

LAYKAWN'S EXECUTIVE CANDIDATE LL.M

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Results-driven legal professional and journalist with cross-disciplinary expertise in legal research, regulatory compliance, dispute resolution, contract advisory, and investigative reporting. Recognised for analytical thinking, ethical judgement, and the ability to communicate complex legal, corporate, and public policy issues to diverse audiences. Adept at navigating law, media, corporate, and public policy interfaces through strategic stakeholder engagement, analytical writing, and regulatory insight.



CORE COMPETENCIES

Legal Research & Drafting | Litigation Support & Dispute Resolution | Contract Review, Negotiation & Risk Analysis | Corporate Governance & Company Secretarial Practice | Regulatory Compliance | Executive & Board Administration | Strategic & Crisis Communications | Investigative & Data-Driven Journalism | Stakeholder & Government Relations | Policy Analysis | Operations Coordination



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Executive Assistant / Legal Officer**
Tafawa Balewa Square Management Board

12/2025 – Present
Lagos, Nigeria

 - Support executive operations and board activities to improve coordination across departments and external stakeholders.
 - Draft and review contracts, MOUs, reports, and official correspondence to ensure legal and regulatory compliance.
 - Coordinate engagements with ministries, regulators, and vendors to strengthen institutional collaboration.
 - Organise board meetings, prepare agendas and minutes, and track implementation of board resolutions.
 - Conduct legal and policy research to support executive decision-making and strategic planning.
- Reporter, Real Estate & Personal Finance**
Punch Newspapers

07/2022 – 12/2025
Lagos, Nigeria

 - Produced 150+ investigative and feature reports on housing, finance, infrastructure, and insurance, increasing audience engagement and industry visibility.
 - Delivered exclusive reports that contributed to award recognition and editorial credibility.
 - Conducted interviews with regulators, government officials, and industry leaders to support high-impact reporting.
 - Reviewed legal and regulatory documents to ensure factual accuracy and compliance in publications.
 - Collaborated with editorial and legal teams to minimise publication risks and maintain ethical standards.
- Associate (Legal Practice)**
Moshood Shehu & Associates

11/2021 – 06/2022
Lagos, Nigeria

 - Drafted commercial agreements, legal opinions, and regulatory filings to support corporate compliance requirements.
 - Conducted legal research and case analysis that strengthened litigation preparation and advisory services.
 - Supported AGM and EGM processes, ensuring statutory and governance compliance.
 - Advised clients on corporate governance and board operations.
- Associate**
Godwin Samuel Chambers

02/2021 – 10/2021
Lagos, Nigeria

 - Conducted legal research and drafted pleadings to support litigation and dispute resolution matters.
 - Improved documentation accuracy by preparing compliant legal and procedural



PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

materials.

Trainee Associate (NYSC)
Paul Usoro & Co.

01/2020 – 10/2020
Lagos, Nigeria

- Assisted senior counsel with litigation and corporate legal matters.
- Drafted legal documents and conducted research to support legal advisory services.



EDUCATION

Masters in Law (LL.M)
University of Lagos
08/2024
Lagos, Nigeria

Barrister-at-Law (B.L.)
Nigerian Law School
05/2019
Lagos, Nigeria

LL.B (Second Class Upper Division)
Obafemi Awolowo University
07/2018
Ile-Ife, Nigeria



CERTIFICATIONS

- Diploma in Human Resources Management - 2021
- Commercial Mediation for the 21st Century Lawyer - 2020
- Negotiation Micro-Course - 2020
- WIPO General Course on Intellectual Property - 2019



AWARDS &
HONOURS

- Dr Femi Oyetunji Future Talent Award - 2026
- English Print First Runner-Up, Continental Reinsurance Award - 2026
- Nominee, Nigerian Media Merit Awards - 2024 & 2025
- News Reporter of the Year (Print), Africa Housing Awards - 2024



SELECTED
PUBLICATIONS

- *Climate Change Disputes: Mediation, Arbitration or Litigation?*
- *Middle-Class Struggles for Home Ownership as Housing Prices Skyrocket*
- *Less than 1% Insured: Nigeria's Informal Workers Navigate Life Without Protection*



ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION

- **Technical Skills:** Microsoft Office Suite, Legal Drafting, Research & Documentation, Stakeholder Coordination
- **Interests:** Corporate Governance, Public Policy, Risk Management, Strategic Communications



REFERENCES

Available upon request.