

Curriculum Vitae.

Name - Chuck C. Nduka-Eze

Date and Place of Birth - 12th March 1963 – London, UK.

Place of Origin – Asaba, Delta State.

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**Education – 1975 – 1980 - O Levels - C.M.S Grammar School, Lagos; – A levels 1980 – 1982 -
Thelveton Hall, Thelveton, Diss, Norfolk, England.**

**University Education – University of Warwick, Coventry, England 1982-84; University of Jos,
Plateau State, Nigeria 1985-1987 – LLB. Hons 1987.**

**Professional Qualifications – Admitted to Practice Law in Nigeria 1988, UK 1990 and
State of California, USA, 1994.**

**UK Experience - Practised as a Barrister of the Middle Temple in the UK from 1990 to 1999 –
Was Counsel in the Chambers of Desmond De Silva QC in 2 Paper Buildings, Temple, London EC4
and was later appointed a Senior Crown Prosecutor for the UK Crown Prosecution Service in
Central London (1994-1997).**

Legal experience extended to both Civil, Commercial and Criminal Defence and Prosecution work.
Handled significant cases of public interest that generated much media interest in the UK – one of
which was my representation of **Damien Hirst** (presently the most successful and famous
British contemporary artist) in his artistic dispute with a sculptor, Mr Mark Bridger. This case was
internationally celebrated and the legal arguments/submissions in the course of the trial was
made the subject of a BBC television documentary aired on its Late Show Arts series in December
1994. I also acted as Prosecution Counsel in the kidnap case involving the PA to Bill Cash, the
Conservative MP. Also acted as the Prosecution Counsel against John Devereux, the UK national
rugby player. Prosecuted and defended several Fraud/Money Laundering cases before the Old
Bailey and the English High Court.

Civil and Commercial experience extended to Legal advisory work in commercial transactions,
financial disputes, landlord tenant disputes and litigation etc.

**Nigerian Experience - 1999 – 2001 – Legal Adviser & Company Secretary to
Diamond Bank PLC. Whilst serving as the legal adviser I was lead counsel in the negotiation
and subsequent acquisition of ACB by the consortium of Banks comprising Diamond Bank, Citizen
bank and Hallmark bank. It was the first of such acquisitions in the country. Was head of the joint**

committee for the failed acquisition of Diamond bank by ABSA of South Africa. Also served as a member of the Credit and Audit committees of the bank.

2001 – to date; Private Practice – Managing partner of Chuck Nduka-Eze & Co; Legal Practitioners and Advisers. Address : No 1 Ihuntayi Street, off Palace Road, Oniru Estate, Victoria Island Ext, Lagos.

Legal Advisory work for mergers and acquisitions of banks and consolidated complex transactions and negotiations. I have been involved in Receiverships and company restructure work, Bankruptcy proceedings, Syndicated loans and Buy outs etc. I secured the introduction that crystallised the relationship between BankPHP and Fortis (Belgian financial group) for the management of about \$500m Dollars of Nigerian Foreign Reserves.

Acted as Counsel/Lawyer for the whole Anioma Community of Delta State in the Genocide petition (re 1967 killings of civilians at Asaba and environs during the Nigerian/biafran war) against the Federal Govt at The Oputa Panel Hearings in 2001. The federal govt accepted the claims in the petition and formally tendered an apology to the Community.

Legal advisory work in complex commercial matters and disputes; and confidential Legal assistance in EFCC prosecution/defence matters.

Private and Confidential Client work for High Profile individuals.

Other Business interests.

Founded a property acquisition and development company called **Cosmopolitan Alliance Ltd** with distinguished Nigerians on the company's board such as Mazi Clement Owunna (MFR), Chief Henry Okolo (CEO Dorman long) Ken Odogwu (Chairman of Royal Exchange Insurance Group) etc. The company presently owns the residual Lease to 21 apartments in Victoria Island and is the Developer of a 16 floor Office Commercial Complex at No 1 Engineering Close, Victoria Island called the Nigerian Society of Engineers Towers.

Zumax Nigeria Ltd – I am a Director/ significant investor in Zumax Nigeria Ltd - this company is the oldest indigenous Oil Services Company in the country. I led the restructuring effort of the company following a receivership. Company has 5 vessels and has over 70 employees.

Married to Mrs Fatima Laraba Nduka-Eze – a Lawyer (nee Joe Nanven Garba) – with 3 children.

Interests – Public policy/affairs, history and biography, avid reader of the FT, boating and swimming. Alumni of the Lagos Business School –LBS,

Member of the Lansdowne Club, Mayfair, London; Annabels, Mayfair, London; Lagos Motor Boat Club, Ikoyi, Lagos.

I hold 2 Traditional Chieftaincy Titles - Nwabunia of Enugwu – Ukwu and Umunri; and the Ike Obodo of Nteje – both in Anambra State.