

FAMA FIRM

Presents a

WEBINAR

ON

“Contemporary Issues Facing
The Welfare Of Young Lawyers
In Nigeria And Possible Solutions”

Saturday 18th July, 2020

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM

on Zoom

Register in advance for this webinar:

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INTRODUCTION

FAMA FIRM is a leading Commercial Law Firm in Northern Nigeria. The Firm provides professional legal services in the following areas-

Telecommunications Law; Arbitration; Property and Real Estate Law; Company Secretarial Services; Corporate & Commercial Law; Litigation & Appellate Practice; Banking & Finance.

The Firm, as part of its Continuing Legal Education initiative and Corporate Social Responsibility, shall be organizing a series of events regularly to educate Lawyers and the General Public on contemporary issues/problems affecting both the legal industry and the general society.

As part of the above, the Firm is organizing a Webinar with the Topic: -

“Contemporary Issues Facing The Welfare Of Young Lawyers In Nigeria And Possible Solutions”



SYNOPSIS OF THE TOPIC

The Welfare of Young Lawyers in Nigeria has been in a very poor state for a very long time, without any sustained action taken by any of the bodies concerned with the Training & Regulation of the Legal Profession in Nigeria.

If this problem is not tackled, it may likely threaten the prestige of the legal profession in its entirety. Hence, finding solutions to this problem should be one of the top priorities of all lawyers in Nigeria.

This Webinar is part of an initiative to address this problem, perspective shall be given on the issues, Young Lawyers are facing and possible solutions. The Webinar would also get perspective from outside Nigeria, United Kingdom and Ghana, on the issue.



EVENT

- **A Webinar on the Zoom Cloud Meeting App, the format shall be a moderated panel discussion.**
- **We are proposing 18th July 2020; subject to the convenience of each Panelist.**
- **Duration of the webinar shall be two hours; between 1.30pm – 3.30pm (West African Time).**
- **Each panelist shall be given a maximum of 10 Minutes to address the issues assigned to them**
- **The targeted audience are lawyers (we are expecting a target figure of about five hundred participants)**
- **The panelists are expected to submit their materials three days before the webinar date.**



Prof. Suzanne Rab: United Kingdom

Professor Suzanne Rab is a Barrister, Mediator and Regulatory Policy advisor at Serle Court, London. Suzanne has wide experience of regulatory law, EU law and competition law matters combining cartel regulation, commercial practices, IP exploitation, merger control, public procurement and State aid.

Suzanne's practice has a particular focus on the interface between competition law and economic regulation. She advises governments, regulators and businesses across the regulated sectors including in the communications, energy, financial services, healthcare/ pharmaceuticals, TMT and water sectors.

Suzanne has significant experience of advising on the development, implementation and application of new laws and regulatory regimes in line with



international best practices, including in emerging markets.

Suzanne advises on professional services regulation with particular expertise in the regulation of solicitors and barristers. Her UK representative experience includes advising:

the Legal Services Board and the Law Society on the barriers to the effective operation of the markets in which legal firms operate and the ways in which regulators or representative bodies could improve market functioning; the Legal Services Board on changes to regulation following the Legal Services Act 2007 reforms in England and Wales and the Bar Standards Board on a range of regulatory, competition law and data protection issues.

Suzanne is frequently invited to present to international bar associations and regulators on best practices in lawyer



and legal services regulation. In 2016 Suzanne presented to a delegation of the IBA and the Kazakhstan Bar Association on international regulation of lawyers and conducted similar missions in China, Hong Kong, India and Latin America in 2018/2019.

In private practice as a solicitor prior to joining the bar, she has held positions at leading international practices. She has also held the role of director at PricewaterhouseCoopers working within its strategy, economics and forensics teams.

Suzanne's academic roles combine her position as Professor of Commercial Law and Practice Chair at Brunel University, Visiting Professor at Imperial College London and Senior Research Associate at the Regulatory Policy Institute, Oxford. Suzanne is author of numerous leading textbooks on comparative regulation.



Suzanne will speak about the importance of lawyer regulation in international legal services. She will describe the relationship between the quality of a legal system and economic performance. She will explore the relationship between the quality of lawyers and economic performance and ask what role lawyers play in the development of a legal system. Drawing on experience in the UK and internationally, she will consider how experience in other jurisdictions can be a starting point for countries seeking to reform their own regulation.



Sylvester Udemezue: Nigeria

He is a lecturer at the Nigerian Law School, Lagos Campus and a Legal Practitioner with expertise on Constitutional Law, Property Law Practice, Human Rights and Corporate Law.

He is also a strong advocate for young lawyers and the need for reform of the Nigerian Legal Profession.

With his years of advocate on the said areas and as a lecturer he is address us on:

The problems of the profession and how to solve such problems; with emphasis on what the Nigerian law school and Universities can do to address such problems.



Idris Mohammed FCIArb (UK): Nigeria

He is the managing partner of **Fama Firm**, a leading Law Firm in Kaduna, Northern Nigeria with expertise on **C o m m e r c i a l L a w** (Telecommunications Law) and Arbitration.

Idris Mohammed has a lot of experience on leadership and what it takes to run a Law firm as he has been running his Law Firm straight out of youth service to date.

Idris Mohammed shall be shading more light on **the general state of the profession, possible solutions and how he manages Fama Firm.**



Adeline Owusua Asante: Ghana

She was admitted to the Ghanaian Bar in 2016, and currently work for Integrated Legal Consultants, Accra since July 2018 to date.

Adeline Owusua Asante is a hardworking young lawyer of the Ghanaian Bar Association and shall be sharing with us

How the legal system operates in her country, as well as how it affects the young lawyers.



Samuel Atobi Adebowale: Nigeria

Samuel Atobi Adebowale is an associate at Banwo & Ighodalo and the current Chairman;

Governing Council of the Nigerian Bar Association Young Lawyers' Forum. He is to enlighten us on his

Inside perspective of what he believes the problems are, possible solutions and steps he has taken as the National Chairman of the Young Lawyers Forum of the Nigerian Bar so far to curtail the problems.



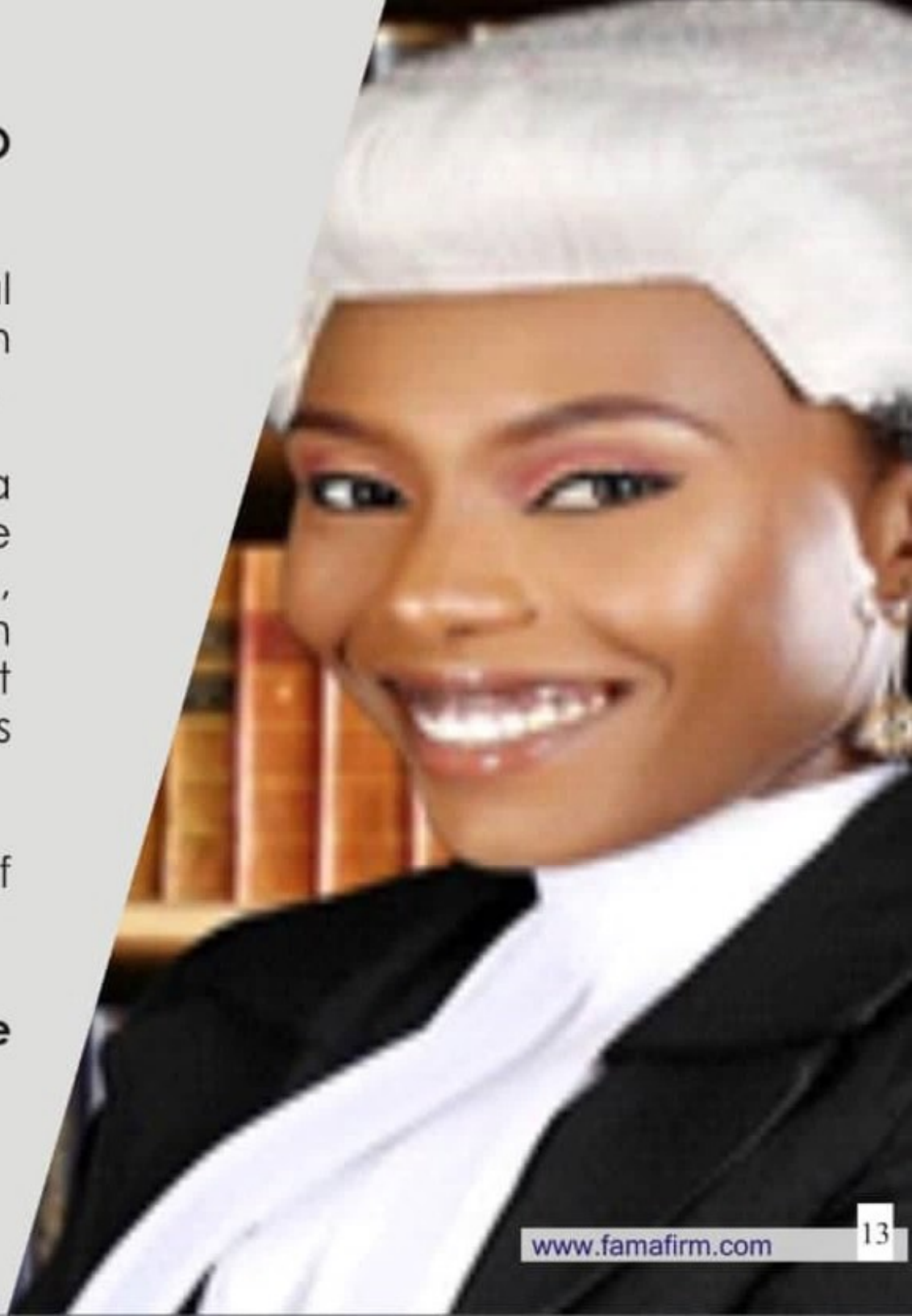
ZAINAB MUHAMMAD BELLO
AICMC, MILA (Nigeria)

Zainab Muhammad Bello is a legal practitioner with special interest on Public Interest Law and Arbitration.

She is also a Mediator. She is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Mediators and Conciliators, International Lawyers Association and North west and North East Zonal Head of Coalition of Lawyers for Press Freedom.

She is the Probono Coordinator of Fama Firm.

She shall be acting as **the Moderator/ Host** for the event.



Thank you.

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