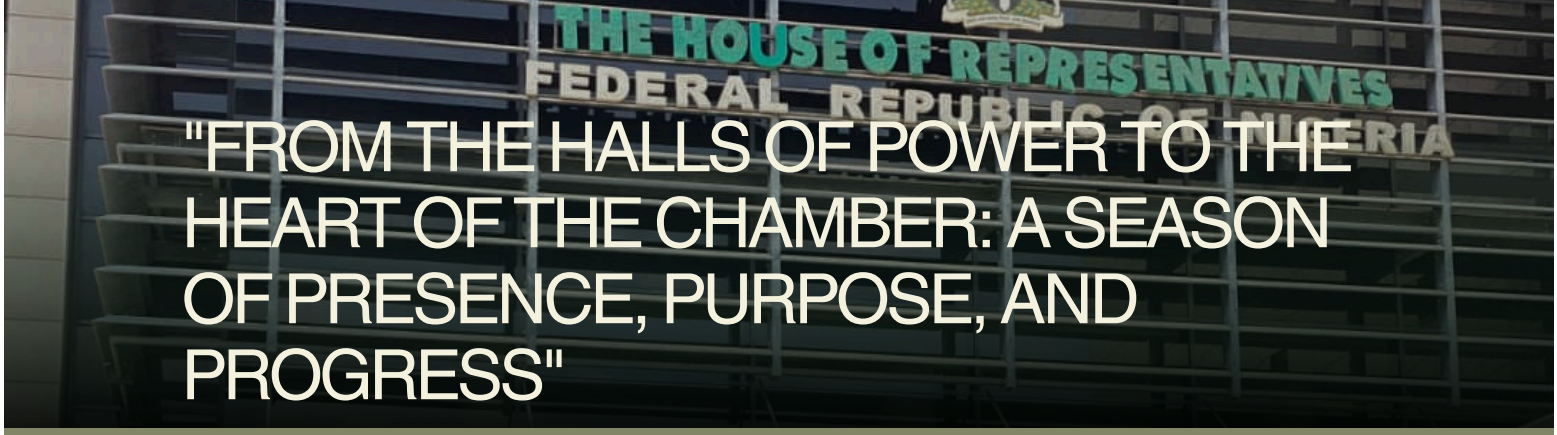
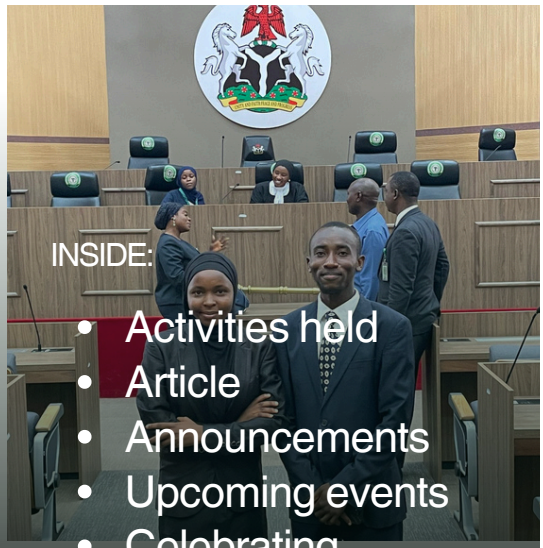


"FROM THE HALLS OF POWER TO THE HEART OF THE CHAMBER: A SEASON OF PRESENCE, PURPOSE, AND PROGRESS"

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COMMENCEMENT OF THE 2025/2026 ACADEMIC SESSION

EQUITY CHAMBERS BUK WELCOME BOTH FRESH AND RETURNING STUDENTS BACK TO A NEW SESSION

The Management of Equity Chambers, Bayero University Kano, warmly welcomes all fresh and returning students back to a new session. We wish everyone a productive, successful, and fulfilling academic journey ahead.

The Chamber strongly enjoins all students, particularly its esteemed members, to remain focused, disciplined, and fully committed to their academic pursuits, as excellence in academics remains the foundation of every successful legal career.

Equity Chambers has carefully designed impactful and well-structured programs to equip members with practical advocacy experience, leadership capacity, and other essential legal skills necessary for personal and professional growth.

In this regard, we encourage all members to continue cooperating with the Chamber and actively participate in its activities as we collectively work towards executing policies and initiatives aimed at promoting excellence, capacity building, and the overall advancement of our members.



Chosen to Serve, Committed to Excellence: The Equity Chambers Executive"

EQUITY CHAMBERS
BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO



We are pleased to officially introduce the Managing Partners of the Chamber for the 2025/2026 Academic Session. These individuals have been entrusted with the responsibility of steering the affairs of the Chamber and advancing its vision of excellence, leadership, advocacy, and service.

These are the dedicated faces behind many of the Chamber's successful and impactful initiatives, including our webinars, mentorship series, educational engagements, and important excursions that have contributed immensely to the growth and exposure of our members. Remarkably, this is only the beginning. The Chamber has carefully outlined numerous projects, programs, and activities aimed at further strengthening the culture of excellence and capacity building within Equity Chambers.

We therefore encourage all members to give their maximum cooperation, support, and commitment to the Managing Partners as they work tirelessly to uphold the principles, values, and standard of the Chamber. The leadership remains fully committed and ever ready to assist members in matters relating to academics, advocacy, legal development, mentorship, and other relevant concerns, as the growth and welfare of members continue to remain a top priority of the Chamber.

As we begin this new session together, we are confident that with unity, dedication, and active participation, greater achievements await us all.

EQUITY CHAMBERS AT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

In furtherance of one of its core objectives; to equip members with a sound understanding of national policies and programmes while fostering advocacy and leadership skills—Equity Chambers, Bayero University Kano, embarked on an educational visit to the National Assembly, Abuja.

The visit was both impactful and inspiring, reinforcing the Chamber's dedication to producing well-rounded members who are not only legally proficient but also socially conscious and leadership-driven.

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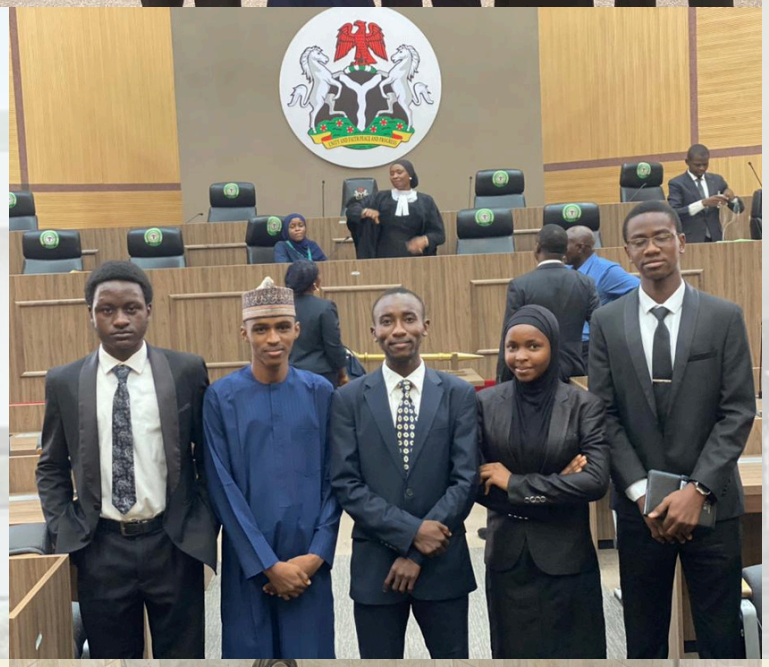


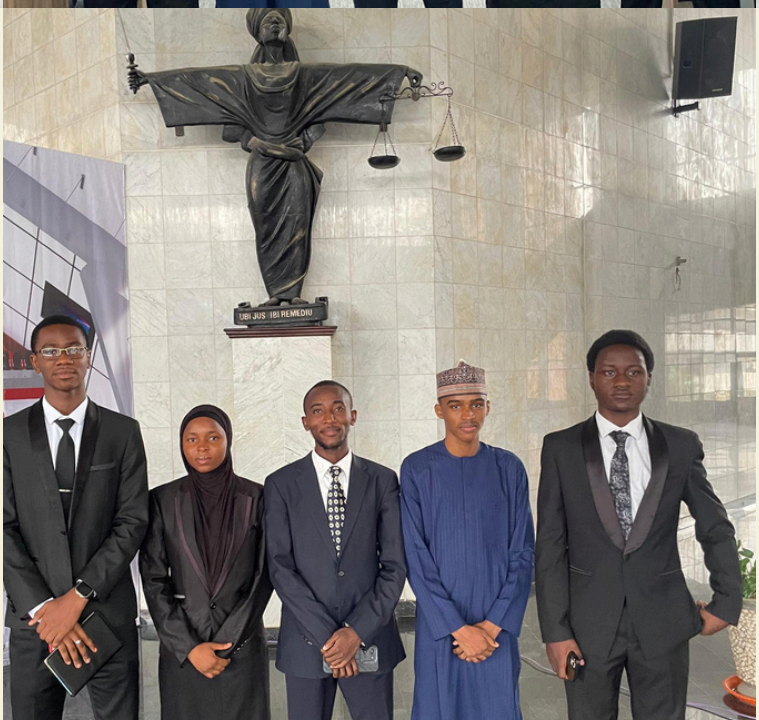














Equity Chambers BUK had the rare privilege of paying an educational visit to the Supreme Court of Nigeria, the apex court of the land.

During the visit, members had the opportunity to witness live proceedings in both Court one and Court two, observing the activities of the different panels and gaining firsthand exposure to the administration of justice at the highest judicial level in Nigeria.

The visit also extended to the Central Information Unit, where members engaged in an insightful session with the personnel of the court. Members were briefed on how cases are entertained, processed, and determined at the Supreme Court, alongside the general workings and structure of the court. The interaction provided practical knowledge beyond the classroom and further strengthened our appreciation of the legal profession.

Indeed, it was a memorable and intellectually rewarding experience for members of the chambers, blending learning, exposure, and inspiration. Moments were also captured to commemorate the visit and the knowledge shared.

In Equity Chambers, we do not just learn advocacy in classrooms and moots; we walk the very halls where the finest legal minds once stood.

Bridging Nigeria's Infrastructure Gap — Reflections from the Deutsche Partners Holding DPH Infrastructure Dialogue.



Members of Equity Chambers had the privilege of attending the Infrastructure Dialogue organised by Deutche Partners Holding held on 13th–14th May at the Shehu Musa Yar'adua Centre, Abuja.

The two-day event brought together thought leaders, policymakers, and professionals for result-oriented deliberations on one of Nigeria's most pressing challenges: our infrastructure deficit.

The numbers alone tell a sobering story — Nigeria's infrastructure gap is currently estimated at $2.3 to $3 trillion, requiring roughly $100 billion annually over the next two decades to close. This shortfall represents approximately 40% of our GDP and continues to cripple transportation, energy, housing, and water supply across the country.

One of the most consequential conversations centred on project discontinuity, the frustrating cycle of abandoned infrastructure projects each time a new administration takes office. Proposals on the table included legislating the continuity of critical projects that have cleared both FEC and NASS approval, and anchoring infrastructure policy firmly in law rather than leaving it to political discretion.



Our engagement in this program is in furtherance of our aim of exposing our members to settings outside the four wall of the school and availing them the opportunity to participate in conferences and summits.





THE INTERFACE OF LAW,ETHICS AND GOVERNANCE.
EXAMINING THE EVOLVING ROLE OF YOUNG LAWYERS IN NIGERIA'S DEMOCRATIC GROWTH.

It has been said that lawyers,as social engineers for change and development in any human society.
In a developing society as our country Nigeria,lawyers occupy a strategic position due to thier legal service which are always deployed in shaping the political,social and economic arrangements in the country.
It is however noteworthy that the role of lawyers at any given time in the society is usually influenced by the burning issue of the moment that agitate the mind of the citizens. It is thus not surprising that at a time where the Nigerian polity is ravaged wyrh unending insecurity,endemic poverty and heightened tyrannical disregard for the rule of law,several interest groups and institution are looking up to Legal Practicioners for guardiance in navigating the present state of our nation.
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Mahbub Abdulhakeem
Associate, Equity Chambers BUK

This is because the Nigerian democratic experiment is marred with increasingly unstable environment surfeited with corruption, inefficient legal system, raging insecurity and disregard for rule of law. With the above background one can thus appreciate the daunting task ahead of Nigerian lawyers towards the enthronement of Democracy and Good Governance in Nigeria.

The Role of Lawyers towards enthronement of Democracy and Good Governance in Nigeria The Nigerian Bar Association (the NBA), otherwise known as 'The Bar' is thus an analogous term for 'the Nigerian Lawyers'. To therefore understand the duties and role of lawyers in respect of the discourse under reference, keen attention must be paid to the Constitution of the Nigerian bar Association and the Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC) governing legal practitioners in Nigeria. As clearly highlighted under the Constitution of the NBA, the NBA has several aims and objectives guiding its existence. A key and foremost object of the Bar is the: "Promotion and protection of the principles of the rule of law and respect for the enforcement of fundamental rights, human rights and people's rights." Little wonder the first Rule of the RPC prescribes that "a Lawyer shall uphold and observe the Rule of Law, promote and foster the cause of justice..." The Bar is thus seen as the sentinel of the democracy whereby it serves as the Watchdog, on behalf of the society, to of law and respect and enforcement of fundamental and people's rights by the Government. . It is this apparent expectation from the legal profession that as earned the Bar Association several labels like "defender of rights and protection of liberties", "bulwark of our nascent democracy", "voice of the voiceless", and "conscience of the nation", amongst others. monitor and ensure the observance of the rule Advancement of the Rule of Law From the foregoing, it is clear the essential role that must be played by lawyers is to ensure that the law is upheld at all times. READ COMPLETE ARTICLE HERE



He Claimed He Deserved a Second Class Upper Degree, but His University Insisted on a Second Class Lower. So, Who Was Right?

It is said that every case tells a story, but this case did not merely tell a story; rather, it engraved courage and demonstrated that one should be unflinchingly audacious in the pursuit of a legitimate claim. The facts concern something many students can easily relate to: examination results, and the hero in this judicial drama is a layman named Mr. Adebayo A.

Victor, who remained extremely adamant for years in pursuit of getting the Second Class Lower Division grade awarded to him by his university upgraded to a Second Class Upper Division, which he believed was what he truly merited.
Interestingly, throughout these years, this layman pursued the case by himself all the way to the Supreme Court. This is indeed something to marvel at.
Nota bene, when we say "layman" in legal profession, we simply mean a person who is not a legal practitioner. No disrespect whatsoever is intended. Rather, the expression is used to emphasize the ingenuity, determination, and resilience of Victor who, despite not being a lawyer, pursued the case personally from the Federal High Court up to the Supreme Court. That being said, let us now properly dwell on the surrounding circumstances that midwifed this case.

Victor was the cross-appellant in this appeal. The Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) was the 1st cross-respondent, while its Registrar, by virtue of his office, was also made a party as the 2nd cross-respondent. He (Victor) was a student of Mechanical Engineering at FUTA. In 2007, he graduated and was awarded a Second Class Lower Division degree. However, he was dissatisfied and was convinced that the degree classification awarded to him did not reflect his actual academic performance. According to him, some of his examination scores were incorrectly recorded. Consequently, he applied for the remarking of several courses, namely: MEE 202, MEE 301, MEE 302, MEE 305, MEE 307, MEE 308, MEE 309, MEE 311, MEE 312, and MEE 352.
Why was he so persistent?
Because he believed that if those scripts were properly re-marked, he would emerge not as a Second Class Lower graduate but as a Second Class Upper graduate. For about four years, from 2007 to 2011, he tried to exhaust every available avenue within the university system. Unfortunately, the university refused to yield to his request for the remarking.

At that point, Victor did what many students would probably never contemplate doing. He approached the Federal High Court, Lagos Division, in August 2011 seeking several reliefs, including orders directing the university to remark his scripts through independent assessors, issue his correct transcript and certificate, and compensate him for the losses he had suffered.
I believe many of us would just take fate and would never think of taking the above bold step, or do you believe you have Victor's courage and could do the same? Anyway, hold the answer to yourself.

When the matter came up for hearing at the Federal High Court, it was dismissed on 16 January 2013 on the ground that it was statute-barred.

university would, of course, be naturally satisfied, while Victor was not and did not believe that was the end, as many litigants would do.

He appealed.
And certainly, the Court of Appeal reasoned with Victor that his case was not statute-barred. Consequently, on 29 November 2013, the court set aside the decision of the trial court and ordered a retrial.

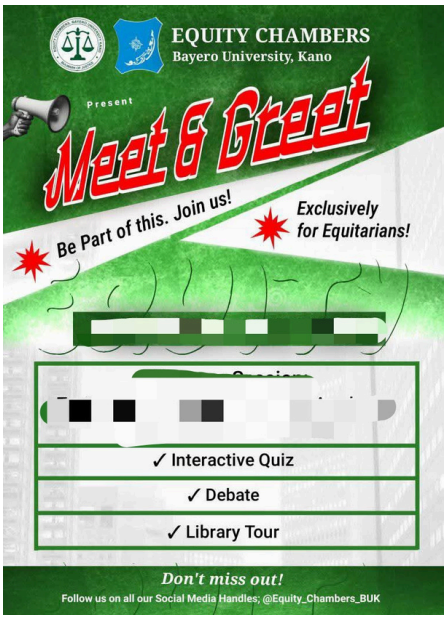
Looks like Victor had won the first round, right?
Indeed, he had.
Now they were back to square one at the trial court.
Fresh pleadings were filed, issues were joined, and the matter proceeded to full trial.
At the conclusion of the trial, the Federal High Court delivered judgment on 28 September 2017. The court found substantially in favour of Victor, though not on all his reliefs. Specifically, the court granted reliefs 5 and 7.
The first was an order directing the cross-respondents to remark Victor's examination scripts through external examiners. Read the complete review HERE

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CURRENTLY ONGOING



Upcoming Events & Programs Calendar



JUNE 22 — Meet & Greet

Join us as we welcome and formally receive our newest members into the great Equity Chambers. It will be a moment where existing members and the new members will connect with each other, familiarise, and establish valuable relationship and mentees paired with their mentors. The agenda for the program will include Quiz, debate, intellectual presentations, library tour, interactive sessions and so on.

The program will equally encompass our monthly seminar/webinar series where a brief lecture will be delivered by an invited speaker.

ATTENDING THIS IS NOT AN OPTION, IT IS A NECESSITY

JUNE 29 — Intra Chamber Moot competition

The traditional Moot competition held in every semester is coming up soon. Every member will have the opportunity to work on a hypothetical case, conduct a case analysis, make rigorous legal research and partake in legal drafting. The exercise is aimed at improving and refining the lawyering skills every budding advocate should possess.

This forms part of the general and consistent exercise held by the chambers which makes it very imperative for all members to partake in.







From Our Chambers to the Helm: Honouring Members Appointed to Leadership



Mahbub Abdulhakeem, COL
appointed as
- National Director, LAWSAN MOOT SOCIETY
- Director of Media and publicity Tax Club BUK



Fatima Saka Ahmed
appointed as
Deputy director of Research Tax Club, BUK



Aliyah Jibril Abdullahi
apoointed as
Vice President Female Law Students' Forum BUK



Khadijah Aminu Bichi
appointed as
Member of Academic committee world Law student Association (WLSA)