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PROFILE OF ONYEKACHI UMAH

- Onyekachi Umah is a husband and private legal practitioner with amazing experience in intellectual property, transaction and regulation advisory, corporate, commercial and investment law and energy law as well as litigation and arbitration arising from them.
- He is a certified arbitrator both in Nigeria and the United Kingdom.
- Among other, he has a certificate in Law of Contract from a program of Harvard University, a certificate in International Environmental Negotiation from United Nations Institute for Training and Research, Geneva and recently, a certificate in Conflict Management from United States Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C.
- He also holds a master of laws degree from University of Jos.
- He is the managing partner of a leading law firm; Bezaleel Chambers International.
- He is the founder and President of a free law awareness platform known as LearnNigerianLaws.com that delivers lectures, essays and free daily law tips across Nigeria.
- He is the convener of the Sabi Law Lecture Series, travelling around Nigeria delivering free law awareness lectures.
- He has written over fifty articles on law with a desire to enlighten the public. He is the Assistant Secretary of Nigerian Bar Association, Capital Bar, Abuja.

1. What is LAW?

- I. A book?
- II. A Place?
- III. A Being ?
- IV. An Agreement?
- V. LAW is a set of agreed and enforceable rules with punishments, that binds and regulates the conduct of persons in a given place, time and events.
- VI. LAW is the blood of a sane society that chains human excesses.
- VII. To leaders, LAW is a binding track to success that maintains discipline, assures peaceful co-existence, protects sustainable access, preservation and regeneration of resources as well as predictable outcome.

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2. What is Lawful Leadership?

- I. What is Leadership?
- II. LAWFUL LEADERSHIP is leading with an UNDERSTANDING OF LAW and in CONFORMITY WITH LAW in a LAWFUL CAUSE AND ORGANISATION.
- III. A Lawful Leader is a leader that UNDERSTANDS LAW, RIGHTS AND DUTIES, CONFORMS to LAW and is RECOGNIZED BY LAW.
- IV. LAWFUL LEADERS understand and abide by laws, rules, codes and regulations.
- V. Those who don't UNDERSTAND LAW and those who break the LAW are equal with time.
- VI. Purpose, Training, Power, Wealth, Time, Network, System and Effectiveness of a leader is gone with time where there is no LAWFUL LEADERSHIP.

3. What is Your Understanding of LAW?

- I. Who are YOU, Where are you FROM, What is your PURPOSE and what are your RIGHTS and DUTIES according to LAW?
- II. What CAN I DO and what CAN'T I DO according to LAW?
- III. How, Where and When CAN I DO what I want to do according to LAW?
- IV. Who CAN HELP what I want to do according to LAW?
- V. Where is the LAW?
- VI. How Supreme is the LAW?

4. SabiLaw Master's Interlude

- Africa and her leaders lack institutions due lack of understanding of law and lack of rule of law.
- Upcoming Events;
 1. Onyekachi Umah's 2-day Enugu Tour in Business Law on the 11 & 12 August, 2018.
 2. Onyekachi Umah's 3-day UK Tour on Business Development In Nigeria on the 25 to 27 September, 2018.

5. Benefits of being a Lawful Leader.

- I. Adequate understanding of law, rights, duties and legal remedies.
- II. Establishment and management of law abiding processes and institution.
- III. Legal recognition of institution and cause
- IV. Establishment of effective and sustainable system
- V. Maximum utilisation of resources
- VI. Respect for and by State
- VII. Avoidance of disputes and quick resolution of disputes
- VIII. Access to organised public and private sectors locally and internationally
- IX. Seamless actualization of set goals and vision

6. How to Become a Lawful Leader

- I. Get interested in Leadership and LAW
- II. Understand Laws of your nation and nation of your venture
- III. Understand your rights and duties
- IV. Demand for respect of your rights
- V. Perform your civil duties
- VI. Be law abiding
- VII. Seek only lawful ventures and causes
- VIII. Partner with lawful persons and institutions
- IX. Get a family lawyer, like a family doctor

How to Become a Lawful Leader, CONT'D.

- X. Request the opinion of your lawyer before and during execution of agreements
- XI. Seek updates on new laws and regulations that affect your ventures
- XII. Lend your voice to law making processes
- XIII. Ensure your team understands law and respects it
- XIV. Subscribe to free and paid law and rights awareness magazines, newsletters, journals and updates. Like the free #DailyLawTips
- XV. Form and join forums for leaders with interest in understanding personal and business rights and duties
- XVI. Let other leaders know that you respect Law and rights.
- XVII. STOP leaving Law, Rights and duties for lawyers and judges, it is your business too.

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7. Some Important Laws For Lawful Leaders

- Constitution of the country
- Human Rights and Criminal law
- Venture/Business entity Creation, Registration and Governance laws
- Tax and Levies Laws
- Employment and Labour laws
- Professional and business/discipline control regulations and laws
- Land and resources control laws
- Grants and Non-Governmental Organization regulations and laws
- Tort

8. Where is African Leadership?

1. African leaders are often before corruption and human rights tribunals
2. African leaders are often on the wrong side of Law
3. African leaders are often selfish and primitive in acquisition and resource control
4. Africa has good Laws but poor leadership
5. Understanding of Law is a light that illuminates institutions, equalizes mankind and empowers minds to demand Rule of Law.
6. Africa needs the light that comes from increased of Understanding law and respect for rule of law for her to achieve effective leadership and sustainable birth of greater minds, brands and causes.

9. Conclusion:

Where ever Leadership is taught, let understanding of Law be taught too, to stop creating lawless leaders.

Let Africa and her leaders promote understanding of law, the light from it will have more minds do justice and demand justice so much that injustice and abuse become strange and openly condemned not condoned.

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Thank you!

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