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## **EDUCATION**

LL. B (Honours) (Common Law), University of Maiduguri, 1987  
B. L (Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria) 1989  
LL.M University of Lagos (1990)  
LL.M (Intellectual Property) Franklin Pierce Intellectual Property  
Center, University of New Hampshire, United States (2001)

## **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*Ademola Edu Professorial Chair in Intellectual Property Law*  
Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS), 2010-date

*Visiting Reader,*  
Faculty of Law, Olabisi Onabanjo University, 2007

*Director General*  
Nigerian Copyright Commission 2004-2010

*Senior Lecturer*  
Lagos State University (LASU), 2000

*Lecturer*  
Lagos State University (LASU), 1992

*Research Fellow*  
Max Planck Institute for Competition and Intellectual Property,  
Germany, 2003

*Fellow*  
Center for Studies in Intellectual Property and Information Technology  
Law, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom, 2005

*Tutor*  
Distance Learning, WIPO Academy, 2004

*Hogg Robinson Nigeria*

*F A Ajayi SAN & Co*

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Laoye & Adewopo  
Legal Consultants

**PROFESSIONAL HONOUR:**

Admitted to Inner Bar & conferred  
Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), 2017 (the *highest honour of legal profession in Nigeria & Kings Counsel equivalent in the United Kingdom*)

**JOURNALS & EDITORIAL APPOINTMENTS**

Editor, LASU Law Journal, 2001, 2002

Member, Executive Committee, International Association for Teaching & Research in Intellectual Property (ATRIP), 2004/05

Member, Advisory Board, The Journal of the Center for Research in Intellectual Property and Technologies (SCRIPT-ed), University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK, 2004

Founding Editor, NIALS Journal of Intellectual Property, 2011

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, NIALS International Journal of Legislative Drafting, Volume 3, 2020

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Osun State University Law Journal, 2017

Editorial Correspondent, GRUR International Journal, 2020

Member, Nigerian Current Law Review, NIALS

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Nigerian Bar Association  
Nigerian Association of Law Teachers (NALT)  
Nigerian Association for Teaching & Research in Intellectual Property (NATRIP)  
International Association for Teaching & Research in Intellectual Property (ATRIP)

**EXECUTIVE EDUCATION**

Strategic Management of Enforcement Agencies Program  
Kennedy School of Government

Harvard University, USA (Oct.2006)

Policy Strategy and Leadership  
National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies  
Kuru-Jos, Nigeria (Oct.2008)

Influence And Negotiation Strategies  
Graduate School of Business  
Stanford University, USA (Dec.2008)

## **INTERNATIONAL HONOURS**

Candidate of Government of Nigeria for the position of Director General, WIPO, 2019

Head & Member, delegations of the Government of Nigeria to the Standing Committee on Copyright & Related Rights (SCCR) & member, General Assembly & Diplomatic Conference, WIPO, Geneva, 2004-2010

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Intellectual Property Law: Copyright, Patent and Trademark, International Intellectual Property Law, Information Technology Law, Conflict of Laws, Law of Contract, Employment Law,

## **EXTERNAL EXAMINER**

University of Cape Town, Obafemi Awolowo University, University of Jos, University of Pretoria, University of South Africa, Australian Catholic University, University of Calabar

## **REFEREE/REVIEWER**

Nigerian Current Law Review (NCLR), Routledge, Springer, NIALS Journal of IP, Nigerian Bar Journal, Journal of African Law (Cambridge University Press), GRUR International (Oxford University Press), Journal of World Intellectual Property (John Wiley & Sons), Law and Development Review

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

*Intellectual Property Rights in Nigeria: Law and Development* (2015), Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS)

*Nigerian Copyright System Principles and Perspectives* (2012), Odade Publishing.

### **Inaugural Lecture**

*According to Intellectual Property: A Pro-Development Vision of the Law and the Nigerian Intellectual Property Law and Policy Reform in the Knowledge Era*, (2012) Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS), 5<sup>th</sup> Inaugural Lecture, NIALS, Lagos.

### **Edited Books**

*Legal History of Nigeria*, NIALS, 2020 (Mohamed Ladan and Adebambo Adewopo)

*Food Security, Biodiversity and Biotechnology, Policy and Legal Perspectives*, NIALS, 2019 (Adebambo Adewopo and Jane Ezirigwe)

*New Developments in Law and Practice in Nigeria*, 2017 (Adebambo Adewopo)

*Developments and Reforms Nigeria's Commercial Laws*, The Law Center, Faculty of Law, Lagos State University (LASU), 1998. (Olanrewaju Fagbohun and Adebambo Adewopo)

### **Book Chapters**

Legal and Policy Framework for Digital Economy: Nigeria's Experience in *Digital Economy, Law and Policy in Nigeria (with Abstracts of relevant Nigerian laws and policies)*, Ladan et al (Eds.), NIALS, 2022, pp.1-73 (with Helen Chuma-Okoro)

Waste to Wealth: Exploring the Role of Intellectual Property Rights in Promoting the Production, Access to and Transfer of Environmentally Safe Technologies in *Waste to Wealth Law, Policy and Practice*, MT Ladan et al (Eds.), NIALS, 2022, pp. 157-186

Landscape of Nigeria's Legal History: A General Introduction in *NIALS Legal History of Nigeria*, Mohamed Ladan and Adebambo Adewopo (eds.), NIALS, 2020

Food Security and Intellectual Property: Legal Framework and Implications for National Development in *Food Security, Biodiversity and Biotechnology, Policy and Legal Perspectives*, Adewopo Adewopo and Jane Ezirigwe (Eds.), NIALS, 2019, pp.1-46

Intellectual Property Rights and Access to Energy Services in Africa (2019) in *'Ending Africa's Energy Deficit and the Law – Achieving Sustainable Energy for All in Africa'*, Y Omorogbe & A Odor (eds), Oxford University, 2018, pp.130-161

A Critical Analysis of Intellectual Property Rights under the Cybercrime Act 2015, in *Combating Cybercrimes in Nigeria: Trends and Issues* (ed. Adedeji Adekunle), NIALS, 2017, 45-94.

Copyright Legacy and Developing Countries: Lessons for Nigeria's Emerging Copyright Reform (2018), in *Copyright, Property and The Social Contract: The Reconceptualisation of Copyright*, (ed. Dr John Gilchrist and Prof Brian Fitzgerald), Springer Books, 2018, Sydney.

Constituency Delimitation in Nigeria: Implications for Constitutional Democracy in *New Developments in Law and Practice in Nigeria*, 2017, Adebambo Adewopo (eds.) pp.45-95 (Chapter 4)

Class Action and Intellectual Property in Nigeria, in *Class Action: Practice And Procedure*, Essays in Honour of Epiphany Azinge, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS), 2017, 372 – 415

Intellectual Property Rights in Entertainment Law: A Survey of Legislative, Contractual and Regulatory Issues, in *New Developments in Law And Practice in Nigeria*, Adebambo Adewopo (ed.)2017, Chapter 22

Developments in Collective Administration of Copyright, Licensing and Tariff Setting under Nigerian Copyright Law and Regulation' in *Jos Book of Readings on Critical Legal Issues* (Dakas C J Dakas & Ors. (eds.), University of Jos @ 40 Special Faculty of Law Publication, 2016, 677-700.

Intellectual Property: Protect your Property in *Global Traders Guide to African Markets*, Ten Alps Publishing, London, 2016, 24-27.

Briefly Reflecting on Collective Administration (2015) in *Trajectory Of Nigerian Law: Festschrift for Dean I. O Smith*, Akin Ibidapo Obe & Babatunde (eds.), Faculty of Law, University of Lagos, Chapter 9.

A Consideration of Communal Trademarks for Nigerian Leather & Textile Products in *Innovation & Intellectual Property: Collaborative Dynamics*, (2014) Jeremy de Beers, Chris Armstrong, Chidi Oguamanam & Tobias Schonwetter (Eds.), University of Cape Town Press, 109-131.

International Relations of Intellectual Property and Development Imperatives: Some Reflections on Developing Africa' in *Methods and Perspectives In Intellectual Property*, (2013) ATRIP Congress 2012, Graeme B. Dinwoodie (Ed.), Edward Edgar Publishing, 254-260.

One Trademark, Two Courts: Ayman v. Akume Revisited' in *Judicial Reform and Transformation in Nigeria*, A Tribute to Honourable Justice Dahiru Musdapher, GCON, FNIALS, Chief Justice of Nigeria, Azinge & Dakas (Eds.), NIALS Press, Lagos, 2012, 456-483.

Intellectual Property and Developing Countries Narrative: The Imperatives for Nigeria's Economic Development in *Intellectual Property & Development: Perspectives of African Countries*. Azinge & Chuma-Okoro (ed.) NIALS, Chapter 1, 1-28.

Competition and Intellectual Property Regimes: A Case for Balancing, *Competition Law and Policy in Nigeria*, E. Azinge & L. Ani (Eds.), NIALS, 2012, Chapter 8, 193.

Copyright and Entertainment Industries in Nigeria, *Administration of Justice and Good Governance in Nigeria*, E. Azinge & A. Adekunle (Eds.), Chapter 7, 201, NIALS, Abuja, 2011

Copyright Law in Nigeria: 50 years from Independence' in *Nigeria; Fifty Years of Law & Development*, Epiphany Azinge & Nnamdi Aduba (Eds.), Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, 2010, 492-553.

Protection and Administration of Expression of Folklores in Nigeria' in *Traditional Knowledge, Impediments to IPR Protection*, V. Madhuri (Ed.), The Icfai University Press, India, 2008-09, 253-267.

Effectiveness of Remedies for Copyright Infringement in Nigeria, *Landmark Cases, Essays in Honour of Kehinde Sofola SAN*, Lagos, 2007.

The Global Intellectual Property System and Sub-Saharan Africa: A Prognostic Reflection' in *Globalisation and Intellectual Property*, Alexandra George (Ed.), The International Library of Essays on Globalisation and Law, Ashgate, 2006, 109-131.

Developments in Intellectual Property in Africa,' in *Intellectual Property; Bridging Aesthetics and Economics*, Ysolde Gendreau (Ed.), Les Editions Themis, Canada, 2005, 307-322.

Challenges of Transnational Law Practice: Intellectual Property Law Curricular Approach' in *American Association of Law Schools Conference on Educating Lawyers for Transnational Challenges*, American Association of Law Schools (AALS), USA, 2004, 361-364.

Intellectual Property Law and Prospects for Development' in *Transformation of Nigeria*, (Adebayo Oyemade ed.), Tennessee University Press, Tennessee State University, USA, 2002, 168-179.

Proposals for Liberalization of Collecting Societies in Nigeria' in *A Decade of Copyright Law and Administration*, J.O Asein & E.S. Nwauche (Eds.) Nigerian Copyright Commission, Abuja, 2002, 143-151.

Trademark Law Developments in Sub-Saharan Africa: Issues and Perspectives' in *International Intellectual Property Law and Policy*, Volume 6, Professor Hugh Hanson (Ed.), Fordham University School of Law, Juris Publications, New York, 2001, Chapter 18.

Administration of Intellectual Property Rights in Nigeria: An Appraisal of Legal Framework' in *University of Lagos Readings in Law*, Professor E. O. Akanki (Ed.), University of Lagos Press, 1999 (with A O Oyewunmi), 33-54.

Legal Framework for Copyright Protection in Nigeria' in *Developments and Reforms: Commercial Law*, Fagbohun & Adewopo (Eds.), Lagos, 1998, 42-59.

### **Journal Articles**

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Reform of Nigerian Intellectual Property in Perspective, *GRUR*, Journal of European and International IP law, December 2021, doi.org/10.1093/grurint/ikab158

Access to Pharmaceutical Patents in the COVID-19 Emergency: A Case for Government Use in Nigeria, *Journal of African Law*, Special Edition, 2021, Cambridge University Press, 1-28

Negotiating the Intellectual Property Protocol under the Agreement Establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area: Priorities and Opportunities for Nigeria, *Law and Development Review*, No. 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1515/ldr-2021-0064> (Desmond Oriakhogba, Chijioke Okorie)

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COVID-19/Food Insecurity Syndemic: Navigating the Realities of Food Security Imperatives of Sustainable Development Goals in Africa, *The Law and Development Review*, De Gruyer, Vol.14(1), pp.129-162, January 2021 (with Ezirigwe Jane, Ojike Chinelo, Amechi Emeka)

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Intellectual Property Protection for Software: Global Perspective and Lessons for Development and Reform in Nigeria, *South African Intellectual Property Journal* (2019) 7, 1

Analysis of Copyright in Digital Music: Implications for New Media Licensing for Ringtones under the Copyright Act', *Gravitas Review of Business and Property Law (GRBPL)*, March 2017, 1-23

Arbitrating Intellectual Property Disputes: Issues and Perspectives', *Gravitas Review of Business and Property Law (GRBPL)* Vol. 7, No 1, 1-19, March 2016 (with Paul Idornigie)

Intellectual Property Paradox and National Development in the Global Era' *Nigerian Current Legal Problems*, Volumes 7 & 8, 2015-2016, Journal of NIALS, 20-47.

Role of the Court in the Interpretation and Development of Intellectual Property Law: The Nigerian Experience', *Gravitas Review of Business and Property Law (GRBPL)* March 2015, Vol. 6, No. 1, 1-18

Where is Intellectual Property in Nigeria? Perspectives of Developments and Reform', *NJIP* 2014/2015, 148-171

Towards a New Direction in Intellectual Property Law in Nigeria' (2014) *University of Ilorin Law Journal, UILJ*, Vol. 9

WIPO New Treaty and the New Copyright for Audio-Visual Performers? A Perspective from Africa', (2013) 4 *WIPO Journal*, 206

Intellectual Property Regime and the Global financial crises; Lessons from Nigeria', *Journal of Money Laundering Control*, University of Cambridge, Vol. 14, Issue. 2, 183-192.

*Microsoft Corp. and Franike Ass.*: A Critical Analysis of Copyright Protection for Computer Software under Copyright Law in Nigeria, *NJIP* Vol. 2, No1 (2013), (with LanreAjetunmobi).

Public Health, Access to Medicines and the Role of Patent System in Nigeria', *NJIP*, Maiden Edition, 2011, 164-190

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Protection and Administration of Expression of Folklore in Nigeria', *Journal of Scottish Centre for Research in Intellectual Property and Technologies, SCRIPT-ed*) University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK, 2005,



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The Global Intellectual Property System and Sub-Saharan Africa: A Prognostic Reflection', Volume 33 No. 4. *The University of Toledo Law Review*, Summer 2002, 749-771

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Foundation for Telecommunications Regulation: The Nigeria Experience', *University of Jos Law Journal*, Vol. 7, 1999, 117-148.

The Nigeria Trademark Regime and the Challenges of Economic Development' (1999), Volume 6, No 30 IIC, 632-653 (with Chidi Oguamanam)

The Nigerian Copyright Act: A New Profile for Performers Rights', (1994/97), Vol. IV *LASU L. J.*, 49-59.

Registrability of Trademarks in Nigeria: Proposal for Law Reform', *Nigerian Current Law Review*, 1997, 77-96.

Legal Recognition of Collecting Societies under the Copyright (Amendment) Act, 1992 *LASU Law and Development*, (1996) Vol. 2. No.1, 86-99.

### **Book Review**

review of, Mark Mordi, *Commentaries and Analysis on Nigeria's Trade Marks Act*, Verbatim Communications, 2021

review of, Willian Cornish, *Intellectual Property: Omnipresent, Distracting, Irrelevant?* Clarendon Lectures in Law, 2002, University of Oxford (Oxford University Press, 2004), in 1;2 SCRIPT-ed, (Journal of Scottish Centre for Research in Intellectual Property and Technologies), University of Edinburgh, 350-256 (2004)

### **CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS**

The role of private law in Africa's economic integration: issues and perspectives, Commentary, NIALS Department of private and property law Seminar, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022

*Creative Economy Law and Policy*, NIALS Roundtable, Abuja, 27 July 2022

Commercial Law Research Network Nigeria (CLRNN) Stakeholder Conference, Intellectual Property Rights in Nigeria: Contemporary Issues and Urgency for Reforms, *'Model Legislative Framework for Intellectual Property Administration in Nigeria'*, 6 July 2022.

Law and Policy in the Digital Space, NIALS, *'Intellectual Property Rights Protection in the Digital Economy'*, 29 June 2022

*'Law and Law Dispute in Africa: Problems and Prospects'*, Lead City University Law Conference 2022, Keynote, 14 June 2022

*Remedies for Copyright Infringement*, Harvard Copyright X 2022, 18 June 2022

*'Law and Law Dispute in Africa: Problems and Prospects'* Lead City University Law Conference 2022, Keynote, 14 June 2022

NIALS Training Course in Law and Policy in the Digital Space, *'Intellectual Property Rights Protection in the Digital Economy'*, 29 June 2022

*'Unlocking the Innovative Nigerian Youth through IP'*, IP Symposium United States Department of Justice (USDOJ)/US Embassy Nigeria Abuja, Making Nigerian IP Infrastructure Work for Innovative Nigerian Youths: Issues and Solutions, World IP Day 2022, 24 April 2022

*Role of Intellectual Property in Achieving Digital Economy*, Protecting Digital Consumers and Assets, Privacy and Data in a Digital Economy: Regulatory and Cybersecurity Law and Policy Challenges and Prospects in Nigeria, NIALS Webinar Series 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021

*'How ACJA Impacts Corruption'* NIALS/MacArthur Foundation National Symposium for Federal High Court Justices on Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015 (ACJA), 24-25, February 2022

*'Enforcement of Citizens Rights in Nigeria: Prospects and Challenges'*, NIALS/FMOJ Specialised Training for the Department of Citizens' Rights themed Human Rights Protection and Access to Justice, 23 February 2022,

*Hate Speech and right to freedom of expression in Nigeria*, Fake News and Hate Messages: Threat to National Integration and Security, Human Rights And COVID-19 Response Measures, NIALS Webinar, 13 November 2020

Music, Music Publishing and Sound Recording: A Paradigm Shift for Afrobeats, L & A IPR Webinar Series, 15 August 2020 (Moderator)

*Intellectual Property Developments and Realities in Nigeria*, Intellectual Property Rights, Global Rules, Regional and National Realities, Webinar Series, Afronomics Law In Association With Loyola University Chicago School Of Law, De Montefort University, Leicester, Dalhousie University Schulich School Of Law, Webinar, 13 July, 2020

*Role of Intellectual Property in Waste to Wealth in Waste to Wealth: Ensuring A Sustainably Developed Nigeria*, NIALS Virtual Roundtable, 12 November 2020

*Building IP Alliances, Keynote*, Intellectual Property Symposium, Office of the International Intellectual Property and Computer Hacking Attorney Advisor, Department of Justice & Embassy of the US Nigeria, 16 & 17 Sept. 2019, Eko Hotels & Suites, Lagos, Theme: The bane of counterfeit pharmaceuticals and piracy: building respect for IPRs as a strategic resource for economic growth

*Innovation, Patents and Intellectual Property*, Driving National Development through Research and Innovation, Research Fair, Lagos State University, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2019

*Power of Idea and the Idea of Knowledge Economy: Lessons Nigeria must Learn in the Emerging Intellectual Property Reform in the Information Age*, Faculty of Law, Obafemi Awolowo University, Law Student Society Public Lecture 2016, 15 February 2016.

*Legal Reform and Africa's Cultural Industries: Copyright Reform in Nigeria*, Africa Innovation 2016, Creativity, Innovation and Legal Reform in Africa, University of California, Irvin, School of Law, United States of America, February 4, 2016

*Copyright Institutions and Copyright Reform Approaches*, Africa Innovation 2016, Creativity, Innovation and Legal Reform in Africa, University of California, Irvin, School of Law, United States of America, February 5, 2016

*A Historical Perspective of Copyright Reform in Nigeria: From Independence Era to Internet Age*, ACCE Roundtable on Nigeria's Emerging Intellectual Property Policy Framework: Challenges and Opportunities for Strategic Growth in the Digital Age', Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Abuja, 10 December 2015.

*Intellectual Property and social media*, Roundtable on Social Media, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, 22 September 2015, Old Court Room, Supreme Court Complex, Abuja.

*ISP Liability and Nigerian Copyright Law in the Digital Age*, Workshop on Nigeria's Digital Economy and the Copyright System: Challenges and Opportunities for Strategic Growth in the Information Age, organized by African Center for Study Development Research and Civic Education and Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies supported by Google, Southern Sun Ikoyi Hotel, Lagos, 15-16 June 2015.

*Maintaining Copyright System for the Public Good: The Role of Copyright Exceptions and Limitations in Ensuring Robust Access to Content and Data*, Workshop on Nigeria's Digital Economy and the Copyright System: Challenges and Opportunities for Strategic Growth in the Information Age, organized by African Center for Study Development Research and Civic Education (ACCE) and Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies supported by Google, Southern Sun Ikoyi Hotel, Lagos, 15-16 June 2015

*IP Paradox and What is Next in the Development of IP System in Nigeria*, NIALS Seminar Series, April 2015.

*Cloud Services in Nigeria: An Overview of Legal Framework for Data Privacy and Security*, NIALS, December, 2014, *Identifying Gaps in Data Privacy and Security in the Adoption of Cloud Services in Nigeria- A Case Study of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and the Education Sector*. NIALS-Microsoft Roundtable, Protea Hotel, Apo, Abuja, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2014

Role of the Courts in the Interpretation and Development of Intellectual Property Law: Nigerian Experience, paper presented at *Section on Business Law Conference, Nigerian Bar Association*, (SBL-NBA), Eko Hotel, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2014

Music Lessons and Collective Administration of Copyright, *Nigerian Entertainment Conference 2014*, Eko Hotels, Lagos, 23 April 2014

*Intellectual Property for Development: Thoughts on Nigerian IP System*, NIALS Professorial Chair Symposium, Yar'dua Center April 2014.

Intellectual Property Rights at the Interstices of Private Rights and Public Interests: Evolving Nigerian Framework, *Intellectual Property Conference on Deepening the Economic Benefits of Innovation and Creativity in Nigeria*, Terra Kulture, Victoria Island, Lagos, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

Trademark in Cyberspace: Domain Name Issues, *NIALS Roundtable on Cyberspace and Social Media*, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Abuja, 25 February, 2014.

Traditional Knowledge in the Global Knowledge Economy, *NIALS Intellectual Property Advocacy on Traditional Medicines Knowledge*, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Lagos, April, 2013.

Administration of Intellectual Property, *IP Management Training Workshop*, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, November, 2013.

Intellectual Property Asset Management, *IP Management Training Workshop*, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, November, 2013.

*Where is Intellectual Property Law in Nigeria: Substance and Rationale*, NIALS – Open Air International Conference on Intellectual Property Capacity Building for Development: Role of Scholars, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in association with Open African Innovation Research (AIR) Project in association with Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town, South Africa, held at NIALS, Lagos, November 20, 2012.

Intellectual Property and Development: Narratives and Imperatives for Nigeria's Economic Development, *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lecture, Obafemi Awolowo University, Faculty of Law*, May 2012.

Intellectual Property and Legislative Framework in Nigeria, *NIALS Workshop on Legislative Strategic Planning and Management*, Nigerian institute of Advanced legal Studies, Lagos, 14-16 May 2012.

Intellectual Property Developments: The Nigerian Experience, *Nigerian Bar Association Annual Law Week, Port Harcourt Branch*, December 9, 2012.

Legal Regime of Food & Drug Administration in Nigeria, *NIALS Roundtable on Food & Drug Law*, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Supreme Court Complex, Abuja, March 8, 2012.

Reform of Merchandise Act for the Reform of Merchandise Act and Trademark Act, Discussion Paper, *Reform of Merchandise Act and Trademarks Act, Nigerian Reform Commission*, Chelsea Hotel, Abuja, 2012.

*Patenting Natural Resources: Issues and Perspectives*, NIALS Roundtable on Natural Resources and Economic Growth, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Supreme Court Complex, Abuja May 31, 2012.

International Relations of IP and the Development Imperatives: Some Reflections on Developing Africa, *31<sup>st</sup> Annual Congress of ATRIP (International Association of Research & Teaching in IP)*, Chicago-Kent College of Law, July 29 -August 31, 2012.

Public Health and Access to Medicines: Role of Patent Law in Nigeria, *NIALS Roundtable on Health Law and Policy*, NIALS Lagos, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Role of Information and Communication Technology in Intellectual Property Protection, *New Media Conference, School of Media and Communication, Pan African University*, Lagos August 11, 2010.

Copyright Protection as the Bedrock of Sustainable National Development, Keynote, Annual Conference, Nigerian Publishers Association, 2010

Intellectual Property Crime and its Impact on National Economy, *27<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Economic Crime, Cambridge University*, September 2009

Technical and Legal Development in Copyright and Related rights in the Digital Age: African Challenges, Regional Seminar for African Countries on the WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT) and WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT) and the Regional Seminar on the Protection of Performers in Africa, January 26-27, 2009, Lilongwe, Malawi.

Copyright and Pay Subscription Broadcasting in Nigeria, Rights Acquisition and Infringement, *Keynote Paper delivered at the National Workshop on Copyright and Pay Broadcasting in Nigeria, Nigerian Broadcasting Commission and Nigerian Copyright Commission, 12 – 13 May, 2009, Lagos*

Due Diligence and Corporate Governance Ethics in the Public Sector of Nigeria, Annual General Conference of Chartered Institute of Secretaries and Administrators, Abuja, 2008.

Intellectual Property Crime: an Overview of Control and Challenges of Modern Trends & Intellectual Property Crime and its Impact on National Economies, *26<sup>th</sup> Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crime*, August 30 - September 6, 2008, Cambridge, United Kingdom.

Intellectual Property Rights Protection and Legal Practice in Nigeria: Challenges and Prospects, *Annual General Conference, Nigerian Bar Association*, 2008, International Conference Centre, August 25-31, 2008, Abuja.

The Gain is More than the Pain: Cost Benefit Perspective of The Regulation and Control of Copyright Based Industries: The Nigerian Experience: 26<sup>th</sup> Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crimes, Cambridge University, August 31-September 7, 2008, United Kingdom.

The Role of IP Administration in Formulating Appropriate IP legislation, Regulations and Procedures; Nigeria's Experience, *WIPO Inter-Regional Forum on Development and Service-oriented Intellectual Property Administration*, July 1-2, 2008, Geneva, Switzerland.

Sustaining Justice Sector Reform: Perspectives from The Nigerian Copyright Commission, *Seminar on Sustaining Justice Sector Reform, Federal Ministry of Justice*, Abuja Sheraton Hotel & Towers, May 24-25, 2007.

Protecting the Gains of Nollywood Under the Nigerian Copyright Act, *Nigerian Bar Association, Business Law Section Conference*, March 11-14, 2007. Abuja

Film Production and Distribution Industry, Global Conference on "Enhancing the Role of Small & Medium-Size Enterprises (SMEs) in Global Value Chains", *OECD Conference within the framework of the OECD Bologna Process on SME & Entrepreneurship Policies*, May 31- June 3, 2007, Tokyo, Japan.

Country Report: Enforcement 2006 in Nigeria. *Conference on International Law Enforcement on IP Crime*, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, 2007.

Efforts of the Nigerian Government at Combating Piracy through STRAP and other Programmes of the Nigerian Copyright Commission, *African Television Programmes Market (MAP-TV), Union of Radio and Television Organizations of Africa (URTNA)*, March 2-4, 2006 Nairobi, Kenya.

Towards a Profitable Distribution in the Creative Industry: Opportunities & Challenges, *Stakeholders Forum, Skymedia Productions*, August 15, 2006, Lagos.

Copyright Reforms: Treaty Obligations and Emerging Challenges, *Workshop on the Reform in the Legislation and Adjudication of Nigeria's Intellectual Property Law*, September, 27-28, 2006, Abuja.

Role of the Nigerian Copyright Commission in Nurturing and Preserving Arts and Culture, *National Discussion on Arts and Culture, Ford Foundation*, December 5-6, 2006, Lagos.

Challenges of Intellectual Property Right Enforcement and International Trade Promotion, *CTO 2005 United States Consulate*, Lagos, Nigeria.

Strategic Action Against Piracy: The Challenge of Enforcement: *Partnership and Pathways 2<sup>nd</sup> Abuja International Film Festival*, October 1, 2005, Abuja.

Rights Acquisition; Issues and Perspectives; *International Workshop on Sports Rights, Acquisition*, National Broadcasting Commission, August 23, 2005, Lagos.

Rights Acquisition for Sports and Other Programmes in Broadcasting, Keynote, *Stakeholders Summit on General Issues on Rights Acquisition for Sports and other Programmes*, National Broadcasting Commission, Jos, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2005. Anti-Piracy: The STRAP Advantage, *The Anti-Counterfeiting and Piracy Summit*, MUSON Center, August 24-26, 2005, Lagos.

Effective Implementation of Copyright Laws for the Distribution and Marketing of Nigerian Films & Videos, *Seminar on the Establishment of Effective Distribution & Marketing Networks for the Nigerian Film & Video Industry*, Nigerian Film Corporation, March 15 -16, 2005, Abuja.

Nigerian Copyright Commission's Perspective on Intellectual Property and Piracy in the Film Industry, *Conference on the Future of Development of Film in Africa, Communicating for Change*, December 2, 2005, Lagos.

Rights Acquisition for Sports: A Gold Mine? *Stakeholders Summit on General Issues on Rights Acquisition for Sports & other Programmes*, National Broadcasting Commission, Jos, April 5, 2005.

Copyright and the Film Industry: An Appraisal of Evolving Legal Issues, *International Forum on Motion Picture Industry in Nigeria*, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2005, Chelsea Hotel, Abuja.

Challenges of Transnational Law Practice: Intellectual Property Law Curricular Approach, *American Association of Law Schools, Conference on Educating Lawyers for Transnational Challenges*, May 26-29, 2004, Hawaii, USA.

Copyright in Film and Video Recording Under the Nigerian Copyright Law, *Film Makers Association of Nigeria USA (FAN) Conference*, Washington DC, USA, November 10-11, 2004.

The Right of Performing Artiste, STAGE Seminar on the Business of Performing Art, Women Development Center, Abuja, October 2, 2004.

Economic Implications of Copyright Violations, *The 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of African Broadcasters*, Abuja, 26-27 October, 2004.

Making Room at the Copyright Table: Towards the Development of a Viable Collective Administration of Copyright in the Nigerian Music Industry, *Nigerian Music Summit, The Performing Musicians Employers Association of Nigeria (PMEAN) in collaboration with African Independent Television (AIT), AIT Dome, Lagos, 17 January 2004*.

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