

# FOLASHADE ALLI, SAN

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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<b>Profession</b>	Legal Practitioner (Nigerian and UK-qualified); Arbitrator.
<b>Professional Title(s)</b>	Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN); Chartered Arbitrator (C.Arb).
<b>Current Firm</b>	Folashade Alli & Associates, Suites 4 - 8 Pees Galleria, 2A Osborne Road, Ikoyi, Lagos, Nigeria
<b>Current Position</b>	Principal Partner
<b>Years of Experience</b>	39 years
<b>Specialisation</b>	<p>Seasoned legal practitioner with experience in Arbitration, Corporate and Commercial advisory, Litigation, Real Estate, and Intellectual Property. Successfully advised local, international, and multinational clients across various industries, with a particular focus on the oil and gas, power, and mining sectors. Expertise includes handling complex arbitration disputes, ensuring regulatory compliance, managing legal risks, negotiating and drafting contracts, advising on mergers and acquisitions, enhancing corporate governance, conducting due diligence, protecting intellectual property rights, and addressing general corporate and commercial matters.</p> <p>A Chartered Arbitrator with experience as Chairman of Arbitral Tribunals, sole arbitrator, and panel member in both ad hoc and institutional proceedings, specializing in energy, construction, and commercial trade. Active in board level governance and serves as board member across real estate, education, and hospitality sectors, driving organizational growth and sustainability through strategic leadership and guidance.</p>

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Organisation	Position	Year
Folashade Alli and Associates, Lagos, Nigeria	Principal Partner	2001 – Present
SDV Nigeria Limited, Lagos, Nigeria	General Counsel	1999 – 2001
Aluko & Oyebode, Lagos, Nigeria	Senior Associate	1995 – 1998
Regional African Satellite Communication, Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire	Consultant	1993 – 1994
Chambers of Robert Skyes (Q.C), London, United Kingdom	Counsel	1990 – 1992
New Nigeria Bank London, London, United Kingdom	Legal Assistant	1988 – 1989

## EDUCATION

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Qualification	Institution	Year
Barrister at Law	The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, London, United Kingdom	1989 – 1990
Master of Law	University College London, United Kingdom	1987 – 1988
Barrister at Law	Nigerian Law School, Lagos, Nigeria	1984 – 1985
Bachelor of Law	University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria	1979 – 1984

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Role</b>
Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)	Member
International Bar Association (IBA)	Member
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), UK	Fellow
Intellectual Property Law Association of Nigeria (IPLAN)	Member
International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)	Commission Member
Chartered Institute of Directors, Nigeria (CIoD)	Member
London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)	Member
Lagos Court of Arbitration (LCA)	Member
African Arbitration Association (AfAA)	Member
The Society for Notaries Public in Nigeria	Member

## PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP & INSTITUTIONAL ENGAGEMENT

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<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Year</b>
Nigerian Young Lawyers Forum	Patron	2024
NBA Section on Legal Practice	Vice-Chair	2024
Conference Planning Committee, NBA-Women's Forum	Chair	2024
NBA Women Forum	Council Member	2023
Law Week Committee, NBA Lagos Branch	Vice Chair	2022
NBA Law Firm Management Committee (Section on Legal Practice)	Chair	2022 – Present
Advocacy Committee, NBA Women's Forum	Head	2021 – 2022
NBA International Trade Law Committee (Section on Business Law)	Chair	2018 – 2022
Planning Committee, ICC Africa Regional Arbitration Conference	Member	2017 – 2018
Planning Committee, 2017 CIArb Annual Conference	Chair	2017
Chartered Institute of Arbitrator UK, Nigerian Branch	Executive Secretary	2015 – 2019

## GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY ADVISORY ROLE

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<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Year</b>
Committee on the Audit of Agreements or Memorandum of Understanding on Accelerated Gas Development Projects, Federal Ministry of Justice, Nigeria	Member	2024
NBA Working Committee on Judicial Remuneration and Conditions of Service	Member	2023

Implementation Committee, NBA Women Forum Sexual Harassment Policy	Member	2021
Training the Nigerian Judiciary on Intellectual Property, World Intellectual Property Organisation	Instructor/Trainer (one of six Nigerian professionals selected)	2019
Professional Conduct Committee, Chartered Institute of Arbitrator, UK	Appointed Member	2018
ICC Commission Task Force on Arbitration and ADR, Paris	Nigerian representative	2018
Committee on the Review of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act of Nigeria	Member	2016

## PUBLICATION

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Recent Developments in Arbitration and Enforcement of Awards in Nigeria; A Review of the Arbitration & Mediation Bill 2022		2022
Professional Ethics for Young Lawyers: Ethics as a Tool for Carving a Niche in The Legal Profession		2020
Rights of persons living with disability in Nigeria under the Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Act 2019		2019
Dispute Settlement System Under the Africa Continental Free Trade Area Agreement (AFCFTA)		2019
Arbitration in Nigeria: Overview and Challenges		2019
Ethics: The Panacea for Falling Standards in the Legal Profession		2018

## PANEL POSITION & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

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- Speaker, Nigeria Institute of Chartered Arbitrators Annual Conference, **“The Role of Government in Arbitration/ADR across African Jurisdictions”** 2024
- Speaker, Nigerian Bar Association, Lagos Branch, Continuous Learning Education, **“Mastering Contract Drafting and Negotiation: Techniques, Provisions, and Strategies: Resolving Contractual Disputes through Effective Clauses”** 2024
- Speaker, Dispute Resolution in M&A Transactions Conference, Poland plenary session, **“Voice of Reason or Hired Guns: The Impartiality and Independence of Party Appointed Witnesses in M&A Disputes”** 2024
- Speaker, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, **“Investment and Technology Promotion Offices (ITPO) Investment Readiness Programme 2024”** 2024
- Speaker, NBA-YLF 2024 Annual Conference Plenary Session, **“Between Fake News and Guaranteed Constitutional Freedom of Speech/Expression: Where do we draw the Line?”** 2024
- Moderator, 7th ICC Africa Conference on International Arbitration, **“Legislative Changes in African Arbitration Framework”** 2023
- Facilitator, Career Training for Lawyers, **“Introduction to Commercial Arbitration”** 2023
- Speaker, ICC YAAF, **“Enforcement of Pathological Arbitration Clauses and Foreign Awards”** 2023
- Moderator, Law Firm Management Committee of the NBA Section on Legal Practice, **“Built to Last: Building Legal Partnerships that Stand the Test of Time”** 2023
- Discussant, Young Lawyer’s Colloquium, NBA Young Lawyer’s Forum, Ado Ekiti Branch, **“Legal Profession in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Alternative Dispute Resolution in Focus”** 2022
- Speaker, International Law Association (ILA) Mauritius’ Law Career Seminar series, **“International Commercial Arbitration in Africa: Recent Trends and Emerging Opportunities”** 2022

- Moderator, 2022 Nigerian Institute of Chartered Arbitrators, **“Closing the Gaps: Arbitration practice within Anglophone and Francophone Jurisdictions”** 2022
- Moderator, **“6<sup>th</sup> ICC Africa Conference on International Arbitration”** 2022
- Compere, **“2022 NBA Section on Legal Practice Conference”** 2022
- Anchor, **“NBA Women Forum Celebration of Achievement of an Outstanding Jurist, Justice Mary Odili, JSC”** 2022
- Co-moderator, 2022 Nigerian Bar Association Legal Education Summit, **“The Proliferation of Campuses of the Nigerian Law School”** 2022
- Speaker, Employment and Labour Lawyers Association (ELLAN) webinar, **“Legislating Against Sexual Harassment in The Workplace: Review of The Sexual Harassment Bill 2020 and The NBA Policy On Sexual Harassment”** 2021
- Moderator, Chartered Institute of Arbitrator’s Conference 2021, **“An Hour with Arbitration Sages: A Mentoring Session”** 2021
- Moderator, Transport and Logistics committee, institute of directors Nigeria’s webinar, **“The Impact of a Single Continental Market on the Transport and Logistics Sector; What Your Company Needs to Know”** 2021
- Moderator, African Subcommittee of the Arbitration Pledge, **“Meet the Female African Arbitrator Series 2021”** 2021
- Speaker, 5<sup>th</sup> ICC Africa conference on international arbitration, **“Arbitration in Africa: Expanding the Scope”** 2021
- Moderator, International Women’s Day Conference 2021, **“Pathways to Diversity: Challenging Blind Spots and Powering Up for Inclusion”** 2021
- Facilitator, Intellectual Property Law Association of Nigeria (IPLAN), **“Training for Opposition Tribunal of the Nigerian Trademark Registry”** 2021
- Speaker, Young Lawyers Leadership Academy, Nigerian Bar Association, Ikorodu Branch, **“Professional Ethics for Young Lawyers: Ethics as a Tool for Carving a Niche in the Legal Profession”** 2020
- Discussant, 2019 Annual Conference and 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nigerian Institute of Chartered Arbitrators, **“Trends and Innovation in International Arbitration”** 2019
- Speaker, Institute for Transnational Arbitration, **“The Role of Arbitration in Ensuring Clean Energy in Africa”** 2019
- Facilitator, Lagos Court of Arbitration Summit 2019, **“The Non-Binding Forms of ADR”** 2019
- Moderator, 4<sup>th</sup> ICC Africa Regional Arbitration Conference, **“Dispute Resolution under the AfCFTA: A New Look at the Calvo Doctrine”** 2019
- Panelist, 2019 SLP Conference, **“The Lawyer’s Duty of Disclosure in Combating Money Laundering and Tax Evasion”** 2019
- Discussant, 2018 NBA Section on Legal Practice Conference, **“Practicing Law in A Regulated Environment; What We Need to Know”** 2018
- Discussant, 2018 NBA Section on Legal Practice Conference, **“Rules of Professional Conduct for Legal Practitioners 2007(Know Your Rules)”** 2018

## BOARD POSITIONS

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- Member Governing Council, Afe Babalola University
- Director – Day Waterman College

- Non-executive Director, Lakowe Lakes Golf and Country Estate
- Director – AIFA Reading Society

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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**Languages**                      English, French (Conversational)

**IT Skills**                        MS Word (Proficient), MS Excel (Proficient), MS PowerPoint (Proficient)