

**MANIFESTO PRESENTED BY REGINALD IHEANYICHUKWU UGWUADU, ESQ. MCIARB.(UK) -
CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT IN THE NBA 2024 ELECTION.**



I am Reginald Iheanyichukwu Ugwuadu, Esq. MCI Arb.(UK), Partner with Delaw Chambers, a full-service law firm headquartered in Lagos with branch in Port Harcourt. I was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1991, having graduated from the University of Calabar in 1990 and have over the years acquired expertise in commercial litigation, labour issues, capital market and arbitration. I was admitted as a Partner at the firm of Delaw Chambers in January 2009 where I head the Litigation team, after working with the commercial law firm of Solola & Akpana, as a Senior Associate in the Corporate Commercial and Litigation Group. I am a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitration, Nigeria Branch and have been engaged in legal practice since my Call to the Bar and garnered over 30 years' experience as a lawyer.

Though Born and bred in the Surulere Area of Lagos and have lived most, if not all my adult live in Port Harcourt, I am from Ngor/Okpala Local Government Area of Imo State and therefore fit into the NBA's geographical East to which the office of the NBA First Vice President has been zoned for the 2024 Elections.

I sit on the Governing Boards of a private school and I am very well versed in corporate governance and administration. I am a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Nigeria Branch. He was sworn in as a Notary Public in March 2017.

In furtherance of my belief in the enthronement of purposeful leadership anchored on Integrity and in order deepen the gains of the reforms initiated by past administrations, to improve the welfare of lawyers and effectively position our Association as the bulwark against infractions on citizen's rights and checkmate undemocratic tendencies in governance, I present myself, with all sense of humility and responsibility, as a candidate for the position of the First Vice President of the NBA, in the elections scheduled to hold on 20th July 2024.

I have selflessly served the Nigerian Bar Association in various capacities, at the local and national levels. I was member, Disciplinary committee NBA Port Harcourt Branch (2008), between 2009 and 2013, I was a member of Ikeja Branch (Tiger Bar) and served as Secretary, Ikeja Branch for AGC 2011 and Secretary, Electoral Committee Ikeja Branch in 2012. Since my return to the Port Harcourt Branch, I have served in the following capacity, Vice Chair, LOC Port Harcourt Branch for NBAAGC 2014 and 2015, Secretary, Electoral Committee NBA Port Harcourt Branch 2016, Secretary, Law Review Committee NBA Port Harcourt 2016-2018, Member, LOC Port Harcourt Branch for NBAAGC 2017, Co-opted Member, NBA National Executive Committee 2016-2018, PH Branch NEC Representative 2020-2022, Co-opted Member, NBA National Executive Council 2022-2024.

On a personal note, I enjoy meeting people and travelling. I speaks Yoruba, Igbo and English fluently. As a vocation, I lectured part time Business and Company Law at ICAN Tutorial Centre (Port Harcourt) and for relaxation, enjoys listening to country music and am an avid chess and



scrabble player. I serve in my parish as a lay reader of the Catholic Church. I am happily married to Onyinye and we are blessed with 3 lovely boyz.

Heading into the elections, the Nigerian lawyer is battered and buffeted on all sides by insecurity of life, property and even means of livelihood. The lawyer has become an endangered specie in the hands of security agents, men of the underworld and the public at large. These are surely not the best of times to be a lawyer in Nigeria. However, we must stand resolute in our resolve to rise above the storm and take our destinies in our hands, by consciously and purposefully taking practical steps to rebuild the confidence of Nigerians in the legal system and the lawyer.

Upon careful consideration and reflections, coupled with wide and meaningful consultations across a broad spectrum, I Reginald Iheanyichukwu Ugwuadu, Esq. hereby present myself as a candidate in the 2024 NBA national elections for the office of first Vice President.

WHAT HAS REGINALD UGWUADU GOT TO OFFER?

I intend to serve the Nigerian Bar Association in line with the provisions of S. 9(5)(b)(i)-(iv) of the Constitution of the Nigerian Bar Association 2021.

1. In line with the constitutional provision which requires the first vice president to act in the stead of the President as occasion demands or as directed by the President or NEC, I shall bring to bear my inter personal skills and team player spirit in ensuring the smooth flow of the administration, through conscious efforts to build a cohesive and all inclusive team, with the common purpose of upholding the tenets of the Association and and serving the interest of the members and the public at large. This will no doubt ease the burden on the President and reduce to the barest minimum, friction between the president and other members of the Executive committee.
2. As regards the duties of supervising NBA branches assigned to the office of the first vice president by the president or NEC, proactive steps will be taken to ensure that such branches under my watch feel the impact of the Association and benefit from programs and schemes set up by the Association. To achieve this, a WhatsApp platform will be set up comprising of all the chairmen under the zone being supervised, to ensure a smooth and realtime flow of information and shorten reaction time in the event of an emergency.
3. While, the constitution allows the First Vice President to act as liaison between designated branches and president/NEC to encourage the establishment of new branches, in reality my main focus will be enhancing the viability of our branches, with a primary focus on the welfare of members and the impact of the activities of the NBA on the citizenry. To this end I will in conjunction with the Exco of each of the branches under my supervision, encourage the Branches to cascade and replicate the laudable programs at the National level for the interest of its member. In this regard, the Human Rights committee in the Branches will be encouraged to be more proactive and be up and doing in the defence of the rights of our members and the public, and to check the excesses of security agents, who might decide to be overzealous.



- 4..Furthermore, regarding the welfare and earnings of our members, the various branches will be encouraged to set up taskforces to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Legal Practitioners Remuneration (for Business, Legal Service and Representation) Order, 2023 and bring erring members to justice.
5. Flowing from this, branches will be encouraged to embark on projects and programs that will impact directly and positively on its members in line with the immediate need of that locality. This will in no small measure increase the interest of members to participate in the activities of the NBA at the branch level.
6. Final, the first vice president shall be readily available to undertake any and all task which the president and or NEC, may from time to time, direct to be done and periodic reports of all assignments, shall be presented to the National Executive Council and National Executive Committee.

I af firm that I shall willingly deploy my time, energy and resources to serve the Nigerian Bar Association and collaborate with the president and other members of the National Executive Committee to deliver premium service to our members, even as we deepen the tenets of the rule of law.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2024

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