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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 www.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 Three Hundred articles and materials on law with a desire to enlighten the public. He is the Assistant Secretary of Nigerian Bar Association, Capital Bar, Abuja.

1. Assumptions

It is assumed we all understand the following basics;

1. Law Student
2. Law Graduate
3. Lawyer In Equity
4. Lawyer (Legal Practitioner)
5. The Bar & Bench
6. Law Practice In Nigeria

2. Facts

1. 16 Federal faculties of law, 20 State faculties of law and 19 private faculties of Law
2. 6 Law School Campuses
3. 1,550 candidates were called to bar in July, 2018
4. 4, 633 candidates will be called to bar by November, 2018
5. There are not up to 100, 000 lawyers in Nigeria
6. Nigeria has a population of 197,403,529 as at October 27, 2018, based on the latest United Nations estimates.

3. Finish Strong and Ready

1. There are more myths and uncertainties in law faculties than any other faculties
2. Stop specializing or preferring courses in first degree law stage.
3. Open your mind and attend all elective courses
4. Stop reading for exams only but for law practise.
5. Partake in moot courts and law clinics
6. Seek for voluntary internship in law firms
7. Have a mind to practise law

4. Think, Think, Read & Think

1. Don't be a photo copier
2. Think more than your talk, write and read
3. Think out of the box (Challenge the status quo)
4. Create opportunities
5. Recreate success stories in other jurisdictions
6. Think out solutions; better, healthier, faster, easier and cheaper law options

5. SabiLaw Master's Interlude

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6. Marry Technology

1. Technology has come to stay, everything is changing
2. Those not up to speed with technology will be out with speed
3. Artificial Intelligence and Law
4. Keep in touch with developments in ICT
5. Check out law practice and technology integration in western jurisdictions
6. There will be no court rooms, soon.

7. Dream Making

- Dream without plan is a mere wish.
- Making a Law Practise Plan
 1. Get a daily journal/log-book
 2. Make list of needed success for the next 3 years
 3. Make list of 3 most needed success
 4. Get an acronym
 5. Make list of needed inputs for actualizing your needed success
 6. Make list of your daily 3 before 3

8. Business of Law

Law practise is a business and needs;

1. Respect for Time
2. Appealing Appearance
3. Perfect Command of Language
4. Dependable Integrity
5. Application of Knowledge & Wisdom
6. Efficient delivery Speed
7. Profiting Consistency

9. The Way Forward, Cont'd.

1. Never Settle, Never Stop Thinking, Reading & Networking.
2. Learn another language
3. Get a pupillage
4. Get mentors
8. Get financial intelligence
9. Get training on selling and client management
10. Get active in Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
11. Get international affiliation and certificates
13. Join a political party
14. Join relevant sections of NBA
15. Always be ready and faithful

10. Conclusion:

“MIND is man’s greatest asset, a lawyer thinks for a living, his life shapes the world.”

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Thank you!

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