

ELECTORAL COMMITTEE OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

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ECNBA NOTICE NO.2, ON THE NBA 2024 ELECTIONS: NOTICE OF ELECTIONS.

Distinguished Colleagues,

Pursuant to Sections 9, 10 and the second schedule of the Constitution of the Nigerian Bar Association 2015 as amended in 2021(The Constitution), and the approval of the NBA NEC at its meeting of 29th February 2024, the Electoral Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association (ECNBA) appointed to conduct the Election of: (a) National Officers of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA/Association); and (b) NBA Representatives to the General Council of the Bar hereby issues this formal **Notice of election** as follows:

PART A – ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 1. The election of National Officers of the NBA shall hold and be conducted by electronic voting commencing from 00:00 hours to 23:59 hours on 20th, July 2024.
- 2. The offices for which eligible members or candidates may contest on the basis of rotation among the three (3) geographical zones stipulated in *Part IV (1),(2),(3),(4) &(5)*, Second Schedule of the Constitution of the NBA, 2015 as amended in 2021, (the Constitution), as well as the qualifications for the offices listed at *Section 9(3)* of the Constitution are contained in the table below:

S/N	OFFICE	QUALIFICATION	ZONE
1		A full member of the Association in private legal practice;	Eastern Zone

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		with not less than 15 years post-call and not less than 2 years as a member of the National Executive Council (previously known as the National Executive Committee) ("NEC") at the time of nomination and has paid the requisite practicing fees and branch dues.	
2	First Vice	A full member of the Association	Eastern Zone
	President	in private legal practice; with not less than 15 years post-call and not less than 2 years as a member of the National Executive Council (previously known as the National Executive Committee) ("NEC") at the time of nomination and has paid the requisite practicing fees and branch dues.	
3	Second	A full member of the Association	Western Zone
	Vice President	with not less than 15 years post-call and not less than 2 years as a member of the National Executive Council and has paid the requisite practicing fees and branch dues.	
4	Third	A full member of the Association	Northern Zone
	Vice President	with not less than 15 years post-call and not less than 2 years as a member of the National Executive Council and has paid the requisite practicing fees and branch dues.	
5	General Secretary	A full member of the Association in private practice, with not less than 15 years post call and not less than 2 years as a member of the National Executive and has paid the requisite practicing fees and branch dues.	Northern Zone
6	Assistant General	A full member of the Association in private practice, with not less than 5 years post call and not less	Not Zoned

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7	Secretary Treasurer	than 2 years as a member of Executive Committee of a Branch or Section or Forum at the time of nomination and has paid the requisite practicing fees and branch dues. Not less than 10 years post-call	
7		and not less than 2 years as a member of NEC or the Executive Committee of a Branch or Section or Forum at the time of nomination and has paid the requisite practicing fees and branch dues.	
8	Welfare Secretary	Not less than 10 years post-call and not less than 2 years as a member of NEC or the Executive Committee of a Branch or Section or Forum at the time of nomination and has paid the requisite practicing fees and branch dues.	
9	Publicity Secretary	Not less than 10 years post-call and not less than 2 years as a member of NEC or the Executive Committee of a Branch or Section or Forum at the time of nomination and has paid the requisite practicing fees and branch dues.	
10	Assistant Publicity Secretary	Not less than 5 years post-call and not less than 2 years as a member of the Executive Committee of a Branch, or Section or Forum at the time of nomination and has paid the requisite practicing fees and branch dues.	

- 3. The States comprised in the respective geographical zones specified in *Part IV (5) (a) (b) & (c)*, Second Schedule of the Constitution are as follows:
 - a. Northern Zone: Adamawa, Bauchi, Benue, Borno, Gombe, Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Kogi, Kwara, Nasarawa, Niger, Plateau, Sokoto, Taraba, Yobe, Zamfara and Abuja;
 - b. Eastern Zone: Abia, Akwa Ibom, Anambra, Enugu, Bayelsa, Ebonyi, Cross River, Imo, and Rivers; and
 - c. Western Zone: Delta, Edo, Ekiti, Lagos, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, and Oyo.
- 4. A candidate for any elective National Office shall be nominated or proposed in writing by a member and seconded by another, both of whom shall be as qualified like the candidate in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution for the equivalent office, and shall have paid their Practicing fees and Branch dues as at when due for three (3) consecutive years inclusive of year 2024, as stipulated in *Section 9(3)(a)* of the Constitution.

PART B – ELECTION OF NBA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE BAR

- 5. The election of NBA Representatives to the General Council of the Bar shall be conducted by electronic voting commencing from 00:00 hours to 23:59 hours on 20th July 2024.
- 6. Pursuant to *Part V (2)*, Second Schedule of the Constitution, the zoning principle contained in the Constitution shall apply in the election of NBA Representatives to the General Council of the Bar, such that each zone shall produce not less than six (6) Representatives to the Council.
- 7. The States comprised in the respective geographical zones specified in *Part IV (1), (5) (a) (b) and (c)*, Second Schedule of the Constitution are as follows:
 - a. Northern Zone: Adamawa, Bauchi, Benue, Borno, Gombe, Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Kogi, Kwara, Nasarawa, Niger, Plateau, Sokoto, Taraba, Yobe, Zamfara and Abuja;

- b. Eastern Zone: Abia, Akwa Ibom, Anambra, Enugu, Bayelsa, Ebonyi, Cross River, Imo, and Rivers; and
- c. Western Zone: Delta, Edo, Ekiti, Lagos, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, and Oyo.
- 8. A candidate for election as a Representative to the General Council of the Bar shall be nominated or proposed in writing by a member, and seconded by another, both of whom shall be as qualified like the candidate in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution for the equivalent office and shall have paid their Practicing fees and Branch dues as at when due for three (3) consecutive years inclusive of year 2024.

PART C - NOMINATION FORMS

- 9. Nomination Forms for election of National Officers of the NBA and/or election of NBA Representatives to the General Council of the Bar, shall be available for collection at the ECNBA Secretariat, House No 24 Oro Ago Street, Garki, Abuja. The forms can also be downloaded online from the NBA website: <u>www.nigerianbar.org.ng</u> or the ECNBA website: <u>www.ecnba.org</u> from 08:00 hours, Monday, 11th March 2024. Submission of completed Nomination Forms and accompanying documents shall CLOSE at 17:00 hours on Friday, 5th April 2024.
- 10. All duly completed Nomination Forms should be submitted physically in sealed envelopes clearly marked: ECNBA 2024 or by a reputable courier company **NOT LATER THAN** 17:00 hours on Friday, 5th April 2024, addressed to:

The Secretary,

Electoral Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association ECNBA Secretariat, House No 24 Oro Ago Street, Garki, Abuja.

- 11. Any unsealed envelope will be rejected and once submitted, the forms cannot be retrieved.
- 12. A candidate for election may wish to send Notification of submission of the Nomination Forms to the Secretary of the ECNBA by e-mail to:

<u>info@ecnba.org</u> upon confirmation of the handover of the hard copies to the address above.

PART D - GUIDELINES AND TIMETABLE FOR 2024 ELECTIONS

13. Guidelines and Timetable for the 2024 Elections shall be published in due course.

Dated 1st, March 2024.

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