

PROFILE OF JUSTICE (DR.) MARTINS U. OKOI

Honourable Justice, Martins U. Okoi Ph.D, hails from Lebolkom in Ijiman Town, Ugep urban of Yakurr Local Government Area of Cross River State in Nigeria.

He started his elementary school in Apostolic Mission Church Primary School Ugep where he did Primaries 3 and 4 before leaving for St. Annes Primary School, Ifuho, IkotEkpene in Akwalbom State where he did Primary 5 in 1972 before gaining admission into the famous Hope Waddell Training Institution in Calabar, Cross River State, Nigeria 1973 – 1979 where he obtained WASCE and Advance level GCE.

He also attended School of Arts and Science Uyo, Akwalbom State; there he obtained Advance level GCE Cambridge Basic Studies Certificate between 1979/1980.

He obtained LL.B (Hons) in 1984 from the famous Law Faculty of the University of Lagos. And in 1985, he got enrolled as Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria after his call to Bar in the Nigerian Law School where he obtained a BL degree.

He started his legal career in 1986 when he was deployed as Resident State Counsel in the Armed Robbery and Firearms Tribunal, Ikeja, Lagos from the Ministry of Justice, Lagos State in Nigeria, where he did his primary assignment under the NYSC program.

[A.] PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT AND EXPERIENCE

- I. Director, Civil Litigation and International Law Department, Attorney Generals Chambers & Ministry of Justice Banjul, The Gambia: 2008 – 2014.
- II. Chairman, Task Force on Treaty Reporting to UN Treaty bodies The Gambia (2012 – 2013).

[B.] APPOINTMENTS HELD IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

- I. Deputy Director, Federal Ministry of Justice.

- II. Assistant Director, Federal Ministry of Justice (2007 – 2008).
- III. Chief Legal Officer, Department of Civil Litigation and Public Law, Federal Ministry of Justice(2004 – 2007).
- IV. Chief Legal Adviser, University Teaching Hospital, Gwagwalada, FCT, Abuja, Nigeria (1996-2004).

[C.] PRIVATE LEGAL PRACTICE

- i. Counsel in Chambers, Chief Okoi Obuli, Itam& Partners (1986 – 1990)
- ii. Associate Counsel in Chambers, Chief Okoi Itam& Associates (1990 – 1991)
- iii. Principal Partner, Martins Okoi & Co (1992 – 1993)
- iv. Associate Counsel, Chancery Associates (1993)

[D.] SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS HELD

- i. Commissioner, Okpodon – Ezekwe Commission of Enquiry to investigate the civil crises in Cross River State (1987).
- ii. Part time lecturer in Banking and Insurance Law, University of Calabar.
- iii. Legal Adviser, Women In Nigeria (WIN), University of Calabar branch.
- iv. Legal Adviser, University of Calabar Medical Students Association (CUMSA)
- v. Mediation officer to civil crisis areas of Nigeria e.g.
 - Ogoni crisis in Rivers State of Nigeria
 - Zangon Kataf civil crisis in Kaduna state of Nigeria
- vi. Chairman- Assets and Liability Sharing Committee of the then newly created states e.g. Kaduna and Katsina, Oyo and Osun states as well as Adamawa and Taraba states of Nigeria respectively.
- vii. Resource person: States Creation, Local Government and Boundary Adjustment Committee of Federal Republic of Nigeria.

PATROL AND ADVISER,

The Pastor Intercessory fellowship International the Gambia

- viii. Monitor and National Coordinator and Sole Secretariat for Religious Tolerance in Nigeria – NCIR (Presidency).
- ix. Monitor, Reporter and Researcher on the National Constitutional Conference of Nigeria 1995.
- x. Member- editorial board of Nigeria Journal of Federalism.
- xi. Member, Board of Directors, Nigeria SME Journal

[E.] HONOURS

- I. Honourable Justice Okoi holds a Ph.D. (Honoris Causa) of the Zoe Life Theological College, Philadelphia, USA.
- II. Holds Doctor of Ministry (Honoris Causa) of the Agape Christian Theological Seminary International, Abuja, Nigeria.

He is married with Children!