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Chief Ladi Rotimi-Williams’ Chambers (CLRWC) is a Nigerian law firm based in Lagos. We undertake work for clients and intermediaries from any location due to our advanced access and communication technology. We have a network of associates in all the states in the country. Our goal is to always exceed client’s expectations and to provide a more attractive place to work.

CLRWC was founded by Chief Ladi Rotimi-Williams, SAN to provide a variety of high quality legal services to individuals, private sector corporations and public organizations.

We take pride into the business in knowledge of to pave the understand to be tackled to our splendid and individuals, we deal with most emergencies face.

As an innovative and pioneering firm, our approach is to glean an understanding of the business and legal issues our clients encounter in order to develop tailor made solutions and services to suit them.

Our perceptive team understands that delivering an excellent legal service in today’s environment demands not only high quality legal advice but also a thorough understanding of the client’s business, its environment and its commercial objectives.

We also aim to provide our clients who range from foreign investors, local entrepreneurs and corporate entities with a the legal resources and the discreet services to work effectively in the highly competitive and sometimes extremely hostile working business environments.
We have partnerships with excellent Solicitors and Barristers throughout Nigeria who are able to offer a wide variety of services varying from everyday commercial and corporate dealings to more complicated mergers, acquisitions and construction contracts. These areas are all supported by a busy and thriving litigation practice. Our Lawyers take cognizance of the business realities and give appropriate advice always correlating with the peculiarities of each Client.

Our Alternative Dispute Resolution Practice is thriving as we successfully represent our Clients in the Multi door Court House rather than seeking redress through litigation. This has enabled the resolution of disputes between our clients and their business partners whilst preserving their business relationships untainted.

As well as undertaking litigation before the Nigerian courts in all the States of the Federation, we advise other local and international law firms, Government and Public Agencies, Intergovernmental Organizations, Parastatals, Non-Governmental Organizations and other commercial entities.

We help our clients nationwide succeed in their business relationships by meeting their legal needs through intimate dealings and understanding of the Client’s business and deeper legal needs in order to ensure that our advice is effective.

We are at the cutting edge of development in Nigerian legal practice, incorporating state of the art internet and computer services and technology with an extensive and well equipped library.

Client-relationship management is an integral part of the firm’s approach and we are keen to encourage long-term mutually beneficial client relationships. Clients are attracted to our focus on client service and over the years. All Clients get regular updates by whichever means is most convenient for them or their circumstances and we have flexible payment plans which are also arranged with the clients’ convenience primarily in mind.
Our Clients are diverse and they include local, national and global corporations cutting across a wide range of sectors, from emerging businesses to multinational corporations.

We have in depth understanding of the industries in which our Client’s operate so that we acquire proficient ability to provide unsurpassed advice within a commercial context.

**STATEMENT OF PRACTICE SUMMARY**

Alternative Dispute Resolution; Aviation Law; Banking and Finance Law; Commercial Contracts; Company Law; Company Secretarial Services; Constitutional Drafting; Corporate Law; Debt Recovery; Employment Law; Energy and Natural Resources Law; Family Law; Government; Human Rights Law; Information Technology Law; Insurance Law; Intellectual Property; International Law; Labor Law; Litigation Practice; Maritime Law; Media Law; Medical Law; Pensions; Real Estate; Telecommunication Law.

**OUR TEAM**

At CLRWC, the greatest asset is our devoted team who drive for perfection. Our team is made up of commercially driven minded individuals and highly talented practitioners who offer an immeasurable array of experience thereby giving outstanding best practices advice to our Clients in different areas of business and offering solutions uniquely geared to peculiar commercial, economical, social and/or legal dealings.

**LEGAL TEAM**

Chief Ladi Rotimi Williams, SAN – Principal Partner

Funmilayo Rotola A Williams – Managing Partner
Chief Ladi Rotimi Williams, SAN

Qualifications
LLB (HONS), University College London (UCL).
BL, Nigerian Law School.

Professional Associations
Nigerian Bar Association
The Patriots

Appointments
Patron of Faculty of Law, University of Ile Ife, 2004.
Senior Advocate of Nigeria, 1995.
Member of Constitutional Drafting Committee, 1988
Director General, Litigation Practice.

Chief Ladi Rotimi-Williams is the Principal/Founding Partner of CLRWC and is also a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN). He holds a law honors degree from the University of London and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1972 and later called to the Inner Bar in 1995. He enjoys independent recognition as one of the top 100 senior advocates in the country. He has over thirty years of legal expertise in litigation and commercial law.

His early working life was spent at Chief Rotimi Williams Chambers under the supervision of Chief FRA Williams and he was a major contributor to the success of the renowned Chambers. His infallible experience informed his decision to form his chambers with two of his children who are also legal practitioners.

He was appointed as a member of the Constitutional Drafting Committee in 1988. He was also appointed Director of National Electric Power Authority (NEPA) and he served the corporation during his tenure. His service to other industries has seen him on the board of prestigious corporations such as UPS/IMNL, TSA and Mutual Benefits Assurance.

His interest in the affairs of the ordinary Nigerian citizen led him to join the non political group “The Patriots” where he served as Secretary to this influential association, showcasing his passion for bringing justice and providing welfare to the less privileged Nigerian.

He is still in active legal practice and offers his exceptional experience, of over 38 years in the legal sector, to all matters addressed in CLRWC.
F R A Williams

Qualifications
ACIARB.
LLM, Buckingham University.
BL, Nigerian Law School.
LLB(HONS), Buckingham University.

Professional Associations
Nigerian Bar Association.
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Associate).

Appointments
Trustee MLE Foundation
Mediator Lagos State
Board Lagos State Badminton Association

FRA Williams is the Managing Partner in CLRWC. She holds a Law honors degree and a Masters degree in International and Commercial Law both from the University of Buckingham and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1996.

Her legal career has spanned over 15 years of which she has gained experience in Alternative Dispute Resolution and currently works as a Lagos State appointed Mediator. She also has experience in the areas of Banking Law; Commercial Law; Company Law; Company Secretarial Services; Corporate Securities and Finance Law; Debt Recovery; Intellectual Property; International Law; Litigation Practice and Real Estate.

Outside the ambits of the legal profession, she has amassed experience in different areas including marketing for renowned multinational corporations and organizations such as BUPA and Chrysler. Her interest in the welfare of children has seen her working closely with voluntary organizations, councilors and politicians to assist with developing policies to tackle this imbalance in our society.

She has acquired expertise in electoral matters and has given pro bono advice to lay persons on their voting rights. This crystallized in her role as an Official Election Observer in the 1999 Democratic Elections in Nigeria after the Military handover.

As trustee of Margaret and Louis Edet Foundation, an NGO, she supervises the foundation’s works on educating women on maternal morbidity and the availability of family planning services. She has written a number of articles pertaining to Child Trafficking and The Implications of the Human Rights Act for the Boroughs of Haringey and Newham, UK.

Olakunle A O Williams

Qualifications
LLB (HONS), Buckingham University.
BL, Nigerian Law School.

**Professional Associations**
Nigerian Bar Association.

Olakunle A O Williams is the Head of Chambers in CLRWC. He holds a law honors degree from Buckingham University and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 2000. His first apprenticeship as a litigator was under the auspices of Late Chief Rotimi Williams.

His areas of expertise are Aviation; Banking and Finance; Criminal Law; Litigation and Real Estate.

He has been involved on a number of occasions in enlightening the public on the benefits of litigation and the effect on proper and diligent prosecution of cases in court.

He is actively working on avenues to change governmental policies on the treatment of citizens in Police custody. He is also currently working on Papers addressing the effect of EFCC on the rights of citizens.

**Elizabeth Njoku**

**Qualifications**
LLB (HONS), Buckingham University.
BL, Nigerian Law School.

**Professional Associations**
Nigerian Bar Association.

Elizabeth Njoku is an Associate Counsel in Chief Ladi Rotimi-Williams Chambers. Elizabeth specializes in all aspects of the Intellectual Property Law and Practice, especially as it relates to searches, filings (in Africa & non African countries), registration, renewal, protection, prosecution and enforcement.

Elizabeth offers advice to clients on the operation and application of Intellectual Property Laws in Nigeria and is engaged in representing and ensuring the protection of the Intellectual Property interest of a variety of clients. Aside from representing clients in obtaining and protecting their copyrights, trademarks, patents and industrial designs, Elizabeth has carved a niche for herself in the area of prosecuting trademarks, copyright, patent & design infringement cases.

Elizabeth manages trademark portfolios for local and international clients and offers advice to trademark owners on the protection of their rights; she also represents trademark owners before the Registrar of Trademarks.

While working in the below listed law firms, the following are some of the clients whose briefs were assigned to Elizabeth to process, the searches, filing,
registration, renewal and maintenance of their trademarks, patents and industrial designs:

1. PFIZER INC.
2. GLAXOSMITHKLINE PLC
3. JOHNSON & JOHNSON
4. ASTRazeneca PLC
5. NOVATIS INTERNATIONAL AG
6. SANOFI-AVENTIS
7. RANBAXY PHARMACEUTICALS INC.
8. PROMASIDOR NIGERIA HOLDINGS LIMITED
9. HONDA
10. GOOGLE INC.
11. JAWA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED.
12. SILVERBIRD ENTERTAINMENT LIMITED
13. TIANJIN DONG LI DISTRICT SHENGFA CANDLE COMPANY LIMITED

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION
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