June, the committee also thought it important to visit the office of the DPP but the DPP denied the team audience as the team got to the DPP's office later than scheduled due to an emergency situation

SENSITIZATION WALK AND RALLY

On the 25th of April, 2025, the committee joined other organisations to walk to the CP's office against child sexual abuse.

On the 12th of June, 2025, there was a DEMOCRACY DAY RALLY. The Committee monitored the rally organised by the Endbad governance Movement.

HUMAN RIGHTS SUMMIT FOR THE WESTERN ZONE

The committee was represented by the Chairperson and some committee members at a Human Rights Summit which held at Ibadan on the 4-5th of June 2025. Key stakeholders from the western zone were duly represented. Discussions were robust and very insightful. The committee duly conveyed its road map for a better administration of criminal justice delivery and system in Nigeria

Thank you.

CHINENYE UDEH ESQ.
CHAIRPERSON

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SECRETARY

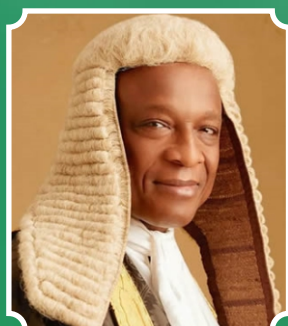


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LEGAL PUZZLE:

The Case of the Silent Signature

You are a young lawyer at a mid-sized law firm in Lagos. One afternoon, your principal, Mr. Ogunleye, hands you a document to file at the High Court. The document is a Statement of Claim in a land dispute. As you review it, you notice that the signature page shows only the name of a well-known SAN, but it is unsigned. Mr. Ogunleye insists that you file it immediately, saying the SAN had “verbally approved” the content and will “sign later.”

You hesitate. You're aware that filing court processes without proper signatures could violate the Rules of Professional Conduct. You also know that Mr. Ogunleye is known to be close friends with the SAN.

You have three options:

- A. File the document as instructed and hope the SAN signs later.
- B. Refuse to file it until the SAN personally signs.
- C. File it, but include a covering letter indicating the signature is pending.

But here's the twist:

You later discover that the SAN was **not aware** of the document at all and did not **authorize** its preparation or filing.

QUESTIONS:

1. Which option should you have chosen, based on your obligations under the Rules of Professional Conduct for Legal Practitioners in Nigeria?
2. What ethical violations are potentially involved?
3. What disciplinary consequences might follow for:
 - You, the associate?
 - Mr. Ogunleye, your principal?

Send your answers to **publicity@nbaikeja.ng** winners would be announced at the next e-Newsletter Edition



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