

Ogaga Odjugo

CURRICULUM VITAE

Barrister & Solicitor (Nigeria). Energy, AI, ESG and regulatory law. Abuja, Nigeria.

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PROFILE

Nigerian-qualified lawyer, called to the Bar in July 2026, with a First Class LL.B and two peer-reviewed publications on energy regulation, the most recent in Elsevier's *The Electricity Journal* (2026). Co-founder of SOOIA Legal LLP, advising on regulatory set-up (NAFDAC and factory registration, trade mark filings, CAC compliance) and on commercial and consumer protection disputes. Earlier experience spans commercial litigation support at a leading Lagos firm and ESG and energy regulatory advisory across Nigeria and the GCC. National mootng champion (LAWSAN 2023) and Best Counsel award recipient.

LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jul 2026 –	Co-Founder & Legal Practitioner SOOIA Legal LLP — Abuja
	Advise a company establishing a dairy-sector food business on its regulatory set-up, coordinating NAFDAC product and factory registration and trade mark applications at the Trade Marks Registry. Advise on commercial and regulatory disputes, including an ongoing consumer protection claim against a domestic airline under the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Act 2018. Drafted the firm's LLP partnership agreement under CAMA 2020 and carried its CAC registration.
Aug 2025 – Jul 2026	ESG & Sustainability Policy Analyst ICELIS Global, Qatar Financial Centre — Doha (remote)
	Produced 45+ policy briefs on ESG disclosure obligations and emerging regulation across Qatar and the GCC, aligned with QNV 2030 and GCC initiatives, turning complex change into actionable guidance for business and policy audiences. Researched and interpreted global ESG disclosure frameworks, translating findings into reports and documentation aligning internal tools with client outputs. Worked across communications, partnerships and product teams and with the CEO; maintained the policy knowledge base and standardised templates, holding editorial quality through accurate citation, executive summaries and visuals.
Aug 2024 – Feb 2025	Graduate Trainee Ajumogobia & Okeke — Lagos
	Drafted 50+ legal memoranda on taxation, labour, energy transaction, mining and banking-compliance matters. Conducted statutory and case-law research that informed dispute-resolution strategy and transactional structuring in high-stakes commercial litigation. Prepared court processes and argument briefs with Senior Associates in multi-million-naira matters.

Oct 2023 – May 2026

Associate Researcher

Institute for Oil, Gas, Energy, Environment & Sustainable Development (OGEES) — Ekiti (remote)

Reviewed nine submissions across three issues of the Scopus-indexed *Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy*, testing alignment with international legal standards.

Produced research reports on energy and sustainable-development regulation informing policy recommendations for government and private-sector stakeholders.

EDUCATION

2025 – 2026

Barrister-at-Law (B.L.)

Nigerian Law School, Abuja — called to the Nigerian Bar, July 2026

2019 – 2024

LL.B., First Class Honours

Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti

OGEES Prize for Best Student in Oil and Gas Law; Best Student in Environmental Law.

Thesis on sustainable energy regulation under the Electricity Act 2023.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Olusola Joshua Olujobi, Oghenevwogaga Odjugo and Ahmadu Frederick Olusola, ‘Reforming Nigeria’s Electricity Act 2023 (Amended 2024): Systemic Constraints, Market Prospects, and Sustainability Pathways’ (2026) 39(3) *The Electricity Journal* 107567 (Elsevier, Scopus-indexed) — [doi:10.1016/j.tej.2026.107567](#)

Olusola Joshua Olujobi, Oshobugie Suleiman Irumekhai and Oghenevwogaga Odjugo, ‘Petroleum Laws, Regulations, and Sustainable Development: Oil and Gas Perspectives from Nigeria, Norway, and Saudi Arabia’ (2025) 16(3) *Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy* 22 (Scopus-indexed) — [doi:10.4314/jsdlp.v16i3.2](#)

LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY

2023 – 2024

Captain, ABUAD Moot & Mock Trial Team

Law Students’ Association of Nigeria (LAWSAN) mootng competitions

Competed on the team that won the LAWSAN South-West Regional Championship and the LAWSAN National Championship in 2023; named Best Counsel at the regional championship.

Coached the team to a second South-West Regional Championship title in 2024.

Nov 2024 – Jun 2026

Founder & Principal Contributor, *The AI Reporter*

Weekly LinkedIn newsletter on law, technology and governance — 750+ subscribers

Published original commentary on AI accountability, legal innovation and governance for a readership of legal professionals across Africa.

CREDENTIALS, CERTIFICATIONS & SKILLS

CERTIFICATIONS	MEMBERSHIPS	LEGAL SKILLS
Mergers & Acquisitions Bootcamp, Hogan Lovells	Nigerian Bar Association	Legal research & drafting
Advanced Studies in International Law & Diplomacy, NIALS (2024)	International Law Association, Nigeria Chapter	Statutory and case-law analysis
Future of AI, BlueDot Impact (2025)		Commercial litigation support
		ESG & energy regulatory advisory
		Corporate structuring & CAC filings