



Legal Awareness: Untapped Opportunities for Lawyers and Law Students.

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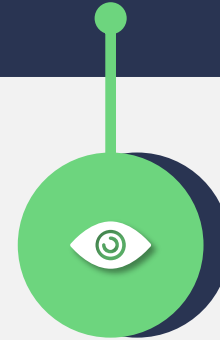
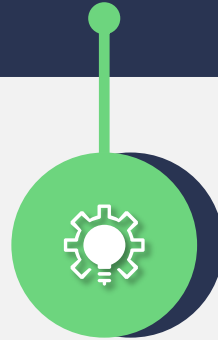
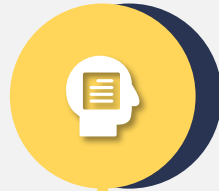
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Facts

1. Ignorant of the law is not an excuse
2. Being literate does not mean being legally literate
3. The [World Bank](#) rates Nigeria's illiteracy level at 62.02%.
4. [The National Bureau of Statistics](#) in Nigeria reports that 40.1% of Nigerians are poor.
5. According to [The Hague Institute for Innovation of Law \(HiIL\)](#), Nigeria has over 25 million legal problems yearly, with only 10% of the problems reaching lawyers.
6. Legal Aid is invisible; there are few lawyers, paralegals or law firms in rural areas,
7. An [April 2020 survey](#) in Nigerian Universities revealed that awareness of criminal laws on abortion in Nigeria was low at 28.3%.
8. Nigeria has 99.05 million internet users, projected to grow to 131.7 million in 2023 ([Statista](#)).
9. Legal awareness and advocacy rates are directly proportional to crime and dispute rate.

Concepts

- 1.Law
- 2.Legal Awareness
- 3.Lawyers
- 4.Law Students

Opportunities (1/2)

1. Rainmaker
2. Practitioner
3. Rights Registration & Renewal Agent
4. Regulations Advisory
5. Renewal Prompter
6. Safekeeping Agent
7. Transaction Advisory
8. Litigation Consultancy
9. ADR Consultancy
10. Legal Opinion Writer
11. Deal Maker/Negotiator
12. Researcher, Writer and Trainer
13. Legal Aid/Attache/Adviser
14. Employment with Regulators
15. Finder
16. New Law/Regulation Ringer
17. Use & Awareness Promoter

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Opportunities (2/2)

18. Legal Technology Consultant
19. Technology Consultant
20. Community Leader
21. Policy Maker
22. Content Maker and Journalism
23. Mentor
24. CSR Consultant
25. NGO Consultant
26. Law Clinic Consultant

Getting Started (1/2)

PART A:

- I. Get interested
- II. Focus and specialise correctly
- III. Seek continued legal education
- IV. Enrol on online education platforms
- V. Attend workshops and training
- VI. Pursue post-graduate degrees in relevant courses.
- VII. Seek further internships in law firms
- VIII. Seek internships with regulators, stakeholders, businesses and anywhere.
- IX. Subscribe to free and paid magazines, newsletters, journals and updates.
- X. Form and join forums for lawyers and non-lawyers.
- XI. Choose a mentor in practice and get close professionally.
- XII. Let the world know your passion, training and experiences
- XII. Marry technology.

Getting Started (2/2)

PART B:

- I. List your prospective clients.
- II. Stop introducing yourself as just a lawyer/legal practitioner
- III. Be specific in your answers to the questions; “What do you do or what area of law ... ?”
- IV. Clean your social media accounts to reflect who you are and the clients you want
- V. Go to where your clients and prospective clients go.
- VI. Read and study your prospective clients, their industry challenges and proffer solutions
- VII. Attend industry seminars, expos and conferences
- VIII. Always be ready and faithful
- IX. Do not reject little beginnings
- X. Be consistent
- XI. Register yourself/firm in genuine databases, groups and networks
- XII. Learn what solutions other great minds are offering in foreign jurisdictions.
- XIII. Obey Rules of Professional Conduct for lawyers

Conclusion

“Until people know their rights, how to enforce them and trust the enforcers, there will be NO justice, and more lawyers will continue to be hungry.”

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