

LAW FIRM
PROFILE



**BAHAMA
CHAMBERS**
Baba Dala & Co





ABOUT BAHAMA CHAMBERS

Bahama Chambers is a full-service law practice with its main office situated in the landmark District of Guzape, in the city centre of Abuja. We are a team of lawyers with wide network of associates and affiliates working together to satisfy client's demands. We adopt practical approach to facilitate the businesses of our clients. Our strategy includes negotiation, mediation, arbitration, conciliation, litigation and plea bargain. We are striving for excellence by being innovative, professional and ethical; fostering ideas that translate into efficient outcomes.

Practice Groups

- 1 Corporate and Commercial
- 2 Constitutional and Public Law
- 3 Human Rights and Advocacy Practice
- 4 Power, Energy and Natural Resources
- 5 Information and Communications Technology
- 6 Intellectual Property
- 7 Property Development, Real Estate and Conveyancing
- 8 Capital Market and Transaction Advisory Services

1. Corporate and Commercial Law Practice

We have a team of experienced experts competent in providing solutions. Building on our effective case management and communication, Bahama Chambers ensures successes of commercial transactions for corporate organisations. Our track record in corporate and commercial practice includes:

- ✔ Banking
- ✔ Project Finance
- ✔ Joint Venture and Business Structuring
- ✔ Corporate Restructuring
- ✔ Insolvency

2. Constitutional and Public Law

Bahama Chambers has a team of experts with depth of insight in constitutional law and practice. This exquisite team has handled numerous dealings in public matters that include:

- ✔ Pre & Post Election Litigations
- ✔ Fraud Examination
- ✔ Legislative Drafting
- ✔ Administrative and Governance Practice
- ✔ Public Debt Recovery
- ✔ Regulatory Compliance
- ✔ Public Private Partnership
- ✔ Criminal Litigation

3. Human Rights and Advocacy Practice

With background experience of Boko Haram insurgency that bedevilled the North-East Region of Nigeria years ago, especially its effect on issues of law and order; civil rights; and good governance, we created a human rights and advocacy practice unit to give special attention to the promotion of human rights, social justice and democratic ideals. This is informed by a sense of duty to our people and society in general.

A team of young lawyers have been dedicated to this unit under a competent lead to focus on Fundamental Rights Enforcement; Legal Aid; Justice for the Poor and Vulnerable (in partnership with relevant stakeholders); as well as Good Governance Advocacy Initiatives.

4. Power, Energy and Natural Resources

The power, energy and natural resources business sectors remain at the centre of the emerging business world. The challenges within these industries are at equal measure with the vast opportunities that present themselves. In this regard, Bahama Chambers has built a reputation around advising government bodies and private companies, negotiating partnerships and resolution of transactional disputes. In addition, we have handled:

- ✓ Joint Venture Advisory and Formations
- ✓ Project Financing
- ✓ Licensing
- ✓ Purchasing Agreements
- ✓ Regulatory Compliance
- ✓ Environmental Advisory

5. Information and Communications Technology

The focus of Bahama Chambers in this area is assisting clients in protecting their intellectual property while making huge returns from their innovations. We also serve advisory services in the areas of technology development, ranging from creation to acquisition, use, and commercial exploitation. Our team is also experienced in communications legal practice and support services in the areas of:

- ✓ Registration and Incorporations
- ✓ Technology Transfer Contracts
- ✓ Intellectual Property Practice
- ✓ E-commerce Advisory
- ✓ Data Privacy Laws
- ✓ Regulatory Compliance



6. Intellectual Property

Our firm advises clients and delivers services on protection of trademarks, copyrights, patents and franchise agreements. We ensure the protection of rights both in Nigeria and under international treaties through negotiations, drafting of relevant agreements, licensing and dispute resolution mechanisms.

Our professional experience in this area includes

- ✓ Registration and Protection
- ✓ Enforcement of Rights
- ✓ Partnership Agreements
- ✓ Termination of Contracts
- ✓ Regulatory Compliance

7. Property Development, Real Estate and Conveyancing

Nigeria is fast becoming a destination for massive property investment in real estate. Our firm has specialised in property dealings and large portfolio investments. We conduct due diligence and advise our clients, negotiate joint venture finance; title transfers; documentation; perfection of conveyances; and related instruments.

We also act as investment advisers to several real estate and property development companies. We are equipped with knowledge and experience of the property market and guide our clients accordingly. Our services cover:

- ✓ Commercial and Contractual Transactions
- ✓ Project Finance
- ✓ Business Development
- ✓ Recovery Of Assets
- ✓ Investment Promotion
- ✓ Environment
- ✓ Litigation
- ✓ Mediation And Arbitration



8. Capital Market and Transaction Advisory Services

The firm is licenced as capital market solicitors by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Nigeria. We offer transaction advisory services on securities investment, stock listing, money market transactions and also represent clients at proceedings of securities and investment tribunal.



OUR TEAM

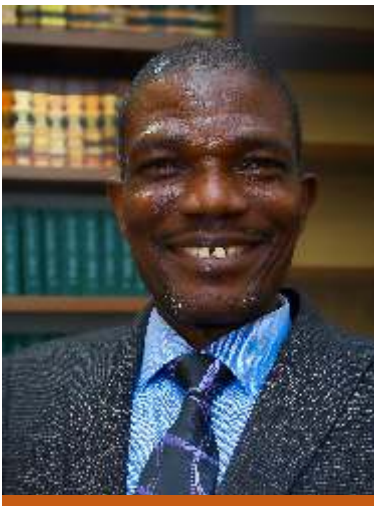




Baba Dala Fika, MCI Arb (UK).

The Principal Partner and Managing Solicitor of Bahama Chambers, Baba was the Chairman, Yobe State NBA Branch in 1998 and member of the National Executive Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association. He is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators of the United Kingdom; a Certified Capital Market Solicitor of Nigeria; and a specialist in Project Finance Laws and Practice.

He graduated from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria in 1987 and enrolled as Solicitor and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria in 1988. Baba has been in private legal practice since then and has become an expert in various areas of the law, including human right laws, banking, insurance, securities, telecoms, investments and intellectual property. He is a versatile corporate lawyer, with superlative experience in constitutional law; corporate; and commercial practices. He is a passionate promoter and advocate of good governance; has defended and prosecuted many cases towards promoting the security of civil rights, social justice and good governance which earned him Commendation of the Transparency International and the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC).



Muhammed Iliyasu

Enrolled as Solicitor and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria in July, 2006 and has been in active law practice with passion in Litigation. He is a good legal draftsman and specialises in constitutional and commercial Litigations. Mohammed is also an expert of commercial contracts and partnerships, as well as Alternative Dispute Resolution. He is also a Capital Market Solicitor. He is a Senior Associate and Head of Chambers at Bahama Chambers.



Hadiza Hamma Ph.D. (Abuja); ALM-DP (Harvard)

Dr. Hadiza Hamma is an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Abuja, where she doubles as the Director of the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research. Hadiza holds a Bachelor of Laws, Master of Laws and Ph.D. in Law from the University of Abuja and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 2006. She attended Harvard University in the United States, where she became the first-ever graduate to earn a Master of Liberal Arts in Development Practice from the institution.

At Harvard University, she completed the degree with distinction and consequently received two awards, namely, the Dean's Prize for Outstanding Development Practice Capstone and the Dean's List Academic Achievement Award.

Hadiza has 14 years of law-teaching experience at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. She is the first to introduce and teach the postgraduate-level course titled International Development Law and Policy at the University of Abuja. She also serves as Chair and member of several committees at the same institution. She has authored several peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters that reflect her major areas of research interest, including Environmental Law and Policy, Natural Resources Law and Policy, Human Rights Law and Policy, Sustainable Development Law and Policy, and International Development Law and Policy. She is a consultant and expert in Project Finance Law and Practice, Joint Venture Partnership Practice, and Public Private Partnership Law and Practice.

Since joining Legal Practice as a Senior Associate at Bahama Chambers, Dr. Hadiza heads the firm's human rights and advocacy specialisation group, mentoring young lawyers to become experts in the area. She also has specialty in project finance laws, corporate commercial contract transactions, environment and natural resources laws, as well as public private partnerships.



Sulaiman Balarabe Nayaya, fsi

Balarabe is a lawyer and retired Commissioner of Police. He obtained Master's Degree in Security and Strategic Studies (MPSS), from University of Ilorin, Master's Degree in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (MLC), ABU, Zaria. LLB (BUK), BL Nigerian Law School and currently a Ph.D candidate at Bayero University, Zaria.

Balarabe has worked as Crack Detective at Interpol Office, Lagos; Assistant Commissioner of Police

(CID), Zamfara State; Assistant Commissioner of Police (Operations), Sokoto State; Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operations), Lagos State; Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operations), Kwara State; and Commissioner of Police, Enugu State Command, 2019. Before his retirement from service, he was the Commissioner of Police (Intelligence) at Force Intelligence Bureau (FIB) FHQ, Abuja, where he meritoriously disengaged from active Policing.

CP Nayaya (rtd.) joined legal practice as a Senior Associate at Bahama Chambers and heads the Criminal litigation unit of the firm.



Beatrice Obinyan

Graduated in 2008 from Kogi State University and enrolled as a Solicitor and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria in the year 2010. She has since then been in active legal practice with Bahama Chambers as an Associate and now heads the Corporate and Regulatory Compliance Practice Unit of the Firm.

Beatrice has special interest in corporate law and practice; intellectual property; energy law; and oil and gas laws. She is a specialist in corporate post incorporation and companies regulatory compliance matters;

excellent at legal drafting and a remarkable legal researcher. In addition, Beatrice has vast experience in litigation and communication technology law practice



Liman Yahya Hammaadama

Liman, is an Associate of Bahama Chambers and holds a Degree in Civil Law from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, A Diploma in law from College for Legal Studies Yola and Bachelors of Law from the Nigerian Law School. Liman is a winner of the prestigious award of Best Junior Advocate in Kaduna State.

With over six (6) years' experience of practising law now, Liman has specialised in litigation, arbitration, telecommunication law, fundamental rights matters, election petition. In fact, Liman is an all-rounder in the

realm of legal practice. He has appeared and settled briefs across most of the nineteen Northern States at all levels, including the superior Courts of record.



Muhammad Suleiman Dan'Azumi

Dan'Azumi had previously worked with the Institute for Governance and Economic Transformation, Abuja: a Public Policy think-tank and International Private Investment Advisory Consultants for four (4) years starting immediately after graduating from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria in 2017. He later proceeded to the Nigerian Law School and upon his call to the Bar in 2021, he joined Bahama Chambers as an Associate. He is also an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators of Nigeria.

He has interest in Constitutional law practice, especially, legislative drafting and election petitions. Muhammad has acquired experience in property law and conveyancing practice; joint venture partnerships; pre-and post-election litigation; project financing; and corporate governance. He is an astute legal researcher with excellent proficiency in legal writing and advocacy.



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