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Tochukwu Valentine Amaefule is a seasoned dispute resolution lawyer with close to a decade of experience advising and representing clients across arbitration, commercial litigation, and complex transactional matters. He currently serves as a Senior Associate and leads the Arbitration, Real Estate & Construction, Maritime & Aviation practice groups at Stren & Blan Partners, Lagos.

He possesses extensive experience in both domestic and international arbitration, having acted as counsel and tribunal secretary in proceedings conducted under major institutional rules including ICC, LCIA, and LMAA, as well as in ad hoc arbitrations. His expertise spans high-value disputes arising from construction, maritime, aviation, oil and gas, and commercial transactions, including claims relating to wrongful termination, delay, cargo damage, and contractual breaches. He is also actively involved in the enforcement and setting aside of arbitral awards before Nigerian courts.

Beyond arbitration, Tochukwu maintains a strong commercial litigation practice, representing clients in complex, multi-jurisdictional disputes before superior courts of record in Nigeria. He has successfully handled matters involving debt recovery, real estate disputes, enforcement of judgments and arbitral awards, and regulatory compliance, recovering substantial sums on behalf of corporate clients and financial institutions.

His practice further extends to real estate and construction law, where he advises developers, investors, and financial institutions on land acquisition, title perfection, regulatory compliance, and construction-related disputes. In the maritime and aviation sectors, he regularly advises on charterparty agreements, cargo claims, regulatory issues, and cross-border transactions.

Tochukwu is known for his strategic, solution-driven approach, combining strong technical expertise with commercial awareness to deliver practical and effective outcomes for clients. He also plays a key leadership role within his firm, overseeing team development, client relationships, and the execution of high-value mandates.

He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK), an Associate Member of the Business Recovery and Insolvency Practitioners Association of Nigeria (BRIPAN), and an active member of several international arbitration bodies including Young ICCA and Young ITA. He has contributed to legal scholarship through multiple publications on arbitration and dispute resolution in Nigeria.