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About Us

Classicus Legal Practice (Classicus LP) is a leading Commercial and Dispute Resolution law firm. It was established in 2011 as an innovative and dynamic full service practice to help businesses start, grow and thrive.

Ours is a client-centered law firm as we understand our core relevance is to help clients enhance operations and make profit through effective partnership.

The firm has a team of industries experts that provide creative solutions to complex legal problems on matters including Corporate/M&A Practice, Compliance & Corporate Governance, Capital Market & Security Regulation, Banking &

Finance, Insolvency & Restructuring, Emerging Enterprise & Technology Practice, Media & Entertainment, Wealth Preservation & Estate Planning, Real Estate and Dispute Resolution among others.

We make it possible for clients to achieve growth and profitability; we enhance the legal value of a business; give rich legal perspective to decision making process and mitigate legal risk exposure through our team of industries experts and efficient resources.

Values: Collaboration, Innovation, Trust, Excellence and Speed

Why Classicus LP:

Industries Experts

Our team is constituted of legal experts in different areas of practice, who are all interconnected to render exceptional services for the full protection of our clients' interests.

Relational

At Classicus LP, we understand the value of relationship which helps to know our clients and their needs more personally.

This has helped us to create timeless experience to our clients while meeting their needs.

Confidentiality

Confidentiality is a golden rule in our practice as we understand information is sensitive and personal to our clients' businesses and personal lives.

We therefore prioritise confidentiality to create the comfort required for us to get detailed brief and render comprehensive legal services to clients.

Speed

Timely response to clients request is one of the hallmarks of practice at Classicus LP.

We have clients whose businesses are about timing and decision making and this has formed our standard to service every client at the earliest time possible.

Our Expertise

Positioning well in the constantly evolving global market, our firm built an efficient and dependable expertise in areas which include:

- Corporate/M & A Practice
- Compliance & Corporate Governance
- Capital Market & Security Regulation
- Banking & Finance
- Insolvency & Restructuring
- Emerging Enterprise & Technology Practice
- Intellectual Property
- Media & Entertainment
- Wealth Preservation & Estate Planning
- Family Law
- Real Estate
- Immigration
- Taxation
- Dispute Resolution



Corporate/ M & A Practice

Our lawyers provide legal advisory on various aspects of corporate and company law matters. This include company secretarial, corporate governance, joint venture, investment and shareholding, transferability of shares, board and management composition, M&A, financing among other transactions. Our practice counsel clients on domestic, cross-border and multi-jurisdictional transactions both in emerging and developed markets.

Classicus LP values clients' strategic growth and we understand that we must always position ourselves with in-depth knowledge and close ties with client to partner in navigating the path together to realize the objectives with utmost interest protection.

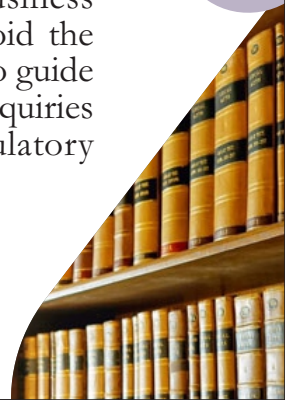
Our team is vast in advising clients on mergers and acquisition transactions, domestically and cross-border, on public and private deals, equity or asset acquisition and divestitures, through the process from initial letter of intent,

due diligence, negotiation and documentation to successful completion, we work closely with our clients.

Compliance/Corporate Governance

With the increasing opportunities in the business world, the scope of regulations is also increasing to safeguard business environment and consumer interest among others. Classicus lawyers prioritize collaborative work with clients to confront and resolve compliance issues.

Classicus LP is vast on compliance matters involving banking and finance, fintechs, capital markets, M&A and joint venture among others. We work with clients to develop the culture of legal risk, regulatory consciousness and transparent processes to business structure and operations to avoid the cost of non-compliance. We also guide clients on how to respond to enquiries and investigation from regulatory authorities.



Our team advises on issues such as Environmental and compliance violations, intellectual property violations, Money laundering, Piracy and Data protection, tax crimes, securities, financial institution and accounting fraud among others.

Banking & Finance

Lending and borrowing of money has become a critical part of economic activities whether for business growth or personal needs purposes. On both ends of the spectrum, Classicus LP has advised clients on bank financing, business financing and access to finance from other sources.

Our Lawyers advise on complex loan documentation, loan securitization, private business investment agreement, partnership options and joint venture. This practice also extends to debt recovery, debt restructuring and arrangement.

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Capital Market & Security Regulation

At Classicus LP, we have the experience and expertise on capital market deal structures and regulatory landscape. We advise clients on securities laws and regulations which include issuers, investment banks, underwriters, placement agents and investors. We work with clients on reporting to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and Nigerian Exchange Limited on compliance matters, and securities law advisory.

Our team advice clients on private placement and public offerings alongside the legal intricacies.

Insolvency & Restructuring

Our Lawyers are accredited Insolvency Practitioners by the Corporate Affairs Commission in Nigeria and members of Business Recovery and Insolvency Practitioners Association of Nigeria (BRIPAN) and Insolvency (INSOL) International.



We understand that businesses experience liquidity or balance sheet insolvency which incapacitates them from fulfilling financial obligations to creditors as and when due.

At Classicus LP, we believe insolvency proceedings should be the last resort for creditors, so we advise debtor companies to first explore the option of debt restructuring. If this fails, we explore the other soft landing options provided by the Companies and Allied Matters Act 2020 which includes Company Voluntary Arrangements and Administration to give the business a chance of survival while the outstanding indebtedness is being paid. Where these options are not achievable or yields no fruit, our team is able to work with debtors through dissolution proceedings and receivership to protect their interests or with creditors to recover funds due to them.

Emerging Enterprise & Technology Practice

Our lawyers are reputed for working with entrepreneurs as they take their big

idea to the market. We have also advised venture fund, corporate investors in strategic early stage engagement with entrepreneurs. We understand the demanding expectations of investors, enterprise valuation and regulations of this mix.

Our expertise in intellectual property protection, financing and M & A has made us resourceful to innovative entrepreneurs as they break into markets with customized legal solutions.

Our dynamic practice enhances the quality of our service delivery to clients on matters like business structuring, regulatory approval and compliance, and utmost protection of entrepreneurs' financial interest and intellectual property.

Intellectual Property

Intellectual Property is perhaps one of the most valuable assets to our Clients as businesses. At Classicus LP, we serve clients to identify, protect, manage and where there is infringement defend



their intellectual property assets and rights.

We advise in matters relating to trademark, patent, copyright, licensing, franchising, distribution agreement and technology transfer irrespective of the size of the business, whether start-up or multinational organization.

Media & Entertainment

Classicus LP lawyers appreciate the increasingly growing value of the media and entertainment industry, more so, the interest and value of players like businesses, stars and up-coming talents, producers, promoters, financiers. What is also important is that we have the skills and experience on issues like contracts, accounting, profit disputes and enforcement of content distribution agreement, patent, trademark and copyright protection and dispute resolution.

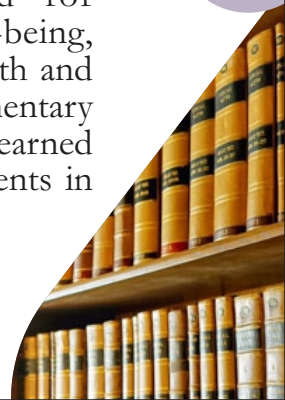
With the continuous disruption of the media and entertainment space by technology which has redefined operation, production and distribution

of content, we have positioned our practice to serve clients needs on issues including but not limited to brand related agreements, data acquisition and transfer, intellectual property protection, privacy and data security, software and hardware agreements, production finance and distribution, employment and talent agreement, licensing, endorsement and sponsorship agreements, among others.

We have the expertise to provide services to mitigate legal exposures and resolve complex legal issues that may arise in transactions clients may be involved in this space.

Wealth Preservation & Estate Planning Advisory

Experience has established to us overtime that ageing comes with 3 essentials which are: need for healthcare and general well-being, preservation of assets and wealth and preparation of Wills or testamentary documents. Our lawyers have earned the confidence and trust of clients in



our ability to work and advise to ensure the maximum protection of their interests.

Classicus LP prioritises the foundational task of deeply understanding our clients, their families/structure, wealth and assets sectors which enables us to provide bespoke service to the critical needs of clients

Our expertise include advising clients on patients' rights and healthcare management, wealth preservation and estate planning matters, trust establishment, reducing the financial exposure of estate, generational estate planning, power of attorney, guardianship and Wills/Codicils preparation among others. While ensuring the personal welfare of our ailing clients, we also ensure that their wishes of who exactly benefits what are implemented.

Critical to our practice too is working closely with the beneficiaries of our clients' estate to facilitate the process of distribution and transfer of inheritance.

Family Law

We understand the delicate nature of issues of irreconcilable differences of some of our clients, our family law team work with professionalism and compassion to resolve complex issues like separation, judicial dissolution, joint business ownership, real estate, child custody, legal guardianship, access and maintenance.

At Classicus LP, we carefully work clients through the substance and strong position point vis-a-vis the most strategic legal approach to achieving their objectives with least emotional trauma. In our practice, we understand the importance the laws place on the interest and welfare of child(ren) of a marriage, and we give equal preference to this alongside the interest of our client.

Real Estate

Classicus LP lawyers have expertise and experience advising property developers, real estate investors and



investments, real estate investment trust (REIT), private equity funds, joint venture, leases, buyers, sellers and financial institutions.

We have skills and depth of understanding to advice on complex issues surrounding residential and commercial real estate, mortgage and securitization of assets for financing, taxation, compliance with laws and regulations against money laundering, corporate structure and ownership and profit sharing.

Our lawyers have represented clients in matters including but not limited to property leasing/landlord/tenant dispute, real estate/facility management operations contracts, acquisition and disposal of real estate.

Immigration/Employment Practice

The world is now a global village and commercial activities has crossed many borders of origin necessitating professional advice and direction for players. Multinational organisations

and foreign businesses with interest in Nigeria require immigration solutions to enhance smooth and compliant business operations.

Classicus LP lawyers work closely with Clients to meet their immigration documentation needs such as work and resident permits and foreign business regulation compliance. We serve multinational organisations, start-up ventures, local employers from foreign land etc.

Clients count on us to help them navigate and restore complex regulatory immigration issues that meet their needs.

Our Compliance Unit participate in facilitating every regulatory compliance of clients from their business structure, employment details, industry specifics protect their interest, reduce their legal exposure and where required defend them in cases of dispute.



Taxation

Our lawyers and paralegals have knowledge and experience to work with clients on their tax compliance matters as they achieve their business and profitability goals. Our team is always up to date to the tax regimes to give clients required advices.

Whenever tax issues arise on business, investment or individual positions, we are able to proffer strategic and practical solutions to help clients make informed decisions on resolution. Our tax team also has the required expertise to represent client in a tax appeal or dispute matter.

Dispute Resolution

The anchor of our practice is preventive and remedial legal services. To this end our lawyers are skilled to work with clients to enhance the achievement of their objectives with little or no legal exposure to threats, and where a legal dispute arises, we will go the full extent within the law to defend and resolve them to the utmost interest of our clients.

At Classicus LP, we understand that to protect the interest of our clients and achieve the best outcome, strategy and strength is required of lawyers is critical in dispute resolution. In commercial disputes, enforcement of contract, debt recovery/restructuring, intellectual property dispute, our lawyers are skilled to deliver clients in the Court.

Our lawyers also bear in mind the value being lost to time in the process of commercial litigation and are always willing to work with clients through alternative dispute resolution measures like Arbitration and Mediation to resolve issues while still keeping business relationships where they are invaluable to our clients.



Corporate Social Responsibility

Classicus LP's Corporate Social Responsibility policy is premised on using our legal expertise to support the cause of sustainable development goals in our environment.

We partner with individuals and organisations whose objectives are to create a better world in fulfillment of sustainable development goals in our practice communities.

We provide probono legal representation, awareness dialogue and support in the course of their work.

Our CSR Partners include:

- The Hindsight Development Organisation
- African Clean Up Initiative



OUR TEAM

▲ Olusola Akinyemi

Olusola is the Managing Partner and Head of Corporate & M&A, Banking & Finance, Wealth Preservation & Estate Planning Practice.

Olusola has about 15 years' experience in corporate and commercial law, transactional and dispute resolution aspects of Banking & Finance and Investment sector. He advises a wide spectrum of Clients including Financial Institutions, Private Equity Investors and Small and Medium Scale Enterprises.

Olusola's competence extends to establishment of subsidiaries of multinationals, corporate governance, compliance, mergers, insolvency, acquisitions and corporate restructuring, tax, immigration, labour and commercial dispute resolution.

He is a member of the Business Recovery and Insolvency Practitioners of Nigeria (BRIPAN), Chartered Institute of Taxation (CITN) and the Nigerian Bar Association Section on Business Law (NBASBL).

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▲ Toluwalase M. Oliver-Jude

Toluwalase is a Senior Associate in the Corporate and Commercial Practice team of the firm.

She is a graduate of the University of Abuja and has a Second Class upper division at the Nigerian Law School.

She has about a decade experience in advising Clients on various aspects of Corporate and Commercial Law.

Toluwalase offers expert advice on company formation, company secretariat, corporate governance and regulatory compliance, corporate restructuring, intellectual property, labour and employment, e-commerce real estate among others.

Toluwalase is an Associate Member of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSAN), a Designate Compliance Professional of the Compliance Institute, Nigeria and a member of the Nigerian Bar Association Section on Business Law (NBA SBL).

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