

## ELECTORAL COMMITTEE OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

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## ECNBA NOTICE NO. 10: NOTIFICATION OF TEST EMAIL AND SMS MESSAGES

Dear Eligible Voter,

As you are already aware, the Nigerian Bar Association Election for the year 2024 for National Officers of the Association and NBA representatives to the General Council of the Bar, will hold on Saturday, July 20, 2024, between the hours of 12:00 am (Nigeria Time) on Saturday, July 20 and 11:59 pm on Saturday, July 20 2024.

## PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. To participate in this election, you must be eligible to vote and your name must have been on the Final Voters Register as having paid your Bar Practicing Fees between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, as published by the ECNBA on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 for verification. Payment outside this period disqualifies from voting or being voted for.
- 2. As part of the process, we will be sending out a **TEST EMAIL AND SMS** on the **28th of June 2024** to your individual contact information on the Voters register to enable us determine that you can receive your ONLINE voting credentials successfully.
- 3. Voting credentials will only be sent to the email and phone numbers attached to your profile as verified on the Voter database. Where no number/email was filled in at the time of your payment of BPF, you would have no contact details on the voter list and you will not receive test messages.

- 4. To ensure you can receive your SMS, please ensure **Do-Not-Disturb** (**DND**) is turned off for your phone number. Check the DND Quick Guide on **go.ecnba.org** to learn how to turn off DND.
- 5. By default, the test email message should be delivered to your Inbox. However, due to various mail settings that may be set in your email by you or your email service provider, the test email message may instead end up in your Promotions, Social, Spam or Junk folder. Please check all these folders if you do not see the email in your inbox on the aforementioned date set for testing.
- 6. **FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that as reported to the NBA NEC on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024, at the end of the verification exercise, we received **9,123** entries submitted on the website via the google form provided, for correction of their details on the voters' list. Upon multiple levels of filtration eliminating duplicate submissions, erroneous entries, incomplete forms, etc, only a total of **1,181** entries by members ultimately appeared to have during verification, indicated an intention to change their email addresses and/or phone numbers on the database, which requests have been subjected to further filtration. Other submitted entries remain unchanged.

Of this 1,181 numbers 737 persons requested to change just their GSM phone numbers from what they originally entered on the NBA Digital Portal, preparatory to the payment of their Bar Practicing Fees. 352 persons requested to change their email addresses from what they previously entered on the NBA portal prior to their Payment of the Bar Practicing Fees; and 92 persons requested to change both their GSM phone numbers and email addresses, from what they previously gave on the NBA portal. Only those whose requested change(s) were successfully filtered, validated and certified by the ECNBA for amendment, have been corrected. Others who submitted requests but could either not be confirmed, validated or certified by the ECNBA, have their data unchanged and remain as it was originally entered on the database. This was the proposed resolution ratified by the NBA-NEC meeting to ensure that no uncertified and unvalidated changes are made to the Voter Register.

7. We therefore urge all members to check both their email and SMS, to ensure they receive our test messages on either, or both platforms, especially when your requested change to either phone or email, has not changed for the aforementioned reasons.

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Thank you.

Dated this 26th day of June 2024.

**OLUSEUN ABIMBOLA SAN** 

Chairman. Secretary.