

Bola Adesumbo Ajibola – CURRICULUM VITAE

Bola Adesumbo Ajibola, S.A.N; F.C.I.Arb; F.N.A.I.L.S; LLB; B.L; LL.D (H.C); D. Litt. (H.C.); D. Agric (H.C); KBE; CFR.

SCHOOLS ATTENDED:

Owu Baptist Day School, Ago-Owu, Abeokuta, Nigeria
(1942 –1949)

Baptist Boys' High School, Oke Egunya, Abeokuta, Nigeria
(1950–1955)

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION:

Holborn College of law, University of London (1959 – 1962)
Council of Legal Education – Inns of Court London (1959 – 1962)
Honorable Barrister-at-Law of Lincoln's Inn, London
(Called to Bar on 27 November 1962)

INTERNATIONAL POSTS:

President and Judge of the world Bank Administrative Tribunal (Washington D.C and London) 1994-2005.

Arbitrator / Commissioner for the Boundary Dispute between Ethiopia and Eritrea (EEBC)

Chairman of the Nigerian Delegation, Cameroon / Nigeria Mixed Commission, set up to resolve the boundary dispute between the two countries after the International Court of Justice Judgment of 10 October 2002.

Judge of the International Court of Justice, The Hague, 5 December 1991 to February 1994, appointed judge ad hoc in the case concerning the Land and Maritime Boundary between Cameroon and Nigeria (Cameroon v. Nigeria) 12 April 1994 – 10 October 2002

Nigeria High Commissioner to the United Kingdom;
10 November 1999 – 8 March 2002

Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Sarajevo) – 1994 – 2001

Member of the Panel of commissioners of United Nations Compensation Commission set up to review the claim submitted by the Government of Kuwait and other Governments and Corporations against the Government of Iraq as a result of the Gulf War (Geneva) – 1994 – 2000

Member, Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague, Netherlands

Member of the steering Committee of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague, Netherlands

Member of the Governing Board of International Maritime Law Institute of The International Maritime Organisation (Malta)

President of World Association of Judges of the world Jurist Association (Washington D.C)

Arbitrator: Court of Arbitration for Sports: CAS Ad hoc Division for the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur, 1998: Ad Hoc Division for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

President, Pan African Council of London Court of International Arbitration (1994 – 1999)

Member, International Law Commission, United Nations, Geneva, (1986 – 1991)

Member International Court of Arbitration of the ICC, Paris (1975-1999)

Vice-Chairman; the Commission on International Arbitration ICC, Paris.

Member; International Maritime Arbitration Commission, Paris.

Member of the Board of Trustees of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (The Hague, The Netherlands)

Members of Board of Directors of the International Development Law Institute (Rome)

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (London)

Member of the Editorial Advisory Board, University of Buckingham (England)

Honorable Bencher of the Lincoln's Inn

Honorary Vice-President, Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa)

Member of International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes from 1999.

POSTS IN LEGAL PROFESSION AND OTHERS IN NIGERIA:

Honorable Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, Federal Republic of Nigeria, 12 September 1985-4 December 1991

President, Nigerian Bar Association, 1984-1985

President, Association of Arbitrators of Nigeria, 1974-1999

Vice-Chairman, Body of Benchers, 1989-1990

Chairman, Body of Benchers 1990-1991

Life Bencher from 1991

Chairman, Disciplinary Committee of the Bar, 1985-1991

Chairman, General Council of the Bar, 1985-1991

Chairman, Body of senior Advocates of Nigeria, 1985-1991

Chairman, Advisory Committee of the Prerogative of Mercy (1989-1991)

Chairman of the Task Force for the Revision of the Laws of the Federation, 1990

Member, Nigeria Police Council 1989-1991

Member, Advisory Judicial Committee, 1985-1991.

Member, Judicial Service Committee (Abuja), 1987-1991.

Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Advance Legal Studies.

Chairman of the Human Rights Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association, 1980-1984.

Member of the Privileges Committee of the Bar responsible for selection of Senior Advocates of Nigeria (equivalent to Queen's Counsel in England) 1985-1991.

Chairman of the Commission of Inquiry into the Jos North Local Government Area crisis of 28 November 2008.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BETWEEN 1962-1985:

Legal Practitioner for twenty-three years, mostly in Lagos and also in other parts of Nigeria.

Principal Partner of Bola Ajibola & Co with Offices in Lagos. Ikeja, Abeokuta and Kaduna (Nigeria), 1967-1985.

Handled many cases from the lowest Courts (i.e. Magistrates and Customary Courts) to the highest Courts (i.e. Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Nigeria).

Defended the Surviving Crew in the Judicial Commission of Inquiry of the F28 Aircraft of the Nigerian Airways that crashed at Enugu on 28 November 1983.

Appeared before the Scania Bus Commission of Inquiry in 1971 on behalf of one of the Petitioners

Handled some Arbitration matters for IATA in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, as sole Arbitrator.

Appointed as Arbitrator in many Arbitration matters internationally, under the auspices of the International Court of Arbitration of ICC in Paris.

Also handled many arbitration matters in Nigeria.

LEGAL CONSULTANCY TO:

(1). Avon Cosmetics Ltd, Nigeria, 1994; (2). Masons Solicitors & Co. London. 1995; (3). Exxon Houston, Texas, U.S.A; 1997 (4). Arthur Andersen & Co; 1998.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED:

Temporary President of the United Nations General Assembly at its 17th Special Session on Narcotic Drugs, 21-23 February 1990.

Represented Africa in the Demonstration Trial on the Law of the sea (presided over by Judges from different parts of the world), Manila, Philippines, 1977.

Attended the World Peace Through Law Conferences, Washington D.C.; U.S.A. 1975; Madrid, Spain, 1979; Sao Paulo, Brazil, 1981; Cairo, Egypt, 1983; Berlin, Germany, 1985; Seoul, Korea, 1987, Beijing, China, 1990; Manila, Philippines, 1993; and Montreal, Canada, 1995; and South Africa, 1997.

Leader of the Nigerian Delegation to the Commonwealth Law Ministers Conference held on Harare, Zimbabwe, August 1986.

Legal Adviser to the Nigerian Delegation – 41st session of the United Nations General Assembly, October- December 1986.

Nigerian Representative on the Sixth Committee – 41st Session of the United Nation General Assembly, October-December 1986.

Leader of the Nigeria Delegation to the United States of America to conclude a treaty between the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Government of the United States of America on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (September 1989).

Attended Symposium on Refugees and Forced Population Displacements in Africa organized jointly by OAU and UNHCR, Addis Ababa, 8-10 September 1994.

Leader of Nigeria Delegation to the United Kingdom to conclude a treaty between the government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Government of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning the investigation and Prosecution of Crime and the Confiscation of the proceeds of crime; (September 1989).

Leader of the Nigerian Delegation to the World Conference on the Reform of Criminal law, Canada, 1987.

Leader of the Nigerian Delegation to the Commonwealth Law Ministers Conference held in Christ-Church, New Zealand, April 1990.

Leader of the Nigeria Delegation of the World Ministerial Drugs Summit in order to Reduce the Demand for Drugs and to Combat Cocaine Threat, London, April, 1990.

Leader of the Nigerian Delegation to the Islamic Republic of Iran for bilateral talks on Technical and legal Co-operation between the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Islamic Republic of Iran, March 1991.

Leader of the Nigerian Delegation to Algeria for bilateral talks on Technical and legal Co-operation between the Algerian Government and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1990.

Leader of the Nigerian Delegation to the 17th Session of the Asian, African and Legal Consultative Committee, Cairo, April, 1991.

Chairman, Working Committee, All Africa Law Ministers Conference, Cairo, April, 1991.

African Bar Association Conferences.

Qatar International Conference as part of the activities marking the Decade of International Law, March 1994.

International Bar Association Conference in Berlin 1980 and New Orleans U.S.A. 1993.

REGIONAL CO-OPERATION:

Initiated the first ever African Law Ministers Conference, Abuja, November 1989 (attended by 32 African Countries).

Chairman of the Meeting of ECOWAS Council of Law Ministers, Lagos, Nigeria, August 1990, where the treaty establishing the court for the Economic community of West Africa States was drafted, and agreed to by ECOWAS Law Ministers.

Leader of the Nigerian delegation to Ethiopia, representing the Nigerian Head of State (Who was then the Chairman of OAU) to attend the Ethiopian All-Party National Conference in that country, after attending the civil war in July 1991 in order to usher in peaceful and democratic transition.

ARTICLES PRESENTED IN VARIOUS JOURNALS:

“The Legal Perspective on National Environmental Control and Protection”. Delivered at the Workshop on National Environmental Control and Protection, 23 March, 1988 (Nigeria)

“The Attorney-General; Powers, Duties and the Administration of Law”. Delivered at the Ogun State University, Ago-Iwoye, Nigeria, 15 April, 1988

“Problem of Citizenship and Fundamental Right in Nigeria”. Delivered at the Nigeria Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, 27 April, 1988

“Law and Social Justice”. Delivered at the Seminar of the Human Rights Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association, 9 June, 1988

“Debt Conversion and Assets Trading”. Delivered at the International Workshop on Debt Conversion / asset Trading, 13 June, 1988

“Military Tribunals and the Concept of Justice”. Delivered at the Law Week Celebration of the University of Lagos Law Society, 27 June, 1988.

“Environmental Law and the Protection of the Atmosphere: The Legal Implication”. Delivered at the Faculty of Law, University of Ibadan.

“The Concept of Subjective or Objective Control of the Military in a Democratic Polity”. A Comparative Analysis of What the Practice is in Other Democracies of the World”. Delivered at the Nigerian Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies

“Lifting of Ban on Politics”. Delivered at the Nigerian Defense Academy Annual Conference on 10 July, 1989.

“National Security and Human Rights: The Challenges for the Third Republic”. Delivered at the 1991 Nigerian Civil Service Lecture

“Contemporary International Law Issues: New Developments in International Arbitration I.C.J. Judgment in Guinea-Bissau v. Senegal”. Delivered at the SIL NVIR Second Joint Conference, 22 July 1993.

“International Arbitration – to be judicial or not to be judicial”
Development at the Faculty of Law, Leiden Journal of International Law on 9 September 1993.

“Corporate Ethics in perspective – Nigeria as a Case Study”

Delivered at the International Chamber of Commerce Conference.
Cancun, Mexico, 20 October 1993.

“International Court of Justice Today” Delivered at the World Jurists Association Conference, Manila, Philippines, 25 October 1993.

“Powers and Duties of Arbitrators”, Paper presented at the International Commercial Arbitration Seminar of the Study Group, Moller Centre, Churchill College, Cambridge, England (July 1994)

“Principles of Arbitration”, 1980

“New Concepts in the Resolution of Disputes in International Construction Contracts”, 1981.

Arbitration and State Enterprises – Case Study of Nigerian Cement Transaction”, 1983.

“Modernization of National Arbitration Laws in aid of International Commercial Arbitration”, 1984.

“The Law and Settlement of Commercial Disputes”, 1984

“Integration of the African Continent Through Law”, 1988.

“Scheme Relating to Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters and the Control of Criminal Activities within West Africa, 1990.

“Arbitrator’s Experience”, Paper Delivered at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Lagos. 1984

“The Legal Profession and You”, Paper delivered at the Nigerian Law School, Lagos. 1984

“Legal Perspective on Law and Psychiatry”, Paper delivered at Aro Mental Hospital in 1987.

“Arbitration Proceedings”.

EDITED WORKS

Editor, “Nigeria Treaties in Force”, 1970-1990

Editor, “All Nigeria Law Reports”, 1961-1990

Editor in-Chief, “Justice” – a Monthly Journal of Contemporary Legal Problems.

GENERAL EDITOR

Federal Ministry of Justice Law Review Series” (FMJLRS)

“Law Development and Administration of Justice system in Nigeria”, 1989.

”Narcotics, Law and Policy in Nigeria”, 1989.

”Compensation and Remedies for Victims of Crime”, 1989.

“Banking Frauds and Other Financial Malpractices in Nigeria”, 1989.

“Unification and Reform of Criminal Laws and Procedure Codes of Nigeria”, 1990.

“Women and Children Under Nigeria Law”, 1990.

“Customary Law in Nigeria”, 1991.

“Democracy and Law”.

“Dispute Resolution By International Court Of Justice”

PUBLICATIONS IN MY HONOUR

“Contemporary Issues in Nigerian Law” Essays in Honour of Judge Bola Ajibola, 1992

“Justinian of a Great Era”, (The road to The Hague), by Lai Joseph

Around the World with Bola Ajibola (Magna Curia Chambers, OAU, Ile-Ife) 2007.

PAPERS PUBLISHED

“Basis for Jurisdiction Before the International Court of Justice”,

contribution published in the book “Perspective on International Law”, in honour of the late Judge Manfred Lachs.

“Compliance with Judgments of International Court of Justice”, paper presented at the University of Leiden on the occasion of the presentation to Professor Schermers the Liber Amicorum on 7 October 1994.

“Protection of the Environment in Times of Armed Conflict”, paper presented at the QATER International Conference in March 1994 as part of the activities marking the Decade of International Law.

“The Role of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in International Arbitration in 1993 and beyond”, presented at the First Conference of Members of the permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague, Netherlands, 10 September 1993.

“Human Rights Agenda for a Stable 21st Century”, presented during the Martyrs’ week the Sakordie, Koranteng, Adjepong Memorial Lectures, under the auspices of Ghana Bar Association, Accra Ghana, June 1996.

“The role of Judiciary in a changing Africa”. Delivered at the World Jurist Association Conference, Cape Town, South Africa, January 1997

“Judicial Independence Under Colonial Rule”, presented at the World Jurists Association Conference, Cape Town, South Africa January 1997.

“The Judiciary and the Rule of Law”, presented at the Conference of the African Society for International and Comparative Law”, Abidjan, August 1997.

“Dispute Resolution by International Court of Justice”, University of Leiden Journal of International Law, 1997.

“Problems of Human Rights and Rule of Law in Africa”, Africa Legal Aid Quarterly.

Human Rights in Africa”, published in the Mélanges in Honour of Judge T.O. Elias.

“The International Court of Justice and Absent Third States”, African Year Book of International Law Volume 4, 1996, pp.85-102

CURRENT PAPERS DELIVERED

TREND OF ARBITRATION IN AFRICA

A keynote address presented at the colloquium on International Commercial Arbitration and African States, organized by the British Institute of International and Comparative Law and Kings College London on 4 June 2003 at the Senate House, University of London.

NIGERIAN POLITICS, WEALTH AND POVERTY

Paper delivered at the fourth Moshood Abiola Annual Lecture of the Moshood Abiola Polytechnic, Abeokuta on August 30, 2003

THE LAW AND SUSTENANCE OF DEMOCRACY

Keynote speech presented at the NBA (Lagos Branch) 2003 week programme on June, 25, 2003 at Lagos High Court.

DIRECTOR'S DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS

Keynote address at the Member's Evening of the Institute of Directors, Nigeria, on June 25, 2003 at the IOD Secretariat, Ikoyi, Lagos.

NIGERIA'S BOUNDARY WITH CAMEROON

A paper presented on the occasion of the 2003 Sanyaolu Memorial Lecture at Hebert Ogunde Hall, at June 12 Cultural Centre, Kuto, Abeokuta on October 31, 2003.

DIPLOMATIC OPTION FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS.

A Paper presented at the 5th annual publication lecture series of the Muslim Graduates Association (UNIFEMGA) Lagos Chapter, on September 27, 2003 at Lagos Airport Hotel.

BAPTIST BOYS HIGH SCHOOL OF YESTERYEARS

A paper delivered at the Investiture of Patrons of Baptist Boys High School Old Boys Association, Lagos Branch, on September 13, 2003.

JUDICIAL REFORMS TO ENSURE JUSTICE, PEACE AND THE RULE OF LAW

A paper presented on May 28 2004 at Africa Hall, International Conference Centre Abuja to mark the year's Democracy day.

LAW AND ECONOMY – CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS FOR LAW AND BUSINESS

A paper delivered at the Shell Hall, Muson centre, Onikan Lagos, on June 23 2004 at the Public Lecture of the Centre for Law and Business.

MY EXPECTATIONS FROM IMAMS AND ALFAS OF YORUBA LAND
A keynote address delivered by His Excellency, Judge Bola Ajibola at the 2nd
Annual Islamic Seminar of Imams, Alfás and Male Muslim Chiefs of Yewa
Land on 6th August 2004.

JUDICIAL OPINIONS (ICJ):

Questions of interpretation and Application of the 1971 Montreal
Convention arising from I.C.J. (International Law Contributions)

The Aerial incident of Lockerbie (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya v. United
States of America) (Provisional Measures), I.C.J. Reports, 1992, p.114,
at pp.182-198.

Maritime Delimitation in the Area between Greenland and Jan Mayan
(Denmark v. Norway) I.C.J. Reports 1993, pp.280-303

Application of the Convention on the prevention and Punishment of the
Crime of Genocide (Bosnia and Herzegovina v. Yugoslavia (Serbia and
Montenegro), Further Requests for Provisional Measures, I.C.J. Reports
1993, pp.390-406

Territorial Dispute (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya/Chad), I.C.J. Reports (1996)
pp. 26-47

Case Concerning the Land and Maritime Boundary between Cameroon
and Nigeria (Cameroon v. Nigeria). Preliminary Objections by Nigeria
Against the Court's Jurisdiction. Judgment of 11 June 1998- Dissenting
Opinion, ICJ Reports (1998)

MEMBERSHIP OF

International Bar Association

World Jurist Association

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

International Chamber of Commerce

Commonwealth Law Association

World Arbitration Institute

HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS:

President and Founder of “African Concern”, a non-political, non-religious, non-profit making and non-governmental organization registered in Lusaka, Zambia on 8 May 1995. The philosophy of the organization is that the wounds of Africa must be healed by Africans themselves in solving her plethora of problems such as poverty, hunger, disease, human displacements, armed conflicts and natural disasters. Its main focus is to assist in peaceful resolution of disputes any where in Africa and to cater for refugees at present in many parts of Africa.

Proprietor, Founder, Visitor and President of the Board of Trustees of Crescent University in Abeokuta, opened on 27 December 2005.

President and Founder of the Islamic Mission for Africa, founded in 1996 to present Islamic religion in a positive, peaceful and tolerant manner throughout the Continent of Africa. Currently, it has branches in Nigeria, Senegal, Gambia, Egypt and Republic of Benin.

AWARDS / HONOURS

Knight of the Order of the British Empire – from Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, May 1989 (KBE).

Conferred with the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws (LL.D) of the University of Buckingham by its Chancellor, the Rt. Hon. Baroness Margaret Thatcher of Kesteren, 24 February 1996.

Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) 1986.

Conferred with the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters (D. Litt.) of the Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto on Saturday 13 December 2003.

Conferred with Honourary Degree of Doctor of Agriculture (D.Agric) of the University of Agriculture Abeokuta (UNAAB) on 27 January 2004.

Conferred with Honorary Chieftaincy Title of Olu-Omo (the paramount child) of Egbaland by His Royal Highness, the Alake of Egbaland and the entire Egba Community.

Life Member, Body of Benchers, Nigeria

Honorary Award of Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

Recipient of 1986 Ogun State of Nigeria Outstanding Citizen Merit Award

Distinguished Fellow of the Federal College of Education, Abeokuta.

Life Member Nigerian Institute of International Affairs

Grand Patron of the Nigerian Feminist Law Journal

Academico Correspondiente, Academica Chilena De Ciencias Sociales Politicas Y Morales – November 2000

Honorary Fellow of the Society for Advanced Legal Studies.

Independence Medal of the First Class Order Award by His Royal Highness King Abdullah of the Kingdom of Jordan.

Commander of the Order of the Federal Republic (CFR)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Member of a number of Social Clubs, including

- Yoruba Tennis Club, Lagos
- Abeokuta Club
- Metropolitan Club
- Club 5055, Baptist High School Old Boys - President
- Nieuwe of Literature Societeit de Witte,
The Hague, Netherlands.

ABRIGDED CURRICULUM VITAE

Born in 1934 to the Owu Royal Family, **Judge Bola Ajibola** attended Owu Baptist Day School, Abeokuta for Primary School Education, 1942 – 49 and Baptist Boys High School, Abeokuta, for Secondary Education, 1950 – 55. He obtained his first degree in Law from Holborn College of Law, University of London, 1959-62. He was called to the Bar as Honourable Barrister-at-Law of Lincoln's Inn also in 1962.

He has to his credit, several Awards/Honours, among which are:

- Knight of the Order of the British Empire (KBE) – from Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, May 1989.
- Honorary Doctor of Law (LL.D.) of the University of Buckingham, 1996.
- World Jurist Award, 1987.
- Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), 1986.
- Life Member, Body of Benchers, Nigeria, 1991.
- Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies.
- Ogun State of Nigeria Outstanding Citizen Merit Award, 1986.
- Life Member, Nigerian Institute of International Affairs.
- Honorary Fellow of the Society for Advanced Legal Studies, London.
- Commander of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (CFR).
- Out of his visionary initiative, he founded African Concern in 1994, the Islamic Mission for Africa (IMA) in 1996, and Proprietor/ Founder, Crescent University, Abeokuta, Nigeria in 2005.

In his professional career, he has provided outstanding Legal Consultancy Services. These include:

- Aron Cosmetics Limited, Nigeria, 1994.
- Masms Solicitors & Co., London 1995.
- EXXON Houston Texas, USA, 1997.
- Arthur Anderson & Co., London and Lagos. 1998.

He has attended numerous International Conferences and participated in Regional co-operative efforts. He has several publications in various Journals, and is a well-

recognised International Jurist. Also in his honour was published the following books: (i) Contemporary Issues in Nigerian Law, Essays in Honour of Judge Bola Ajibola; (ii) Justinian of a Great Era (The Road to The Hague, by Lai Joseph); (iii) Around the World with Bola Ajibola.

He was President of the Nigerian Bar Association, 1984 – 85; Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, 1985 – 91. He has a lot of Awards/Honours locally and internationally and is a member of various International Bodies.

He has held numerous international positions and led several Nigerian Delegations to sign many treaties, conventions and protocols; and has been charged with many international arbitration assignments. He is best known as:

- Judge of the International Court of Justice, The Hague, Netherlands, 1991 – 94.
- Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, 1994 – 2001.
- President and Judge of the world Bank Administrative Tribunal (Washington D.C and London) 1994-2005.
- President of World Association of Judges of the World Jurist Association.
- Arbitrator/Commissioner, Eritrea/Ethiopia Boundary Commission 1999 to date.
- Chairman of the Nigeria/Cameroon Mixed Commission from 2002 to date.

Only recently, in his continuing “harvest of honours”, he was conferred with the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Literature (D. Litt.), Usman Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, December 13, 2003; and the Honorary Doctor of Agriculture (D. Agric), University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, January 28, 2004.