

## **DR. KOLAWOLE MAYOMI (PROFILE)**

Dr. Kolawole Mayomi was called to the Nigerian Bar in 2003, and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Nigeria branch. He is a partner (dispute resolution) in law firm of S.P.A. Ajibade & Co; Lagos. He is a prize-winning graduate of the Faculty of Law, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. He also holds a LL.M degree from the same school, and a PhD in Commercial Law from the University of Lagos.

He has been involved as counsel, and lately as arbitrator, in many high-stakes commercial disputes that have been resolved by arbitration in Nigeria over the past decade. He has successfully handled complex claims arising from construction and infrastructural projects, trade finance, shareholders warranty and derivative rights, and tortious malfeasance. In 2016, he was named as one of 40 lawyers under the age of 40 who were shaping the future of legal practice in Nigeria at the maiden edition of the ESQ Legal Practice Awards.

He is regarded as a thought leader on the law relating to the securitisation of commercial obligations by guarantee undertakings, and wrote his doctoral thesis in this field. He has authored many of the leading articles/book chapters on this subject in Nigeria, and frequently advises corporate and financial entities on the nature and enforcement of the payment obligations that arise from indemnity bonds and guarantees.

Dr. Mayomi has a historic record of service to the arbitration community in Nigeria, and particularly the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb). He became a member of the CI Arb in 2005. In 2011, he was appointed as the pioneer chair to establish the Young Arbitrators Forum in Nigeria. He was a member of the Conference Planning Committee for CI Arb's annual conferences in 2015, 2017, and 2021. He is a regular contributor to the CI Arb's news journal, *The Arbitrator*, and frequently serves as

speaker/moderator at many of the CIArb's conferences and training events. In 2023, he facilitated the Arbitration and Climate Change Summit, in conjunction with CIArb London Branch, held in Lagos.

He is an avid football enthusiastic, and plays the guitar at amateur level.