

## **BRIEF PROFILE OF BAYO OJO**

**Bayo Ojo**, a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1978. He later got admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales. Since then he has been in active Commercial law, International Law, Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution practice covering Litigation, Oil and Gas, Energy, Environment, Infrastructure Development, Banking and Finance, Aviation, Telecommunication and Investment treaty. He has acted as sole Arbitrator, member of arbitration panels and as Counsel in numerous domestic and international arbitrations both at the ICC and the LCIA over the last twenty years.

As Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice of Nigeria, he initiated key reforms in the justice sector. Bayo Ojo also acted as Chairman of the review panel for licensing round of oil blocks issued in 2005 in Nigeria, was an advisor on the exit of Nigeria from the London and Paris Clubs, advised and participated in the negotiation of an infrastructure loan of \$2.5 billion US Dollars for the Mambilla Hydro, Railways and Rural Telephony in Nigeria from the China Exim Bank in Beijing, advised on the new regime for borrowing put in place by the Debt Management Office for the States and Federal Government, advised on the putting together of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, the current Central Bank Act, Tax Acts and review of Nigerian Investment Laws and a new Nigerian Arbitration Act to mention a few. As a former member of the National Council on Privatization, Ojo advised on the privatization of key Government entities that have been successfully privatized.

He is a past President of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), past Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Nigeria Branch. Ojo was until recently a member of the United Nations International Law Commission (ILC) Geneva Switzerland and Council member of the Section on Energy and Natural Resources Law of the International Bar Association, a member of the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators, Washington, DC, a member of the Panel of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, Hague, Netherlands. He is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators London, President of the African Users' Council of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), Alternate Chairperson of the UNESCO Appeals Board in Paris.

He belongs to a number of professional associations like the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London Court of International Arbitration, Swiss Arbitration Association, the Nigerian Maritime Arbitrators Association, Business Recovery and Insolvency Practitioners Association of Nigeria and the International Bar Association to mention a few. He is a Patron of the Nigerian Society of

International Law and the West African representative of the Foundation for International and Commercial Arbitration SICA/FICA. Bayo Ojo has spoken at several international conferences and is currently co-authoring a book on Arbitration and Mediation in Nigeria.

He holds a LL.B degree in Law from the University of Lagos, Nigeria, LL.M degree in Law from the London school of Economics, University of London, Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a Chartered Arbitrator. He is a recipient of the Nigerian National Honour of Commander of the Order of the Niger (CON) for meritorious service to the nation.

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