



OLUWASEYILAYO OJO, SAN obtained a bachelor's degree in law from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife and a master's degree in International Business Law from the University College London. He started his law career with Professor A. B. Kasunmu's Chambers, Lagos, as an Associate, where he practiced until December 2005, when he disengaged to found Seyilayo Ojo & Co, a boutique law firm within Central Business District, Lagos Island. In 2014, the practice was rebranded "S.O. & C. Legal" to reflect the infusion of an internal corporate structure and projection of a corporate identity. He is presently a Senior Partner in the firm.

Mr. Ojo's practice over the years has cut across transaction documentation, litigation and alternative dispute resolution, particularly in the areas of corporate, commercial, oil and gas and admiralty law. He has represented clients in high profile litigations and thus conducted matters before various tribunals (private and governmental) as well as all levels of courts in Nigeria. He is an accredited mediator, certified by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, United Kingdom. He has held sole and co-arbitrator roles in complex local and international commercial arbitration references, and has been engaged as consultant and counsel in arbitrations and post-arbitration recourse to court for or against enforcement of arbitral awards.

Mr. Ojo is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK and a Chartered Arbitrator. He has served the Institute in many capacities including Co-Chair of the Stirring Committee of the Young Members Group, Assistant Branch Secretary, Membership Secretary and Member of the 2017 CIArb Conference Planning Committee. He joined the Approved Faculty List of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators since 2009, and has since been engaged in the training, assessment and certification of arbitration practitioners at all levels of membership, locally and internationally. He is currently the Chair of the Training Sub-Committee of the Branch. He is a member of Commission on Arbitration of the National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce, Nigeria, Panel of Neutrals of the Lagos Court of Arbitration and member of the Advisory Board, Institute for Transnational Arbitration, Centre for American and International Law, Dallas, U.S.A.

In service to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Mr. Ojo was a member of the Committee on the Review of the National Arbitration and Mediation Bill, which birthed the Arbitration and Mediation Act that eventually gained presidential assent in May 2023. He was appointed by the Honourable Minister for Youth and Sports Development in November 2021, as the Chairman of the Ministerial Committee for the Reconciliation of the Nigeria Basketball Federation. It is to the credit of that Committee that its report and recommendations were accepted and have been implemented by the Federal Government of Nigeria.

In service to the Nigerian Bar Association and its Lagos Branch, Mr. Ojo is a member of the Section on Business Law and Section on Legal Practice. He has served the Lagos Branch in varied capacities including:

- (i) Panellist at NBA sectional conferences as well as Annual General Conference;
- (ii) Member, Ethics and Disciplinary Committee of Lagos Branch (2019-2021);
- (iii) Member, NBA Lagos Branch Ethics and Dispute Resolution Committee (2021 – 2023)
- (iv) Member, Sports and Recreation Committee, with particular support for the budding Cycling Team of the Lagos Branch

Mr. Oluwaseyilayo Ojo is also a Notary Public for the Federal Republic of Nigeria. He was admitted to the Inner Bar and conferred with the prestigious rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria on 27th November 2023.

Mr. Ojo is an avid cyclist and member of Cycology Cycling Club, arguably the foremost cycling club in Lagos and Nigeria. He was the club's CSR Secretary (2017-2019). He was Secretary to the Board of Trustees of the Sustainable Cycling and Recreational Sports Foundation. He is the immediate past Vice-Chairman of the Lagos State Cycling Association. He was also secretary general of the Lagos Business School, OMP 13 Alumni Class.