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Ade Mosuro

Ade Mosuro is a Senior Associate at Bracewell LLP, an international full service law firm headquartered in Houston, Texas, USA. Ade's practice focuses on international energy and infrastructure, project development and project finance transactions, with a particular focus on the Middle East and Africa. Ade has represented various sponsors, lenders and contractors active in the power, renewables, oil and gas, transport, water, waste, and wastewater sectors.



Dr. Gabriel Onagoruwa

Dr. Onagoruwa is a highly experienced transactional lawyer who specialises in energy and infrastructure projects in Africa. His practice focuses on advising development finance institutions, national and international oil companies, commercial banks, multilateral lending agencies, sponsors and developers in relation to large-scale projects, project financings, investments and acquisitions across the power, oil and gas, petrochemical and real estate sectors. He has been recognised as a leading individual for finance in emerging markets by eminent legal directories.

Dr. Onagoruwa chairs the project development and finance practice of Olaniwun Ajayi in the city of London and was formerly of White & Case LLP. He is admitted to practice as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria and as a solicitor of the Senior Courts of England & Wales."



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Abiodun Oyeledun

Abiodun is a Partner at Detail Commercial Solicitors (DETAIL). He leads the Finance and Capital Markets team of the Firm and has extensive expertise in Energy, Power & Infrastructure and Real Estate & Construction sectors.

A proven subject matter expert in traditional bank-led project finance, project bonds and equity investments, with a broad experience advising on structuring funds and corporate bonds specifically structured to cater to pension funds and other institutional investors.

Abiodun's transactional experience include advising Infrastructure Credit Limited on a N10 billion guarantee to Transport Services Limited with respect to a bond issuance as well as a N12 billion Infrastructure Debt Issuance to Green Liquefied Natural Gas Limited. He served as Team Lead advising the Central Bank of Nigeria and Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission on the N213 billion Intervention Fund for the NESI and advising Stanbic IBTC as it provides a Senior Term Loan Facility, Letter of Credit and Import Finance Facility to Kellogg, the international cereal manufacturing company for the construction of a cereal processing factory, equipment, and other related infrastructure within a Nigerian Free Trade Zone.

Abiodun was admitted to the Nigerian Bar in 2010 received the "Nigerian Rising Star Award" as one of the top 40 Nigerian lawyers under the age of 40 at the Nigerian Legal Award 2018.



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Masud Balogun

Masud is a leading lawyer in the Islamic finance space in Nigeria. His experience cuts across corporate law, corporate finance, capital markets, dispute resolution and Islamic finance. Masud played a leading role in structuring the first sub-sovereign and sovereign sukuk in Nigeria. He has advised issuers on structuring, documentation and shariah governance of Islamic finance products including sukuk, mutual funds, and exchange traded funds. Masud has collaborated with financial regulators to draft/review regulations in the Islamic finance space. He facilitates trainings for capital market operators and has championed various market-leading initiatives in the Islamic finance space.

Masud is the company secretary and legal adviser to Lotus Capital Limited, the pioneer firm in Islamic fund management in Nigeria. He is also a member of the Securities and Exchange Commission Committee on the 10-year Master-plan for the non-interest capital market.



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SHEARMAN & STERLING TEAM

Lachlan Poustie

Lachlan Poustie is a partner in Shearman & Sterling's Project Development & Finance practice. He has extensive experience in acting for development finance institutions, sponsors, commercial lenders and export credit agencies on the financing of complex infrastructure and energy projects across Africa. His recent experience includes advising 11 lenders on the restructuring of the project financing in respect of the Enfidha and Monastir airports in Tunisia, which won Restructuring Deal of the Year at the IFLR Africa Awards, 2021.



Samuel Ogunlaja

Samuel Ogunlaja is a counsel in Shearman & Sterling's Project Development & Finance group and has a very active Africa client base. As a dual British-Nigerian national, Samuel utilises his cultural background, on the ground relationships and transactional experience, to provide unique insight into the Nigerian and wider-African business landscape. His recent experience includes advising Notore Chemicals plc on the expansion of its fertiliser plant in Nigeria and the consortium comprising GE, Saipem SpA, Lionworks and Yaatra Ventures on the Albertine oil refinery project in Uganda, the first oil refinery in East Africa.



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Dolapo Roberts

Dolapo is a Senior Associate in Olaniwun Ajayi LP's Power & Infrastructure Practice. She routinely advises on various aspects of the development, acquisition and financing of a broad range of energy and infrastructure assets. Prior to joining the Firm, Dolapo worked on advising clients on complex financing transactions including project and infrastructure finance and corporate finance transactions Aluko & Oyebode.

She is recognised by IFLR 1000 as a Rising Star in Nigeria. In addition to this experience, Dolapo has worked on origination and execution of transactions within the debt capital market teams at both Lehman Brothers and Nomura International Plc as well as compliance advisory for the Royal Bank of Scotland's capital markets team.



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Ejemen Ofoman

Ejemen is a Senior Associate with Olaniwun Ajayi LP's Power and Infrastructure team and is based in Lagos, Nigeria. She has significant experience advising sponsors, project developers, government institutions, development finance institutions, commercial banks and other corporates on the development and financing of infrastructure projects, with a particular focus on power, healthcare, and transport infrastructure.

In 2018, Ejemen was selected as Power Africa/Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice Fellow, and as part of her fellowship, she worked as an International Associate with Orrick's Energy and Infrastructure team in New York, advising on construction debt financings for renewable energy projects across the United States.

Ejemen is a former foreign law clerk to Justice Sisi Virginia Khampepe of the Constitutional Court of South Africa, a Cornell Law graduate, a member of both the Nigerian and New York State Bars, and has been ranked by IFLR1000 as a 'Rising Star' (2021) for Project Development.



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Azeezah Muse-Sadiq

Azeezah is a partner of Banwo & Ighodalo (B&I), a leading law firm with offices in Lagos and Abuja. She obtained her law degree from the University of Lagos, and joined B&I in 2006. She has a Diploma (Postgraduate) EU Competition Law from Kings College London Dickson Poon School of Law. She is a member of the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investments UK.

In 2010, she was named as team leader in the firm's corporate securities and finance practice, with responsibility for managing many of the firm's most complex and pioneering transactions. She was admitted to the firm's partnership in January 2017. Her core practice areas are capital markets, M&A and corporate restructurings, Islamic finance, taxation, consumer protection law and competition law having garnered over 15 years of experience working in these fields.

Azeezah is frequently called upon to participate in the rules' development initiatives of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Nigeria and the Nigerian Stock Exchange, among others and is actively engaged in rules drafting, policy reform and development in the Nigerian capital markets and mergers and acquisition space.

Azeezah authors articles in leading legal publications and delivers presentations on subjects in her core practice areas. She is frequently called upon to share her knowledge and expertise as a participant, facilitator and speaker at professional workshops, trainings and conferences.



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Zelda Akindele

Zelda is a Partner in the Finance Practice Group at Templars, one of the foremost, integrated full-service commercial law firms in Nigeria.

She has extensive experience advising on both domestic and cross-border leveraged finance, asset finance, project finance, debt & equity capital markets, Fintech, PE and M&A transactions. Her legal experience cuts across Europe and Africa and has seen her acting for various transaction parties including lenders, arrangers, borrowers, trustees, project sponsors, purchasers, equity investors and target companies.

Zelda holds a Master of Laws in Banking and International Finance Law from the London School of Economics and is admitted to practice in Nigeria and England & Wales. She is recognised as a leading lawyer by some of the most reputable international legal directories including IFLR 1000 and Chambers Global.

Prior to Templars, she worked as a Deputy Executive on the Legal Team of the Nigerian investment bank, UBA Global Markets (now United Capital), where her role included advising on transactions such as the first-to-market RMBS structure in West Africa, the first-to-market CLN product in Nigeria and various sub-sovereign bonds. Before that, Zelda began her career as a member of the Banking and Finance team of Clifford Chance LLP in London and the Structured Finance Team of the same firm in Milan, where she worked as part of a bilingual team.

Zelda sits on the FMDQ OTC Exchange's Debt Capital Markets Sub-Committee on Regulation Consolidation and is one of only twelve female lawyers recognized as an IFLR1000 Woman Leader in the Nigerian market for 2021.



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ASHURT TEAM

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Matthew Wood, Adrian Lawrence and Femi Omosuyi are core members of the Africa finance team at Ashurst in London. They specialise in advising both borrowers and lenders on a wide array of financing transactions, spanning corporate, project and trade finance, covering Africa and other emerging markets globally. The team has a particular focus on Nigeria having advised on many of the most substantial international financings undertaken in the country in recent years, encompassing regular work for clients such as Africa Finance Corporation, Indorama and Shell.

Ashurst LLP is a leading full service international law firm with over 1600 lawyers spread across 29 offices and a proud history dating back to its foundation in London in 1822.

