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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER
Assistant Professor of Law
Presidential Frontier Faculty.

Houston, TX
2024- Present

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW
Assistant Professor of Law

Salem, OR
2023- 2024

- Courses: Property Law, Environmental, Energy and Climate Law & Global Environmental Justice
- COMMITTEES: Admissions, 1L Curriculum, Institutional Equity. Faculty Adviser, Black Law Students Association. (BLSA)

SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR COLLEGE OF LAW, ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY
Visiting Assistant Professor of Law

Phoenix, AZ
2021- 2023

- Courses taught: Property Law
- Created and taught a new upper-level seminar: Global Environmental Justice, Fall 2021 & 2022
- Supervised JD students' graduate writing requirement projects
- Facilitated upper-level students to submit writing projects for publication.

TEACHING COURSES

Property Law, Environmental Law, Energy and Climate Law, Natural Resources Law, Environmental Justice, Oil and Gas Law, Water Law, International Petroleum Transactions, International Business Transactions, and Contracts

EDUCATION

SMU DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW
Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD), 2024

Dallas, TX

- Research: Intersection between energy regulations, policies, environmental justice, and international energy development
- Faculty Supervisor: Professor John S. Lowe.
- Relevant Coursework: Energy Law, Property Law, Business Organizations, Energy Transport and Trade, International Environmental Law, International Economic Law, International Business Law.
- Scholarships and Grants Received:
 - Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation (Full) Scholarship, 2019-2023
 - Energy and Mineral Law Foundation Scholarship, 2018-2019, 2021-2022
 - Association of International Petroleum Negotiators Scholarship- 2017-2018

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA COLLEGE OF LAW

Norman, OK

Master of Laws in Energy and Natural Resources Law, May 2017 (Top graduating student)

- GPA 10.42/12 (3.7)
- Dissertation Advisor: Professor Monika Ehrman
- Relevant Coursework: Oil and Gas Law, Oil and Gas Contracts, Energy Law and Regulation, International Petroleum Transactions, Mineral Title Examination.
- Recipient, Niger Delta Development Commission merit-based scholarship for Master of Laws Studies.
- Member, Black Law Students Association (Lois Fisher Sipuel Chapter) & Outlaw Society

UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA

Nsukka, Nigeria

Bachelor of Laws (LL. B), (JD Equivalent), February 2010

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

- *Left Behind, Funding Climate Action in Least Developed Countries*, 11 TEX. A&M L. REV. 334 (2024). (Invited Symposium)
- *Equalizing Remediation*, 3 WIS. L. REV. 918 (2023).
- Book chapter, “*Oil Wealth and Federal Conflict in the United States*” in OIL WEALTH AND FEDERAL CONFLICT IN AMERICAN PETRO FEDERATIONS (Elsevier, 2021).
- *Endeavors Clause in the 2019 AIEN Farmout Agreement*, 14 Energy Dispatch 12 (2021).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- *Whither Energy Related Sanctions*
- *Clean Energy Permits under NEPA & Environmental Justice*
- *The Un (Hidden) Claws of Fossil Fuels*
- *CBA or BTA? Furthering Environmental Justice in CERCLA Remediation*
- *Ownership of Natural Resources Beneath the Surface, An Appraisal of the American and Nigerian System* (under review)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Faculty Research Grant; \$15,000 (awarded 2023)
- ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL ENERGY NEGOTIATORS, Summer Research Assistantship Grant, \$5,000 (awarded 2019)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, 9th SRP Annual Sustainability Conference of American Legal Educators, *Clean Energy Permits under NEPA & Environmental Justice* (May 9-10, 2024)
- UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER, Panelist, 8th Annual North American Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources Conference The Business of Energy: A Discussion on the Inflation Reduction Act, Carbon Capture, and the Energy Transition
- NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Junior Scholars Conference, *Whither Energy-Related Sanctions*. (expected Mar. 1-2, 2024)
- BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY J. REUBEN CLARK LAW SCHOOL, Rocky Mountain Junior Scholars Forum 2023, *Whither Energy-Related Sanctions?* November 16-17, 2023
- WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Faculty Conversations, *Whither Energy Related Sanctions?* (Oct 2023)
- TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Texas A&M Law Review Spring 2023 Symposium: *2030, 2050 and Beyond: Creating Effective Practical and Realistic Climate Goals*. Invited Panelist, Feb. 2023.
- ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, 8th SRP Annual Sustainability Conference of American Legal Educators, *Whither Energy-Related Sanctions* Invited, May 2023.
- ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law Faculty Colloquium, *Equalizing Remediation*, Sep. 12, 2022.
- PACE UNIVERSITY, Elizabeth Haub Pace School of Law, Future Environmental Law Professors Workshop, *Equalizing Remediation*, Sep. 9, 2022.
- ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, Faculty of Humanities, Project Humanities’ *Rights of Nature*’ event, August 2022.
- OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, Moritz School of Law, Moritz’s Junior Faculty Lightning Round, *Equalizing Remediation*, July 2022.
- COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL, Sabin Center for Climate Change, Sabin Colloquium on Innovative Environmental Law Scholarship, *Equalizing Remediation*, June 2022.
- ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, 7th SRP Annual Sustainability Conference

of American Legal Educators, *Equalizing Remediation*, May 2022.

- SMU DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW, Oil and Gas Contracts Law, Guest Lecturer, Spring 2020.
- SMU DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW, Oil and Gas Contracts Law, *Re-Examining the Impact of US Economic Sanctions on International Oil and Gas agreements, An Act of Self Sabotage or Economic Security*. Spring 2019.
- ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM NEGOTIATORS, Workshop participant and Presenter, Houston, Texas, 2019.
- PACE UNIVERSITY, Elisabeth Haub School of Law, Future Environmental Law Professors Workshop, Invited Speaker, September 2019.
- SMU DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW, Comparative Law Class, *Comparative Analysis between Legal Education and Actors in Nigeria and the United States.*, November 2018.
- UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY COLLEGE OF LAW, Graduate Student Conference on Energy and Environment, *Parallel Application of Monopoly and Competition in Nigeria's Energy Sector*, October 2017.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SMU Dedman School of Law

Dallas, TX

Teaching/Research Assistant to Professor John Lowe, August 2018 – July 2021

- Revised *International Petroleum Transactions*, by Owen Anderson, Jacqueline Weaver, John S. Lowe & Ors, 6th Edition.
- Revised *Oil and Gas Law in a Nutshell*, 7th Edition
- Consulted with Professor Lowe on assignments and assisted with academic research and writing a book chapter and articles on legal regimes of oil and gas contracts.
- Prepared research memoranda on current legal issues in energy law

Bon Actes Solicitors & Attorneys

Houston, TX

Foreign Legal Consultant, Dec 2016 – July 2018

- Advised energy companies on the implications of local and international environmental laws and obligations in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria
- Advised energy companies on investment opportunities in Nigeria
- Advised and counseled oil and gas companies on contractual implications of Nigerian Joint Venture Agreements and cash call commitments
- Reviewed International Joint Venture agreements for local and indigenous companies

Bon Actes Solicitors & Attorneys.

Abuja, Nigeria

Senior Associate, December 2014 – January 2016

- Researched and recommended 25+ reliable Nigerian energy companies to the Embassy of the Republic of South Korea for trade partnership with South Korean investors
- Advised various foreign investors on commercial and business regulations to ease bottlenecks encountered in the Nigerian business environment
- Advised and represented foreign investors and Nigerian partners in investment disputes before arbitral tribunals and other alternative dispute resolution channels
- Reviewed new energy solutions for international energy companies

Paul Erokoro (SAN) & Co.

Abuja, Nigeria

Associate (Corporate Division), August 2011 – December 2014

- Advised multinational companies on domestic and international environmental regulations applicable to domestic operations
- Advised international energy companies on foreign direct investment, capital repatriation, immigration procedures, and anti-money laundering rules
- Conducted due diligence on 80+ Nigerian companies for international investors, saving \$100+ billion
- Drafted various joint venture agreements and drilling contracts for international oil companies in the Niger Delta

region

- Argued 15 cases+ at trial and appellate courts; successful on a majority
- Drafted and argued motions and appellate briefs
- Spearheaded alternative dispute negotiations for clients, saving clients 50% of litigation expenses and business time otherwise lost to pursuing disputes
- Conducted legal research on tax credits available to energy companies and corporate tax exemptions for innovations
- Drafted confidentiality and non-disclosure agreements for oil and gas companies
- Prepared Brief of Argument in the Nigerian Supreme Court case between Cross River State and Akwa Ibom state government on ownership of offshore oil wells and a coastal state's determination

LANGUAGES AND INTERESTS

- Native English speaker, intermediate skills in French
- Interests include sitting by the beach while sipping a caramel macchiato.
- Traveling to novel places and visiting tourist sites
- Hiking

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Executive Committee Member, AALS Section on Natural Resources and Energy Law

Member: Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law

Member, Institute for Energy Law