

## PROFILE: MRS. CHINWE ODIGBOEGWU



**Mrs. Chinwe Odigboegwu is the Head, Litigation & Dispute Resolution of Nigerian Bottling Company Limited (NBC), a subsidiary of Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling Company.** Under NBC's Legal Department's business partnering model, Mrs. Odigboegwu is the Legal Business Partner for the Company's HR and Business Services Solutions (BSS) Departments. Mrs. Odigboegwu joined NBC in August 2015 with many years of extensive legal practice and human capital development experience.

In addition to being a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria, she is a Notary Public for Nigeria, an Accredited Mediator of the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, UK (CEDR) and Certified Trainer in Mediation and Negotiation of the Bond University, Australia. Mrs. Odigboegwu is a member of the Nigerian Bar Association, International Bar Association, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), the Panel of Neutrals of the Lagos Court of Arbitration (LCA), the Panel of Neutrals and Training Faculty of the Lagos Multi-Door Courthouse (LMDC) as well as the Training Faculty of the Negotiation and Conflict Management Group (NCMG) and the Standing Conference of Mediation Advocates, UK (SCMA).

Prior to joining NBC, Mrs. Odigboegwu was a Team Leader with the top-tier Commercial Law firm of Banwo & Ighodalo (B&I). She headed the Firm's Litigation, Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Practice Group, and supported its Intellectual Property, Energy (Oil & Gas), Maritime & International Trade, and Corporate, Securities & Finance Practice Groups. She was a member of B&I's Recruitment, Website Management and Business Development Teams; she was also the Supervisor of B&I's award-winning Internship Programme. Mrs. Odigboegwu worked with B&I for about 10 years.

Mrs. Odigboegwu has vast experience in dispute resolution (litigation, arbitration, mediation and other forms of ADR). She is very knowledgeable in various areas of Nigerian law as well as the practice and procedure of Nigerian courts, tribunals and ADR bodies before which she represented various local and foreign clients (individuals and corporate bodies, including renowned multinationals). She is a natural teacher and is able to communicate with people of various ages, cultures, and educational backgrounds. She lectured adult federal government workers on two courses - "Business Law" and "The Law and Practice of Meetings" - at the Federal Training Centre (FCT), Maiduguri during her one-year compulsory national service (NYSC).

Mrs. Odigboegwu is a member of the Governing Board of HYPE Foundation, a youth development and nation building initiative geared towards mentoring young people for personal excellence and national

transformation. In this regard, she has acted as a Facilitator and Mentor to adolescents and teenagers since 2001. Her passion for education, youth development and community development inspired her to implement a personal community development project (Human Resource Development for Secondary School Students) during her NYSC year in Maiduguri, Borno State. The project won her the NYSC & Borno State Merit Award. Mrs. Odigboegwu acted as a Facilitator and Mentor at the pioneer Young Lawyers Conference (YLC) held in Lagos in July 2010.

She is often called upon to speak at seminars and conferences, particularly regarding dispute resolution and career development.

Mrs. Odigboegwu is married with four children, including a set of twins. She is passionate about youth development, and enjoys singing and public speaking.