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SENIOR LEGAL COUNSEL

Result-oriented legal counsel and global business professional with experience in procurement, legal advisory, major projects, strategic planning, and commercial agreements. Areas of expertise include commercial negotiations, corporate commercial law, LNG, Six Sigma Lean, and stakeholder engagement. His experience covers work in multinational and multicultural societies and cultures and multiple business environments, public and private sector oil and gas, and consulting.

EXPERIENCE

Woodfibre LNG Vancouver, BC	Senior Legal Counsel Supported a broad range of commercial transactions including: Woodfibre LNG project management and site office teams, Pacific Canbriam Energy Limited gas production and supply, and the RGE Group global commercial operations. Reporting to: President Woodfibre LNG Selected Accomplishments <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Awarded the Queen Elizabeth Platinum Medal for significant contributions to the community and the Province of Alberta.• Received the 2023 Alberta Newcomer Recognition (Career and Academics Contribution) Award.	April 2022 – Present
Parkland Corporation Calgary, AB	Legal Counsel – Elbow River Marketing Ltd. Supported a broad range of products marketing and commercial transactions including Elbow River Marketing's petroleum products supply and trading portfolio (Refined Products, LNG, LPG, Crude, Asphalt and Fuels), carbon trading and derivatives markets, Parkland's mobile technology and digital infrastructure, and other projects across North America. Reported to: Associate General Counsel. Selected Accomplishments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elected a Bencher of the Law Society of Alberta ("LSA"), becoming the First Black Bencher since the inception of the Law Society of Alberta. https://www.lawsociety.ab.ca/bencher-profile-series-kene-ilonchonwu/• Named among the <i>2021 Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers in Canada</i> (Top 5 In-House Counsel) https://www.canadianlawyermag.com/rankings/pp/359658• Received King's Counsel designation in 2022 for services to the Legal Profession.	May 2018 – April 2022
Blake, Cassels & Graydon Calgary, AB	Associate – Corporate Group <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dispute Resolution and corporate commercial practice.• Acted on large corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, and drafting agreements.• Acted for purchasers and sellers in asset deals involving both financing and non-financing aspects.• Legal advice to in-house clients on business and contracting practices.• Volunteered at the Pro Bono Civil Claims Duty Counsel and King's Bench Amicus.	July 2017 – May 2018
Imperial Oil Limited and DLA Piper (Canada) LLP Calgary, Alberta	Articling <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal research and drafted memos in areas of securities, agreements, labour, and employment, downstream, corporate, privacy, pensions etc.• Drafted various corporate and procurement agreements. Areas of practice included LNG, commercial real estate, aviation, and financial transactions.• Volunteered at the Pro Bono Civil Claims Duty Counsel.	May 2016 – May 2017
CK4 Consulting Inc. Calgary, AB	Principal Consultant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided strategic consulting on procurement operations set up and implementation for small and medium sized companies.• Developed contracts models and category management methodologies.• Provided contracting best practices and negotiation support.• Developed and reviewed Request for Proposal (RFP) packages prior to issuance.	May 2015 – July 2017

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- Reviewed and advised on contract terms and conditions.

Selected Accomplishments:

- Initiated, negotiated, and implemented a new school bus transportation program for a Calgary private school.

Suncor Energy Inc. Calgary, AB	Sourcing Manager – Strategic Sourcing Category Manager – Field Logistics	Sept. 2010 – Dec. 2012 Dec. 2012 – Apr. 2015
Led procurement support (cross functional team leadership, developed business strategies, RFP issuance, Proposal evaluations, negotiations and contract development and execution) for high dollar, strategic and complex initiatives. Supported a \$1.2 billion dollar spend category including work camps (owned, third party and construction), services, ground transportation and aviation. Responsible for contractor performance management, category profiles and strategies, and ensuring compliance. Reported to: Director, Category Management; Direct Reports: 3 contract managers and analysts.		

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Admitted to the Alberta (Canada) Bar

Master of Laws (LL. M) I.T. & Telecommunications Law

University of Strathclyde, Glasgow Scotland

Admitted to the Nigerian Bar (BL)

Nigerian Law School, Abuja

Bachelor of Laws Honours (LL. B Hons.)

Abia State University, Nigeria

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Law Society of Alberta
- Canadian Bar Association (CBA)
- Calgary Bar Association
- Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
- Canadian Corporate Counsel Association (CCCA)

BOARD / VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

- · Benchler, Law Society of Alberta 2021 – Present
- · Director, Pro Bono Law Alberta 2021 – Present
- · Director/Secretary, Calgary Black Chambers 2020 – Present
- · Director/ Treasurer, Global Lawyers of Canada Alberta Chapter 2017 – Present
- · Member, City of Airdrie Subdivision and Development Appeal Board 2021 – Present
- · Member, Anglican Diocese of All Nations 2023 – Present
- · Member, Canadian Armed Forces - The King's Own Calgary Regiment
(Royal Canadian Armoured Corps) 2022 – Present