



# NATIONAL OFFICERS ELECTIONS APPEAL COMMITTEE OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

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## NOTICE OF THE HEARING AND DETERMINATION OF COMPLAINT(S) FROM CANDIDATES DISQUALIFIED FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE 2024 NBA NATIONAL OFFICERS ELECTIONS

1. Establishment and Mandate of the NBA National Officers Election Appeals Committee (NBA-NOEAC)
  - 1.1. The Committee was established pursuant to the provisions of Section 14(1)(L) Constitution of the Nigerian Bar Association, 2015 (as amended in 2021) (hereinafter referred to as “the Constitution”), with powers to receive and resolve electoral complaints and disputes arising from the Election of National Officers and the election of Representatives of the NBA in the General Council of the Bar.
  - 1.2. In line with the above-referenced provision, the President Mr Yakubu Chonoko Maikyau, OON, SAN, with the approval of NEC, constituted the NBA National Officers Election Appeals Committee (NBA-NOEAC). Members of NBA-NOEAC of the Committee as constituted are:
    - i. Usman Ogwu Sule, SAN (Chairman- Abuja)
    - ii. Mrs. Folashade Ali, SAN (Alternate-Chair-Lagos)
    - iii. Dr Agada John Elachi, SAN (Abuja)
    - iv. Adizua Okoroafor, Esq (Umuahia)
    - v. Matthew Osume, Esq (Ughelli)
    - vi. Amina Senchi (Mrs) (Gusau)
    - vii. Stella Omoikhefe Owu, Esq (Secretary-Owerri)
2. Pursuant to and incidental to the foregoing, the NBA-NOEAC hereby issues the following Guidelines for dealing with complaints and disputes arising from candidates who were disqualified from participating in the elections of National Officers and Representatives of the NBA in the General Council of the Bar scheduled to hold on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024:
  - 2.1. Any candidate who is disqualified by the ECNBA in respect of his nomination or Candidature, may within seven days of the communication of the decision, appeal to the NBA-NOEAC.

- 2.2. The Appeal, by way of a Notice or Petition, shall be accompanied by the Letter of Disqualification from ECNBA and other supporting documents.
- 2.3. All Appeals shall be sent to the NBA-NOEAC via email to [stellaohiozokai@nigerianbar.ng](mailto:stellaohiozokai@nigerianbar.ng), and must be sent within 7 (seven) days of receipt of Notice of the Disqualification.
- 2.4. The hearing may be conducted by reviewing documents presented by the Petitioner only. The NBA-NOEAC, where it considers it necessary, may call for oral hearing, which may be conducted online or in-person.
- 2.5. The NBA-NOEAC may rely on any document, information, or materials relevant for the just determination of the Appeal/Petition, after giving the parties the opportunity to address it on the same.
- 2.6. Hearing and determination of all Appeals shall be concluded within 14 (fourteen) days of receipt of an appeal lodged by a candidate in the manner stated above.
- 2.7. The decision of the Election Appeal Committee on any appeal lodged by a candidate shall be final and binding on the parties.

**DATED THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2024**

  
**Usman Ogwu Sule, SAN**  
CHAIRMAN

  
**Stella Omoikhefe Owu-Chidozie, Esq**  
SECRETARY