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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY: Lawyer and IP development professional with expertise in innovation law, AI governance, and cross-border legal capacity building. Experienced in cross-border collaboration, policy research, legal advocacy, and academic instruction.

CORE EXPERTISE

- Intellectual Property Law (WIPO-KDI Scholar | IP Development | Patent & Data Governance)
- Policy Research & Advocacy (Gender-Inclusive Tech Policy | Global IP Frameworks)
- Emerging Technologies (Neurotech Ethics | AI & Data Ownership | Legal Innovation)
- Strategic Communication (Legal Writing | Workshop Facilitation | Public Engagement)
- Project & Program Coordination | Stakeholder Engagement (NGOs, Local Government Agencies) | Cross-Border Collaboration.

EDUCATION

KDI School of Public Policy and Management **Sejong, South Korea**
Master's in Intellectual Property Development (MIPD) Jan '23 — Jan '24

- WIPO-KDI Scholarship recipient; Dean's List (Spring & Summer semesters).
- Winner of the Most Innovative Idea at the OASIS 1 Intellectual Property program.
- Recognised for active participation in the Sejong Talent Donation by the Mayor of Sejong City & Sejong Global High School.
- **Research:** *Geographical Indications as a Tool for Improving the Economies of Developing Countries — A Nigerian Perspective* (2023).

Nigerian Law School **Enugu, Nigeria**
B.L., Law (Professional Degree) Jan '20 — Mar '21

- Ranked in top 7% of over 5700 graduating candidates nationwide.

University of Benin **Benin City, Nigeria**
LL.B., Law Feb '15 — Oct '19

- Chief Research Officer, Law Students Bar Association.
- Finalist, UNIBEN Spelling Bee Competition (Maiden Edition).
- **Research:** *Education and the Issue of Out-of-School Children in Nigeria* (2019).

OTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Patent Law and Global Public Health “PatentX” 2024
- Overall Assistance for Startup Immigration System (OASIS) 1 & 2 2023
- Distance Learning- General Course on Intellectual Property (DL 101) 2023
- Intellectual Property Panorama- Advance International Certificate Course (AICC) 2023

LEGAL AND POLICY EXPERIENCE

European Initiative for Gender Inclusive Democracy (EIGID) **Geneva, Switzerland (Remote)**
Policy and Advocacy Officer Sept '23 — Present

- Designed and presented training materials for the [Walanga Women and Children Capacity Building Program](#) in Walanga, Uganda.
- **Co-authored EIGID's inaugural policy report** on the *Walanga Women and Children's Project*, prepared for submission to the Permanent Mission of Uganda in Geneva
- **Contributing to the St. Lucia Project planning phase**, supporting capacity-building initiatives through training, advocacy, and community-based engagement for women, children, and local development stakeholders

- Facilitated advocacy outreach with NGOs, using culturally adaptive communication strategies (including a cross-border collaboration with the Nsette Foundation, Uganda; Road to 50%; Rhealyz Africa, Nigeria; and Books for Africa, U.S.A.).
- Led capacity-building sessions on gender mainstreaming for participants from over 20 countries.
- Researched and published articles on global gender policy, reaching over 5,000 readers worldwide.

**Rhealyz Africa
Advocacy Intern**

Akure, Nigeria
Sep '21 — Jul '22

- Facilitated the Girls Cap project at Fiwashaye Girls' Grammar School, Akure, impacting 250 students
- Facilitated the Kit Child Day of Impact Project at Arinsayin Primary School, Akure
- Coordinated and executed two community projects under the Community Development Service initiative, achieving a 40% increase in participant engagement compared to previous years

**Legal Aid
Welfare Officer**

Akure, Nigeria
Sep '21 — Jul '22

- Acted as liaison for vulnerable clients seeking legal redress.
- Supported documentation and community legal education efforts.
- Coordinated community campaigns on girls' education and domestic abuse awareness.

**E.O. Ajegbemiga & Co Law Firm
Legal Associate**

Akure, Nigeria
Jul '21 — Jan '23

- Managed a Fundamental Rights suit resulting in a favourable court judgment.
- Drafted over 20 legal documents monthly and reviewed 100+ case files.
- Represented clients in 33 court sessions and prepared case summaries.
- Streamlined admin operations, cutting case processing time by 20%.

ACADEMIC AND COMMUNICATION EXPERIENCE

**KDI School of Public Policy and Management
Student Reporter**

Sejong, South Korea
Sep '23 — Dec '23

- Produced editorial content; and conducted interviews highlighting faculty and student achievements.
- Amplified student voices through inclusive storytelling and institutional coverage.
- Contributed 5 articles to the prestigious KDI School Year Magazine, 2023 Edition.
- Built proficiency in academic communication, including writing, editing, and research-based reporting.

Class Assistant (three consecutive appointments)

May '23 — Dec '23

- Facilitated course delivery logistics and student-professor communication.
- Monitored project submissions, maintained academic records, and implemented attendance and classroom management systems.

Academic Writing Consultant

Feb '23 — Dec '23

- Developed and conducted 4 high-impact academic writing workshops, reaching over 200 international students.
- Reviewed and advised on 40+ master's/PhD-level research projects.
- Mentored students in refining academic-legal and public policy writing.

**CELP | Daejeon YMCA | FREN English (various roles in three English language academies)
English Language Instructor**

Daejeon, Korea
Jan '24 — July '25

- Instruct students in English language skills, including reading, writing, speaking, and listening, tailored to different proficiency levels.
- Integrated writing, dialogue, and real-world communication for improved academic fluency.
- Co-developed curricula, led assessments, and used gamified tools for engagement.
- Designed and executed lessons using real-world topics aligned with curriculum goals.

- Evaluated students and delivered assessments and feedback across three institutions, collaborating closely with directors and fellow teachers.

Aura Magazine

Lagos, Nigeria

Content Writing Intern

Jul '19 — Jan '20

- **Communication:** Authored 15 articles for the magazine's website, generating 14,000+ page views and significantly increasing site traffic.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Conducted 12 interviews with notable figures, enhancing the magazine's credibility and boosting readership.

TECH & OPEN-SOURCE EXPERIENCE

- **HNG Tech Program Mentor** (three-month volunteer role) **Lagos, Nigeria | Aug '25 — Present**
- Completed UI/UX training via HNG and Zuri programs; delivered responsive designs and collaborated with dev teams.
- Contributed to Ingressive for Good's open-source TechMart project by drafting legal documentation, including Terms & Conditions, Privacy Policy, and FAQs.

RESEARCH INTERESTS AND PROJECTS

- The exploration of IP tools like geographical indications in enhancing market value and global competitiveness for African producers.
- Legal accountability frameworks for Responsible AI under GDPR and global norms.
- **Owning the Mind:** Patent law, IP, and cognitive claims in neurotechnology.
- AI, authorship, and the future of intellectual property rights.
- Data markets, algorithmic bias, and fundamental rights protection.
- Authoring a semi-autobiographical book on global ambition, post-pandemic identity, and adulthood through a Global South lens.

SKILLS & TOOLS

- **Google Workspace:** Docs, Sheets, Slides, Drive
- **MS Office Suite:** Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook
- **Design and Presentation:** PowerPoint, Canva, Figma
- **Video Conferencing/Online Teaching:** Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Meet, Webex
- **Languages:** English (Fluent), Igbo, Basic Korean, Basic French.
- **Soft Skills:** Emotional & Social Intelligence, Adaptability, Cultural Sensitivity.