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PUBLISHER'S NOTE



Welcome to the inaugural issue of Stakeholders magazine! As we embark on this exciting journey, we're thrilled to introduce our premier quarterly publication, showcasing insightful analysis, thought leadership, and inspiring stories of achievement. Our maiden issue celebrates the best of Nigeria and beyond.

Celebrating Trailblazers

We're proud to highlight Nigerian women breaking barriers in the legal profession, paving the way for future generations. Our editorial focus shines a spotlight on these remarkable individuals.

Exclusive Insights

We're honored to feature an exclusive thought leadership piece by Tony Elumelu, founder of the Tony Elumelu Foundation. His expertise in reinventing oneself and African-led entrepreneurship is a must-read.

Inspiring Stories

Our cover story profiles Wale Fapohunda, a renowned lawyer and advocate for social justice. His remarkable journey showcases the impact one person can have on their community.

More Highlights

Ademola Lookman's inspiring journey to success
A review of Brad Meltzer's thriller, "The Tenth Justice"
"Urban Odyssey", exploring Ilesa's hidden gems in Osun State, Nigeria

Our Commitment

At Stakeholders magazine, we're dedicated to delivering high-quality content that informs, educates, and entertains. We believe in sharing inspiring stories, thought-provoking ideas, and insightful analysis to foster a more informed and engaged community. Thank you for joining us on this exciting journey! We look forward to your feedback and contributions as we strive to make Stakeholders magazine a leading voice in African thought leadership and storytelling.

Happy reading!

Daniel Omonze

Daniel Omonze
Publisher/Managing Editor



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A Year of Resilience and Transformation

As the world bid farewell to 2024, it's clear that the past year has been a transformative one, marked by significant events and trends that have shaped the global landscape. From politics and economy to innovation, music, and entertainment, here's a rundown of the biggest stories that made headlines in 2024.



President Donald Trump Jr of the USA

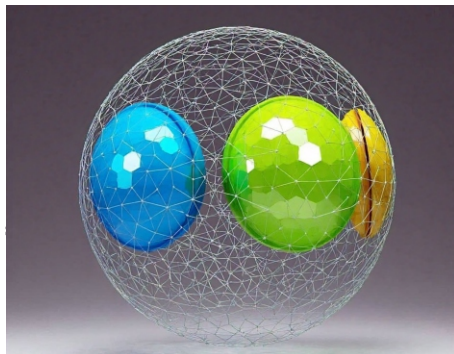
Politics: A Year of Shifts and Surprises

The world witnessed a series of unexpected twists and turns in the realm of politics. The US presidential election saw a stunning upset, with a dark horse candidate emerging victorious. Across the pond, the UK's Brexit saga continued to unfold, with the government finally securing a deal that satisfied both Remain and Leave camps.



President Ibrahim Traoré of Burkina Faso

In Africa, a new generation of leaders emerged, with several countries witnessing peaceful transfers of power. The African Union's efforts to promote economic integration and cooperation gained momentum, with the launch of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).



Economy: A Mixed Bag

The global economy experienced a mixed bag of fortunes in 2024. While some countries, such as China and India, continued to drive growth, others, like the US and EU, faced challenges. The ongoing trade tensions between the US and China had a ripple effect on global markets, leading to increased volatility.

However, there were also positive trends, such as the growth of renewable energy and the increasing adoption of digital technologies. The rise of fintech and e-commerce continued to disrupt traditional industries, creating new opportunities for entrepreneurs and innovator



Innovation: Breakthroughs and Discoveries

2024 was a year of significant breakthroughs and discoveries in the world of science and technology. From advancements in artificial intelligence and machine learning to the discovery of new exoplanets, the past year has been a thrilling ride for innovation enthusiasts.

One of the biggest stories was the successful deployment of 5G networks across several countries, promising faster data speeds and greater connectivity. The rise of quantum computing also gained momentum, with several companies, including Google and IBM, making significant strides in this field.

Music and Entertainment: A Year of Diversity and Creativity

The music and entertainment industries continued to evolve in 2024, with a diverse range of artists and creators making waves. From the rise of Afrobeats and Latin trap to the resurgence of classic rock and pop, the past year has been a celebration of musical diversity.

In the world of film and television, streaming platforms continued to disrupt traditional models, with several new players entering the market. The year also saw a surge in demand for original content, with several hit shows and movies premiering on platforms like Netflix, Hulu, and Disney+.



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Tems

Gossip and Scandals: A Year of Surprises

No year would be complete without its fair share of gossip and scandals. From celebrity breakups and feuds to high-profile controversies and scandals, 2024 had its fair share of surprises.



Jayz and Beyoncé

One of the biggest stories was the shocking split between pop power couple, Beyoncé and Jay-Z. The music world was also rocked by the sudden departure of Kanye West from the entertainment industry, citing mental health concerns.

As the world looks to the future, one thing is clear – 2024 has set the stage for an exciting and unpredictable decade ahead. From politics and economy to innovation, music, and entertainment, the possibilities are endless, and we can't wait to see what the future holds.



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Breaking Down Barriers

The Rise of Women in Nigeria's Legal Profession



Hon. Justice Kudirat Kekere-Ekun GCON (*Chief Justice of Nigeria*)

Nigeria's legal profession has long been a bastion of male dominance, with women facing significant barriers to entry and advancement. However, over the past few decades, women have made tremendous strides in the profession, breaking down barriers and shattering glass ceilings.

A History of Trailblazers



Chief Folake Solanke, SAN, CON

One of the pioneers of women in Nigeria's legal profession is Chief (Mrs.) Folake Solanke, SAN. In 1962, Solanke became the first Nigerian woman to qualify as a lawyer, paving the way for future generations of women lawyers. Since then, women like Hon. Justice Aloma Mariam Mukhtar, who became the first Nigerian woman to become the Chief Justice of Nigeria, have continued to break down barriers and achieve great success in the profession.

Challenges and Stereotypes

Despite the progress made, women in Nigeria's legal profession still face numerous challenges. One of the major obstacles is the persistence of gender stereotypes and biases. Many women lawyers are expected to prioritize family responsibilities over their careers, and are often relegated to secondary roles in law firms and courts.



Justice Aloma Mariam Muktar GCON (Former CJN)

The Power of Mentorship

Mentorship has played a crucial role in supporting women lawyers in Nigeria. Organizations like the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) and the Nigerian Women Lawyers Association (NWLA) provide mentorship programs, training, and networking opportunities for women lawyers. These initiatives have helped to build confidence, skills, and networks among women lawyers, empowering them to succeed in the profession.



Justice Mary Odili CFR

Success Stories and Role Models

There are many inspiring stories of women who have achieved great success in Nigeria's legal profession. One example is Mrs. Funke Adekoya, SAN, a renowned lawyer and arbitrator who has made significant contributions to the development of arbitration law in Nigeria. Another example is Prof. Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, a human rights activist and law professor who has dedicated her career to promoting social justice and human rights.



Prof. Joy Ngozi Ezeilo,

Mrs. Funke Adekoya, SAN

The Way Forward

So, what can be done to support and empower women in Nigeria's legal profession? Firstly, there needs to be a greater emphasis on diversity, equity, and inclusion in the profession. This can involve implementing policies and practices that promote equal opportunities for women and address the challenges they face. Secondly, there needs to be greater support for women lawyers, including mentorship programs, training, and networking opportunities. Finally, there needs to be greater recognition and celebration of the achievements of women lawyers in Nigeria.

Conclusion

In conclusion, women have made significant progress in Nigeria's legal profession, but there is still much work to be done to support and empower them. By promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion, providing greater support for women lawyers, and recognizing and celebrating their achievements, we can create a more inclusive and equitable profession that benefits everyone. As we celebrate the successes of women lawyers in Nigeria, we must also continue to push for greater change and progress, until women have equal opportunities and are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve.

Written by Zainab Buba Galadima

REINVENTING SUCCESS

My Journey and the Power of Africapitalism

Tony Elumelu CFR
Chairperson of the United Bank for Africa

As I reflect on my career, I am reminded of the importance of resilience, grit, and the willingness to reinvent oneself. From my early days as a 2:2 graduate applying for a job I wasn't "qualified" for to my current role as the Founder of the Tony Elumelu Foundation, I have learned that success is not a destination but a journey.

My first job in banking, which I secured through sheer confidence and ambition, shaped the path I walk today. However, when regulations limiting bank CEO tenures came into effect, I found myself at a crossroads. Instead of seeing it as an obstacle, I embraced it as an opportunity to reinvent myself. This was the genesis of Heirs Holdings, the Tony Elumelu Foundation, and my commitment to Africapitalism – the belief that African entrepreneurship is the key to the continent's transformation.

Throughout my career, I have faced failures and setbacks, but those experiences taught me valuable lessons. I learned that resilience, learning from mistakes, and grit are essential principles for success. These principles have shaped my approach to entrepreneurship and philanthropy and inspired my wife and me to invest in the next generation of African entrepreneurs.

In 2015, we committed \$100 million to identify, train, and fund the businesses of African entrepreneurs over 10 years. Today, we have:

- Granted 2.5 million Africans access to training on TefConnect
- Lifted over 2 million individuals out of poverty
- Disbursed more than \$100 million in direct funding to over 21,000 beneficiaries
- Created 1.5 million jobs and generated \$4.2 billion in revenue across the continent

We want to do more. We believe that African entrepreneurs have the power to reshape our continent. Their passion, vision, and resilience are exactly what Africa needs to drive its transformation.

To all aspiring young African entrepreneurs, I say: if you have an idea – no matter how small or big – don't let self-doubt stop you. Take that first step. Apply to the Tony Elumelu Foundation Entrepreneurship Programme on [TEFConnect.com](https://tefconnect.com). Your journey to reinvention and success could start today.

Tony O. Elumelu, CFR, is a distinguished Nigerian economist, banker, and philanthropist. He serves as the Chairman of Heirs Holdings, Transcorp, and the United Bank for Africa. Additionally, he is the co-founder of The Tony Elumelu Foundation, a philanthropic organization established alongside his wife, Dr. Awele Vivian Elumelu. Through his foundation, Mr. Elumelu has empowered thousands of entrepreneurs across Africa, fostering economic growth and development.





Mission Statement

Empowering individuals, families, and communities to thrive through education, healthcare, and economic empowerment.

Vision Statement

A world where everyone has access to quality education, healthcare, and economic opportunities, regardless of their background or circumstances.



Objectives

1. Provide educational scholarships and support to disadvantaged students.
2. Improve access to quality healthcare services for vulnerable populations.
3. Promote economic empowerment through entrepreneurship training, mentorship, and funding.
4. Foster community development through capacity building, advocacy, and partnerships.



Target Beneficiaries

1. Disadvantaged students and youth.
2. Vulnerable populations, including women, children, and the elderly.
3. Low-income families and communities.



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“ I've had the privilege of knowing Wale for 12 years, ever since we worked together on a church committee. Since then, he has become one of my closest friends and a trusted business partner. Wale is an outstanding lawyer whose diligence and goal-oriented mindset consistently lead to exceptional results.

Beyond his professional expertise, he is kind, funny, deeply devoted to his family and refuses to let anyone outsmart him. His ability to balance work, friendships, and family life is inspiring. Wale's integrity, focus, and sharp intellect make him an exceptional friend, partner, and role model in every sense.

Happy birthday Wale

Uwa Osadiaye
Vice President, FBN Capital



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“ As I reflect on our journey of over 8 years, I'm filled with gratitude and admiration for a friend who has become a brother. Where do I begin to express the qualities and attributes that make you, Wales, a rare gem?

I vividly remember our first meeting, where your persuasive and engaging nature, combined with your brilliant submissions, left an indelible mark on me. Your infectious brilliance and intelligence drew me in, and I knew we were destined for a lifelong friendship.

Over the years, you've consistently demonstrated the true essence of friendship, characterized by traits like loyalty, dedication, and selflessness. One of my fondest memories is when you and your lovely wife, Emma, cared for me during my 11-day hospital stay. Your benevolence and kindness know no bounds.

You're a shining example of a committed, loyal, and generous friend. Your brilliance, sagacity, and positive mindset make you an erudite and sought-after lawyer of our generation.

As you celebrate your 45th birthday, I raise 45 hearty cheers to you, my brother! May this milestone mark the beginning of another chapter filled with joy, success, and continued impact.

Happy birthday,
Barrister Olawale Fapohunda (Wales)!

With love and appreciation,

Valentine Gabriel
MD/CEO,
VDIOR Oil and Gas Industry Ltd.



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“ I'm honored to celebrate Wale Fapohunda's 45th birthday with Stakeholders Magazine. Wale is more than just a friend; he's a brother, a confidant, and a pillar of support. His selflessness, empathy, and unwavering optimism inspire me daily.

I met Wale 20 years ago. His infectious smile and warm demeanor drew me in, and we quickly formed a strong bond. Wale's impact on my life is immeasurable. He's been a constant source of encouragement, offering sage advice and guidance whenever I need it. His presence makes my life richer, and I'm grateful for our friendship.

One of Wale's most exceptional qualities is his leadership. He possesses outstanding leadership skills, inspiring others to strive for excellence. His ability to think critically and strategically has been a valuable asset, providing innovative solutions to complex problems.

As a dedicated professional, Wale consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic and unwavering commitment to his craft. He's a trailblazer, breaking new ground and pushing boundaries to achieve outstanding results. His gift for mentoring others has helped countless individuals grow and develop.

Wale is an inspirational role model, demonstrating the importance of hard work, integrity, and compassion. He has a remarkable ability to bring people together, fostering a sense of community and collaboration. His presence has a profound impact on those around him, leaving a lasting legacy of kindness, empathy, and generosity.

One memorable moment that stands out was an occasion that he stood by me in my time of need. This experience showcases Wale's exceptional character and his ability to make a lasting impact on those around him. In celebration of Wale's 45th birthday, I'd like to express my heartfelt gratitude for his friendship and the profound impact he's had on my life. Here's to many more years of love, laughter, and adventure!



Engr. Dr. (Mrs) L.A.B Ottun-Coker
MD/CEO - BOT ENGINEERS LTD.



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“ I met Olawale Fapounda in 2018 under a very funny circumstance, one that still makes me smile whenever I think about it. But beyond that moment, he has proven to be one of the most genuine and remarkable people I know. Wale is true to his word, kind at heart, and always ready to uplift those around him. His impact on my life has been profound—through his wisdom, support, and unwavering friendship. He is not just a friend; he is a brother, a pillar of strength, and a blessing. A friend in need, and truly, a friend indeed.

Mrs. Aminat Idowu
MD SaySwitch



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“ To my brother on his 45th birthday, To know you is to witness the essence of a true blessing. From the very core of your being, your softheartedness shines brightly, leaving an indelible mark on everyone you meet. You have always been a great role model and a pace-setter, leading not just by example, but by your actions and your heart. Generosity, without a doubt, is your middle name. Your ability to impact and impress with your entrepreneurial prowess continues to inspire all who are fortunate enough to know you.

You are my older brother, yes, but you are also one of my best friends. We share moments of deep conversation, laughter, and camaraderie. Despite your busy schedule, you always make time for me. The countless hours we've spent on the phone, catching up, joking, and just being there for one another, are priceless.

There have been times when you've stepped into fatherly roles in my life—offering guidance, support, and care when I needed it most. When I was in university in Nigeria, you didn't hesitate to give me upkeep money. And when I made the big leap to America, you singlehandedly paid for my first plane ticket. These acts of kindness are not something I take for granted; they are a testament to your generosity

and love. You didn't have to do it, but you did anyway, without a second thought.

I'm deeply grateful to God for the man you have become and the man you are still becoming. You have shown me what it means to be a great father, a wonderful husband, and an incredible role model. Your unwavering support—always willing and ready to take care of your little brother—is something I cherish deeply.

As you celebrate this milestone today, I want to wish you the happiest of birthdays. May God continue to bless you, protect you, and watch over your household. Thank you for being the amazing brother, friend, and mentor that you are. I love you, now and always.

Happy 45th, brother!
Dr.Olamilekan Fapohunda



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“ Wale Fapohunda is more than just an amazing elder brother; he's a constant source of strength and support in my life. Growing up together, his guidance and encouragement helped shape me into the person I am today. His unwavering support during my relocation to Canada was invaluable. He offered not only sage advice but also emotional strength when I needed it most. Wale's presence has enriched my life in ways that words can hardly express. From childhood to adulthood, he's been my go-to person, providing wisdom, kindness, financial support, and a sense of stability. I'm forever grateful for the incredible brother he continues to be.

As you celebrate this significant milestone of turning 45, I wish you a happy birthday filled with joy, love, and countless blessings. May this new chapter of your life bring you even more success, peace, and fulfillment.

Your impact on everyone around you, especially me, is immeasurable. I pray that God continues to guide and protect you. May your heart always be full of happiness, your days be filled with purpose, and your life continues to inspire those lucky enough to know you.

Happy 45th birthday, BIG BRO!
Here's to many more!

Olajide Fapohunda



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“Wale, I'm honored to have shared a friendship with you for over 12 years, thanks to our mutual friend. Over this journey, I've come to cherish your unwavering reliability, loyalty, and patriotism. Your exceptional legal expertise is matched only by your compassion and commitment to the greater good. Our discussions about Nigeria's future are always enlightening, and I admire how your principles remain guided by the well-being of our nation. I have no doubt that your best contributions to our country are yet to come.

Happy Birthday, my dear friend!

Muhammad Mamman Daura
Managing Director - Samien Capital Ltd.



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“Wale and I were first classmates at the Faculty of Law, University of Lagos, then became academic rivals (thankfully, we both graduated Top 5 in our class), subsequently friends, and now we are brothers. He is an asset to have in your corner because he is a loyal, true, and selfless friend. Despite his thriving law practice and his successful legal career, he remains humble. Wale, I celebrate you on your 45TH Birthday. May God bless and keep you now and always.

Akindeji Oyeboade
Energy Law Expert and Partner
Banwo & Ighodalo



PARTNERS IN SUCCESS



A PARTNER IN EVERY SENSE

Celebrating Wale Fapohunda's 45th Birthday

As Wale Fapohunda, a renowned legal luminary, marks his 45th birthday, his wife, Mrs. Emmanuella Fapohunda, reflects on their journey together. With over a decade of marriage, Emmanuella has been Wale's rock, supporting him through the highs and lows of his illustrious career.

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As a supportive Partner, Emmanuella describes Wale's journey as "truly inspiring." She has played a supportive role, encouraging him to pursue his passions while managing their home, family, and Business. This balance has allowed Wale to focus on his career, making significant contributions to the legal profession.

Leading the Family business (Black Diamond Group of Companies) as the Group Vice Chairman, Emmanuella emphasizes open communication and clear roles and responsibilities. This approach has helped them build trust, avoid conflicts, and make informed decisions. Emmanuelle is committed to ensuring that their family business remains a positive force in their community, providing a lasting legacy for their children and future generations.

The couple has shared many memorable moments, from their wedding day to the birth of their children. In balancing personal and professional goals, Emmanuella prioritizes communication, sets boundaries, and pursues her own interests to maintain a healthy balance between her personal and professional goals and being a supportive partner.



“ He is a champion of justice, a mentor to young lawyers, and a leader in his field. His legacy will be remembered for his tireless advocacy for human rights and the rule of law.’

When asked about the challenges faced, she and her husband had faced numerous challenges, including opposition from powerful interests and personal sacrifices. However, he has overcome them through the grace of God, perseverance, strategic thinking, and a commitment to justice.

Emmanuella tells us about how numerous her husband's contributions to the legal profession are. "He is a champion of justice, a mentor to young lawyers, and a leader in his field. His legacy will be remembered for his tireless advocacy for human rights and the rule of law."

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Emmanuella said she has learned valuable lessons from Wale about resilience, hard work, and the impact one person can have. She advises young lawyers and couples to stay true to their values, support each other's passions, and never underestimate the power of teamwork.

As a high-profile couple, Emmanuella and Wale have learned to navigate pressures and stresses by prioritizing their relationship, communicating openly, and maintaining a healthy work-life balance.



Over the years, the couple has celebrated many triumphs, including landmark court victories and recognition for Wale's contributions to the legal profession. These moments motivate them to continue making a positive impact.

Emmanuella said her husband's plans for the next chapter of his career include continuing to advocate for justice, mentoring the next generation of lawyers, and exploring new opportunities for impact. Emmanuella is committed to supporting him every step of the way.

Emmanuella envisions Wale's legacy continuing to inspire future generations of lawyers and leaders. His commitment to justice, equality, and human rights will remain a guiding force for positive change.

On Wale's 45th birthday, Emmanuella says, "My dear husband, I'm honored to have shared this journey with you. Your passion, resilience, and heart inspire me every day. Here's to many more years of love, laughter, and making a difference together!" And for Wale's 45th birthday, they plan to celebrate a private family dinner with a few close friends and a surprise getaway.



Emmanuella spoke with Daniel Omonze

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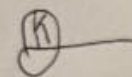
"Happy Birthday to the most amazing Daddy in the world! You always take such good care of me and spoil me like a princess. I feel so loved and special with you in my life. I wish you a happy birthday in good health, happiness, and God's continued blessings. May all your dreams and wishes come true, Daddy. love you so much!

Kanyinsola Fapohunda

Happy Birthday to the best dad in the world! I wish you long life and prosperity. I'm so grateful to have you as my father, providing for me and my sister with love and care. I love the fun times we share together, whether it's playing football, board games like Snakes and Ladders, or just hanging out at home. You make every moment special. As a fantastic lawyer, I know you'll continue to excel in your practice and win many more awards. Your dedication and passion inspire me every day. Thank you for being an amazing role model and father. I love you, Dad!

Korede Fapohunda

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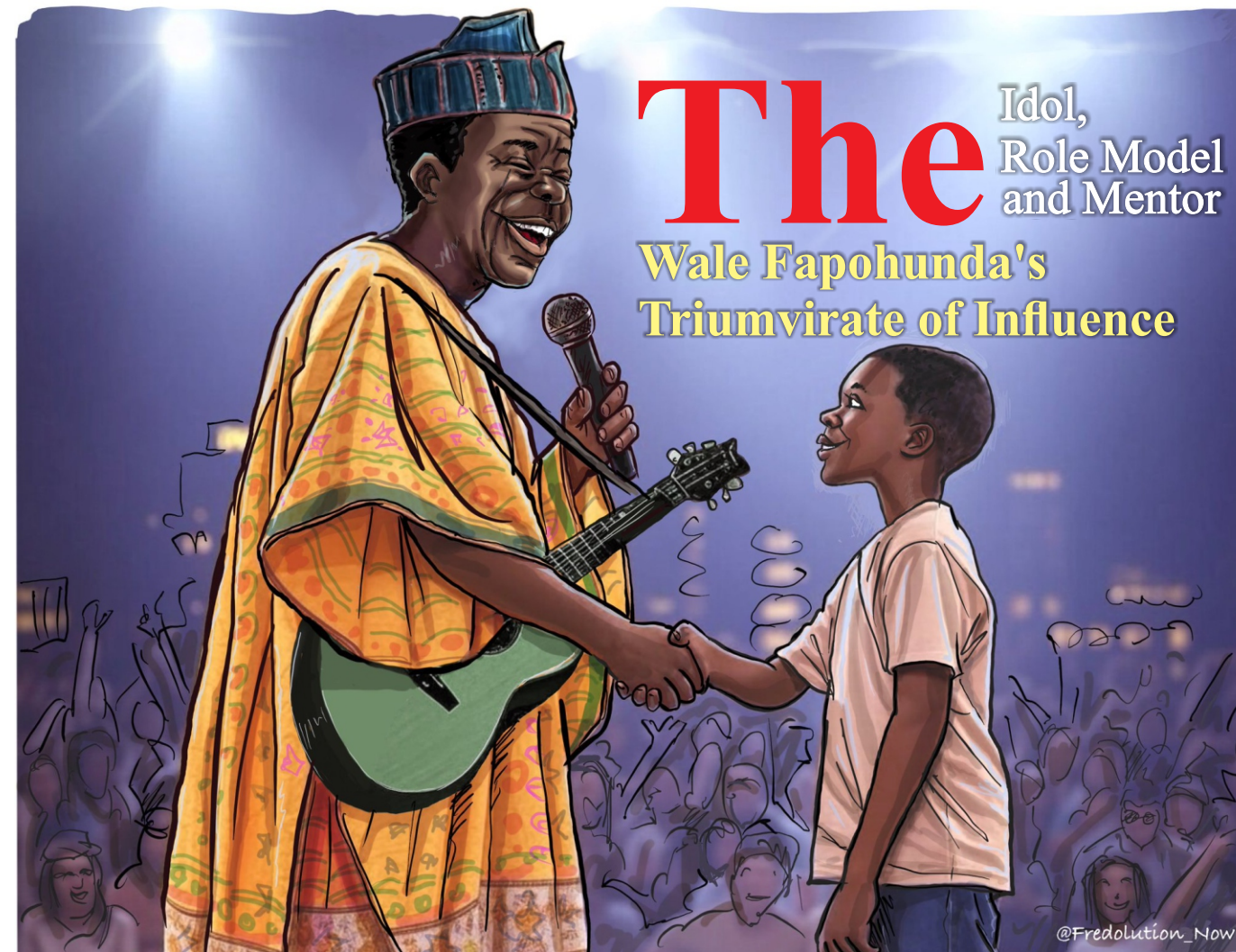


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King Sunny Ade and the young Wale Fapohunda

Wale Fapohunda Spoke with Daniel Omonze

In life, humans cross paths with different types of people who can help make or break us. Alongside God's unmerited favor and my mother's selfless devotion, I've been fortunate to encounter remarkable individuals who have helped shape me into the person I am today and I'd like to share a few stories about these remarkable individuals who have left an indelible mark on my life.

Firstly, I would like to share my lifelong admiration and encounter with my Idol, King Sunny Ade. My fascination with King Sunny Ade began when I was just six years old. I accompanied my mother to a party, where I was awestruck by the legendary musician's presence. As he conversed with elders at the event, I eagerly wanted to meet him. My mother, however, cautioned me to wait, reminding me that he was busy. As soon as King Sunny Ade returned to the stage to perform, I seized the opportunity to approach him. To my surprise, he acknowledged me with a warm high-five handshake. That moment sparked a lifelong admiration for the music legend. While I appreciate other iconic artists like Chief Commander Ebenezer Obey, Shina Peters, and Orlando Owoh, King Sunny Ade remains my most cherished musician. His music has been a constant source of inspiration and joy throughout my life. I look forward to inviting him to perform at a family function or my own event shortly, creating an opportunity to relive the magic of our initial encounter.



The Idol



The Role Model

Then we have my role model, Professor Akin Oyebo a renowned expert in International Law. I had the privilege of meeting Professor Akin Oyebo in an oil and gas lecture for the 400-level students at the University of Lagos. The one-hour lecture left me in awe of his intellectual brilliance. He is, without a doubt, a genius. Professor Oyebo has had a distinguished academic career spanning over four decades. His educational background is impressive, with studies at prestigious institutions such as the Kyiv State University, Ukraine, Harvard Law School, and Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, Canada. Professor Oyebo's academic achievements are matched by his administrative experience. He has served as the founding Dean of the Faculty of Law at Ondo State University, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ado-Ekiti, and Chairman of the University's Office of International Relations, Partnerships, and Prospects. I was honored when he described me as an "academic heavyweight" to my younger brother, a US-based Medical Doctor, Olalekan Fapohunda, to emulate my academic prowess during our convocation ceremony. His endorsement meant the world to me, and I strive to live up to his expectations. Professor Oyebo's legacy continues to inspire future generations of scholars and legal experts. His contributions to the field of international law are immeasurable, and his impact on the academic community will be felt for years to come.





The Mentor

I met my mentor, Alhaji Aminu Idris Yaro, and Sarkin Hausawan Lagos; during my tenure at Ikeyi and Arifayan Law Firm, I had the privilege of serving as the trusted right-hand man to the Managing Partner. One fateful day, he requested my accompaniment to a meeting with a high-profile client at the prestigious Southern Sun Hotel Ikoy, Lagos. It was there that I first laid eyes on a distinguished gentleman - tall, articulate, and exuding confidence. His presence was undeniable, and I could sense the weight of his influence. Following the meeting, my boss received an unexpected request from this charismatic individual: to second me to work directly under his guidance. I was both surprised and honored by the proposal. And so began a transformative journey that would blossom into a strong and enduring bond between me and my mentor, Alhaji Aminu Idris Yaro, Sarkin Hausawan Lagos. Over time, our professional relationship has evolved into a deeply valued friendship, which metamorphosed into a committed brotherhood.

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“I celebrate my very good friend, Olawale Fapohunda, on his special day. Wale is a wonderful and protective friend whose presence in my life has brought about a positive transformation. I have known Wale for over two decades, and his unwavering support, genuine kindness, and infectious positivity have profoundly impacted who I am today.

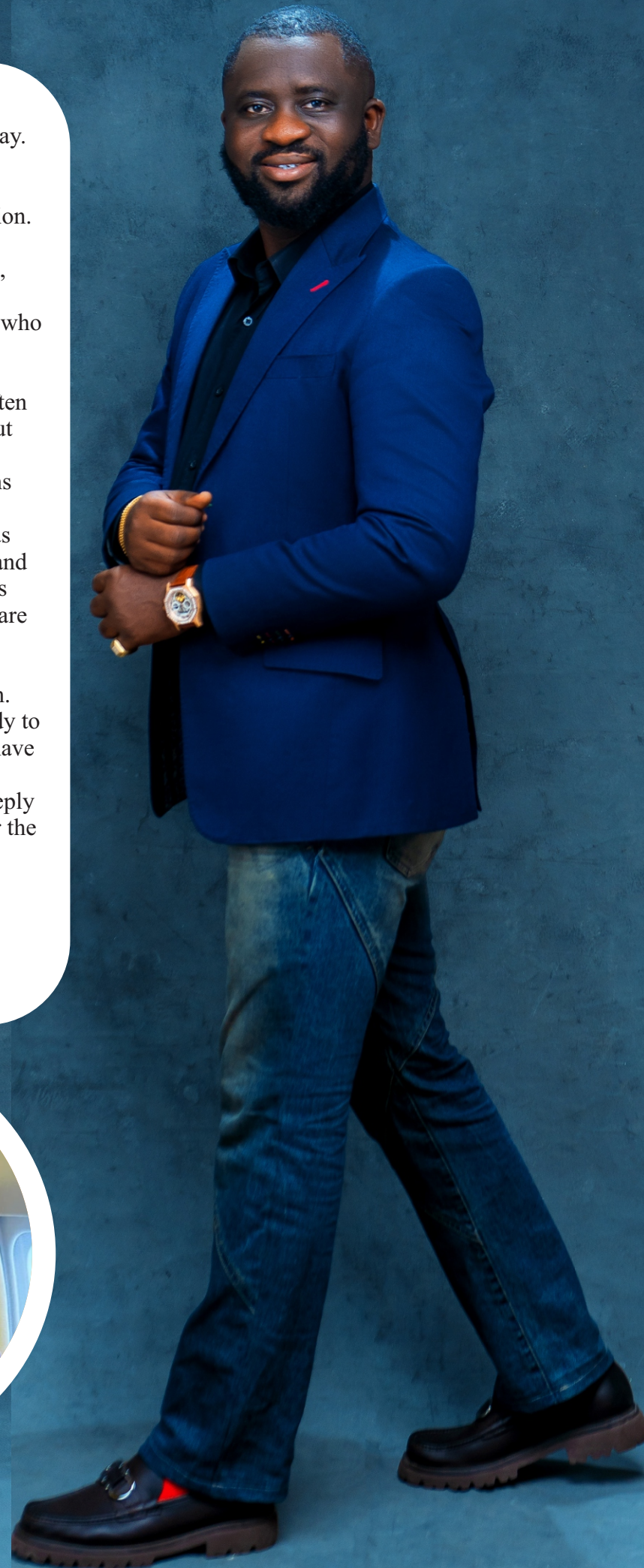
He has been a constant source of strength and encouragement. I am often amazed by his ability to listen without judgment. His insightful advice has helped me navigate difficult situations with greater clarity and resilience.

Beyond his personal support, he has inspired me to pursue new passions and goals. His enthusiasm for greatness is contagious, and his willingness to share his knowledge has broadened my perspective and opened new opportunities for my personal growth.

Wale is a friend who is always ready to lift others up. I truly feel blessed to have friends like him in my life. His friendship is a precious gift that I deeply cherish, and I am forever grateful for the positive influence he has had on my life's journey.

Happy birthday, dear true friend!

Abdulakeem Labi-Lawal
Lead partner
Labi-Lawal & Co.



TESTIMONIAL



“Olawale Fapohunda is a remarkable individual whose impact on my life has been both profound and enduring. I first met him during my time as a Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, University of Lagos. As one of my students, Wale immediately stood out for his sharp intellect, eagerness to learn, and remarkable ability to articulate his thoughts with clarity and conviction.

Over time, what began as a teacher-student relationship evolved into a friendship that has enriched my life in many ways. Wale's passion for excellence and his dedication to personal and professional growth are truly inspiring. He has a unique way of challenging conventional thinking, and his unwavering commitment to achieving his goals have been a source of motivation for me in my own pursuits.

Wale is not just a friend, he is a brother, a sounding board and a confidant. His humility despite his accomplishments, is a quality I deeply admire. Our discussions, whether about legal principles, life goals, or personal development, have always been enlightening and uplifting.

Knowing Wale has been a blessing, and I am grateful for the positive influence he has had on my life, his support, encouragement, and friendship have made a lasting impression, and I continue to draw inspiration from his example. His selflessness is one of the most defining aspects of his character, and it has profoundly impacted my life, especially, for example, during a critical period in 2009/2010 when I aspired to become a Member of the Nigeria's House of Representatives. Despite being younger and having his own obligations, Wale dedicated himself wholeheartedly to supporting my aspirations, stood firmly by my side, invested his time, energy, and resources, and introduced me to quality people in and outside politics, and for those show of kindness and love, I am eternally thankful.

Wale is always ready to assist without hesitation or expecting anything in return. His genuine care for my success at different times, stands out. Wale has been a pillar of strength. His unwavering loyalty and kindness continue to shine through in all our interactions. Looking back, I am deeply grateful for his contributions during the pivotal periods in my life, and those have left and continue to leave an indelible mark on my heart. Happy 45th Birthday my dearest brother. Many happy returns and more wins.

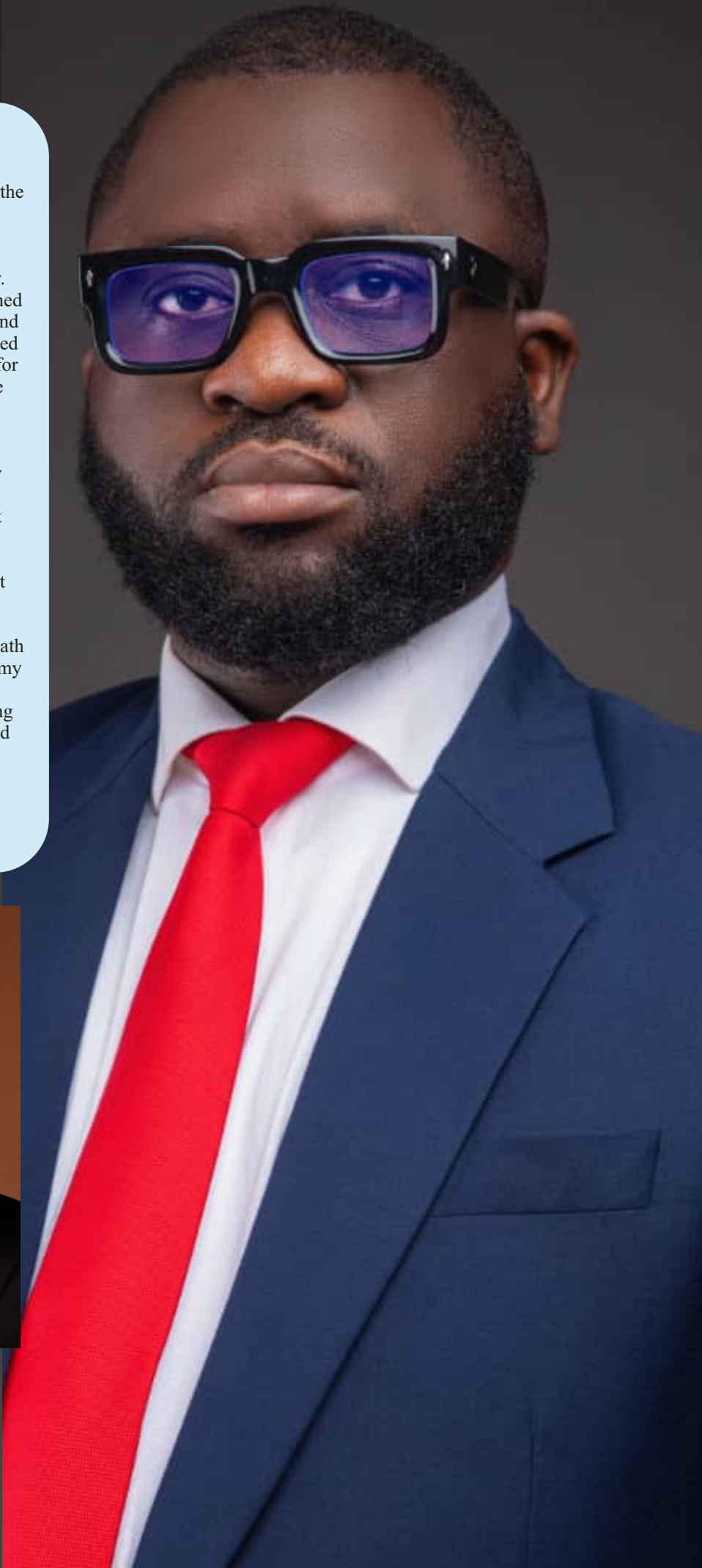
Hon. Justice Yomi Olukolu, Ph.D
High Court of Lagos State



TESTIMONIAL

“ I am privileged to have made the acquaintance of Bar Wale approximately 15 years ago. From that moment on, I have had the pleasure of observing and experiencing his exceptional qualities. He is a man of unwavering integrity, unshakeable determination, and unrelenting dependability. His focus and loyalty are traits that have earned him the respect and admiration of those around him. As a brother and mentor, I have witnessed firsthand his tireless work ethic, his passion for justice, and his commitment to upholding the highest standards of his profession. It is my sincere hope and prayer that Bar Wale's hard work and dedication will be recognized and rewarded shortly. I eagerly anticipate the day when he will be conferred with the esteemed title of "LEARNED SILK," a distinction that would be a testament to his exceptional expertise and contributions to the legal profession. Until that day, I offer my heartfelt wishes for Bar Wale's continued success and prosperity. May Almighty Allah continue to bless and favor him, guiding him along the path of righteousness and wisdom. Please accept my warmest felicitations, Bar Wale, on this milestone birthday. May it mark the beginning of another remarkable chapter in your life and career.

Alhaji Aminu Idris Yaro
Chairman - SaySwitch





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Unpacking the Mind of a Legal Luminary @ 45

Meet Wale Fapohunda Esq, a trailblazing lawyer and visionary leader who has been making waves in the legal community with his unwavering advocacy for human rights, social justice, and law reforms. As the Principal Partner at E & O Legal, Fapohunda has been at the vanguard of promoting accountability, transparency, and good governance in Nigeria. In this exclusive interview with Stakeholders Magazine's **Daniel Omonze**, Fapohunda opens up about his personal life experiences, shares insights on his remarkable journey to success, and reveals his aspirations for the future.



Mrs Mojisola Adetoro Fapohunda and Son Wale Fapohunda

Q1: What inspired you to pursue a career in law, and how did you overcome the challenges of growing up in a poor background?

A1: My passion for law was ignited early in my childhood. I was involved in primary and secondary school debates where, in most cases, I won the prizes. My teachers always predicted that I would turn out to be a good lawyer. Furthermore, growing up during the military's regime, I was also influenced by human rights activists who fought for democracy. Among those activities was the late Chief Gani Fawehinmi, a legal titan whose fearless advocacy planted the seed for my pursuit of a legal career. Relating to growing up in a poor background, I am a firm believer in

the grace of God. I believe that God can lift up anybody. My background was quite tough, I was trained by a very hardworking, dedicated Christian and disciplinarian mother. Because of the negative influences that are usually associated with living in the ghettos, I was very stubborn although I was doing very well in my academics. But my mother was always and constantly whipping me to shape. She made it clear from the beginning that my siblings and I must get an education, something that wasn't very attractive in the environment in which we grew up. So, to answer your question directly, I was able to overcome the challenges of growing up in a poor background through the help of God Almighty using my mother as a tool.



Q2: (Share your personal story of determination, hard work, and any mentors or role models who helped you along the way)

A2: As I mentioned earlier, my mother, though not very educated, was a very good example of a hardworking and dedicated parent. She showed these examples in her business and her church activities. So these examples made us believe in hard work and to be dedicated to all we do. About role models, as I alluded to earlier, my childhood legal idol was the Late Chief Gani Fawehinmi; I so much wanted to be like him when I was a child. I loved the way he argued his positions passionately. I met him during a series of chamber visitations while I was studying law at the University of Lagos, and I never hesitated to express my admiration for him. Talking about mentors, the person who had made the most impact on my adult life is the Sarkin Hausawan of Lagos and the Chairman of the Arewa Council of Chiefs, Alhaji Aminu Idris Yaro. Sarkin Hausawan means the king of the Hausas. So he is the head of all the Hausas living in Lagos. Though not a lawyer, he is a very intelligent, experienced, and pragmatic leader. He taught me vital lessons in life. How to be a good businessman, how to ensure those around you are happy, etc. Basically, how to navigate this complex world and stay happy, fulfilled, and focused.

Q3: How do you think your upbringing has influenced your approach to law and your clients?

A3: My upbringing has had a profound impact on my approach to law and my relationships with clients. Growing up in a family that valued empathy, hard work, and integrity instilled in me a strong sense of justice and a commitment to serving others. My parents, in particular, taught me the importance of listening, compassion, and understanding. These values have been invaluable in my legal practice, enabling me to connect with clients from diverse backgrounds and provide tailored solutions that address their unique needs. Furthermore, my upbringing in a culturally rich and vibrant community taught me the importance of cultural sensitivity and adaptability. I've carried these lessons into my legal practice, ensuring that I'm sensitive to the cultural nuances and individual circumstances that shape each client's experience. Ultimately, my upbringing has helped me become a more empathetic, resourceful, and effective advocate for my clients. I'm grateful for the values and principles that have guided me thus far, and I remain committed to upholding them in my legal practice.

Q4: (Discuss how your experiences have shaped your perspective, empathy, and drive to make a positive impact)?

A4: My experiences have shaped my perspective, empathy, and drive to make a positive impact. Throughout my career, I've had the privilege of working with diverse clients, communities, and organizations, each with their unique challenges and triumphs. One of my earliest experiences as a young lawyer was working with marginalized communities, advocating for their rights and dignity. This exposure opened my eyes to the harsh realities of systemic injustices and the disproportionate impact on vulnerable populations. It instilled in me a deep sense of empathy and a commitment to using my skills to amplify the voices of those who are often silenced. As I progressed in my career, I encountered various instances of inequality, corruption, and social injustice. Each experience reinforced my resolve to make a positive difference. I began to appreciate the intricate web of relationships between law, policy, and social change. My experiences have also taught me the value of collaboration, perseverance, and creative problem-solving. I've learned to navigate complex systems, build coalitions, and mobilize resources to drive meaningful change. Today, my perspective is shaped by a profound understanding of the interconnectedness of our global community. I recognize that the struggles and triumphs of individuals and communities are intertwined and that our collective well-being depends on our ability to address the systemic inequalities and injustices that threaten our shared humanity. My drive to make a positive impact is fueled by a sense of responsibility to use my skills, experience, and privilege to uplift others. I'm committed to continuing my work as a catalyst for change, using my platform to amplify marginalized voices, challenge unjust systems, and promote a more equitable and just society for all.

Q5: What advice would you give to young Nigerians from similar backgrounds who aspire to succeed in the legal profession?

A5: To young Nigerians from similar backgrounds who aspire to succeed in the legal profession, I'd offer the following advice to you. Growing up in a challenging environment can sometimes make you doubt your abilities. But I want you to know that you have what it takes to succeed. Believe in yourself, your talents, and your resilience. Stay focused and determined, the journey to success is never easy, especially in the legal profession. You'll face obstacles, setbacks, and disappointments. But don't let that deter you. Stay focused on your goals, and remain determined to achieve them. Seek mentors and role models. Having people who believe in you and are willing to guide you can make a huge difference. Seek out mentors and role models who can offer valuable advice, support, and encouragement. Work hard and persevere. Success in the legal profession requires hard work, dedication, and perseverance. Be prepared to put in the long hours, make sacrifices, and push through challenges. Stay true to your values. As you navigate the legal profession, remember why you started in the first place. Stay true to your values, and always strive to make a positive impact in the lives of others. Leverage available resources. There are many resources available to support young lawyers, from scholarships to mentorship programs. Take advantage of these resources to help you achieve your goals. Give back to your community. As you succeed in the legal profession, don't forget to give back to your community. Use your skills and expertise to make a positive impact in the lives of others, and to contribute to the development of our great nation. Remember, success is not solely defined by personal achievements, but also by the positive impact you have on others. Stay committed, stay focused, and always strive to make a difference.

Q6: (Offer guidance on education, networking, perseverance, and any other key factors that contributed to your success)

A6: As I reflect on my journey, I'd like to offer guidance on several key factors that contributed to my success: Invest in quality education. Pursue academic excellence, and don't compromise on the quality of institutions you attend. Develop a broad perspective: Study a wide range of subjects, including law, business, economics, and social sciences. Stay curious and



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continuously update your knowledge and skills to stay relevant in an ever-changing world. Build genuine relationships and try to foster meaningful connections with people from diverse backgrounds and industries. Attend relevant events by participating in conferences, seminars, and workshops to expand your network and stay informed. Be proactive and don't wait for opportunities to come to you - create your own by reaching out to people and offering value. Develop resilience and learn to cope with setbacks, failures, and disappointments. Stay focused, maintain a clear vision of your goals, and remind yourself why you're working towards them. Celebrate small wins, acknowledge and celebrate your achievements, no matter how small they may seem. Seek guidance from experienced professionals who can offer valuable advice and support. Be self-aware and understand your strengths, weaknesses, and passions to make informed decisions about your career. Stay flexible and open to new opportunities, challenges, and experiences. Uphold the highest standards of ethics, professionalism, and integrity in all your endeavors. By focusing on these key factors, you'll be well on your way to achieving success and making a positive impact in your chosen field.

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Q7: How do you balance your legal work with giving back to your community or supporting social causes?

A7. Balancing my legal work with giving back to my community and supporting social causes is a deliberate and essential part of my professional and personal life. I can achieve this balance by dedicating a significant portion of my practice to pro bono work, representing individuals and organizations who cannot afford legal services. This not only helps those in need but also enriches my own practice and broadens my perspective. I also actively participate in community events, seminars, and workshops, using my expertise to educate and empower others. This helps me stay connected to the community and understand the issues that affect them. I collaborate with organizations and individuals on social impact initiatives, leveraging my legal expertise to drive positive change. This might involve advocating for policy reforms, supporting social entrepreneurship, or providing legal guidance to social impact projects. I mentor young lawyers, law students, and individuals from underrepresented backgrounds, sharing my experience and knowledge to help them

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navigate their own careers and make a positive impact. To balance my legal work with community giving and social causes, I prioritize my time carefully. I allocate specific timeslots for pro bono work, community engagement, and social impact initiatives, ensuring that I meet my commitments to clients while also giving back to the community. Ultimately, my commitment to giving back to the community and supporting social causes is driven by my personal values. I believe that lawyers have a responsibility to use their skills and expertise to make a positive impact on society. By integrating this mindset into my daily work, I find that it enriches my practice and contributes to a sense of purpose and fulfillment.

Q8: (Share any pro bono work, philanthropic efforts, or initiatives you're passionate about)

A8: I'm passionate about using my legal expertise to drive positive change and promote social justice. Here are some pro bono initiatives, philanthropic efforts, and initiatives that I'm proud to be a part of pro bono legal services to several non-profit organizations, including those focused on education, healthcare, and human rights. I've represented individuals who cannot afford legal services, including victims of domestic violence, and low-income families facing eviction. I've donated to several charitable organizations, including those focused on education, healthcare, and disaster relief. I've partnered with several organizations to provide legal training and capacity-building programs for young lawyers, law students, and community leaders. Myself and wife recently founded the Emmanuella and Olawale Fapohunda Foundation, established to award scholarships for students from disadvantaged backgrounds, providing financial support and mentorship to help them succeed in their studies. We intend to launch a community outreach program, which will provide free legal clinics and workshops to educate people about their rights and empower them to access justice. These initiatives are close to my heart, and I'm committed to using my skills



and expertise to make a positive impact on the lives of others.

Q9: What are your future goals and aspirations, both within and beyond the legal profession?

A9: As I look to the future, I'm excited to share my goals and aspirations, both within and beyond the legal profession. Within the Legal Profession, I aim to continue providing exceptional legal services to my clients, while expanding my practice to address emerging issues and challenges. Beyond the Legal Profession, I aspire to pursue a career in public service, potentially serving in a role that allows me to drive policy reforms and promote social justice. In my long-term Vision, I envision a future where the legal profession is more inclusive, diverse, and responsive to the needs of marginalized communities. I aspire to contribute to the development of a more just and equitable society, where everyone has access to quality education, healthcare, and economic opportunities. I hope to leave a lasting legacy that inspires future generations of lawyers, leaders, and change-makers to strive for excellence, integrity, and social responsibility.

Q10: (Discuss any plans for advancement, entrepreneurship, politics, or other areas where you hope to make a difference)

A10: As I continue to grow and evolve as a professional, I aim to take on more complex and high-impact cases, leveraging my skills and experience to drive positive change. I'm exploring opportunities to establish a social enterprise that addresses access to justice and promotes human rights. I plan to develop innovative legal solutions and technologies that increase efficiency, transparency, and accountability in the justice system. I'm considering a career in politics, potentially running for public office or serving in a policy-making role. I aim to use my expertise and experience to drive policy reforms and promote social justice. I aim to inspire and empower future generations of lawyers, leaders, and change-makers to strive for excellence, integrity, and social responsibility. Ultimately, my goal is to leave a lasting legacy that reflects my values, passions, and commitment to making a positive impact in the world.

Q11: We can't end this interview without asking you about your family?

A11: : My family is everything to me. I come from a loving and supportive family that has always encouraged me to pursue my dreams. My parents, my siblings, supportive family that has always encouraged me to

my dreams. My parents, my siblings, and my mother, in particular, have been instrumental in shaping my values and instilling in me a strong sense of responsibility and compassion. I'm married to an amazing woman named Emmanuella, who is not only my partner but also my best friend. We have beautiful children together Korede and Kanyinsola, and they bring us immense joy and fulfillment. My family is my rock, and I'm grateful for their unwavering support and love. They inspire me to be a better person, a better lawyer, and a better contributor to society. In fact, my family's influence has played a significant role in shaping my commitment to social responsibility and giving back to the community. They've taught me the importance of empathy, kindness, and generosity, and I strive to carry these values forward in all aspects of my life.



Ademola Lookman's

Journey to Football Stardom

In the world of football, few players have risen to prominence with the same speed and finesse as Ademola Lookman. From his humble beginnings in London to his current status as a UEFA Europa League champion, Lookman's story is one of dedication, perseverance, and passion.

Ademola Lookman Olajade Alade Aylola Lookman was born on October 20, 1997, in Wandsworth, Greater London, to Nigerian parents, Olabisi and Emmanuel Lookman. He attended St Thomas the Apostle College in Nunhead, where his talents were quickly recognized.

Lookman made his senior debut in 2015, playing as a forward for Charlton Athletic of the Championship side. His impressive performances caught the attention of top-tier clubs, and in January 2017, he signed with Everton. At Everton, Lookman played mainly as a winger, showcasing his speed, skill, and versatility on the pitch.

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In 2022, Lookman joined Italian club Atalanta on a four-year contract for a reported fee of €15 million. He scored on his debut for the club, a 2-0 Serie A win over Sampdoria on August 13, 2022. This marked the beginning of an incredible journey with Atalanta, which would ultimately lead to UEFA Europa League glory.

Lookman's international career has been marked by significant milestones. Having represented England from under-19 to under-21 levels, he made his senior debut for Nigeria in 2022. Lookman's decision to switch allegiance to Nigeria was a pivotal moment in his career, and he has since become an integral part of the Nigerian national team.

On May 22, 2024, Lookman scored his first career hat-trick in the Europa League final at the Dublin Arena, as Atalanta defeated Bayer Leverkusen 3-0 to win the trophy for the first time in the club's history. This achievement not only solidified Lookman's position as a top player but also earned him the prestigious African Footballer of the Year award.

Lookman's impressive performances have earned him numerous recognition and accolades. On September 4, 2024, he became the first current Atalanta player to be nominated for the Ballon d'Or. Lookman's contributions to Nigeria's squad in the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations also earned him and the rest of the team the honor of being named Members of the Order of the Niger.

Ademola Lookman's journey to football stardom is a testament to his hard work, dedication, and passion for the sport. From his early beginnings in London to his current status as a UEFA Europa League champion, Lookman continues to inspire fans around the world with his impressive skills and achievements. As he looks to the future, one thing is certain – Ademola Lookman will remain a force to be reckoned with in the world of football.



Written by Toyosi Oyetunji



Authentic Nigeria Football and Allied Sports Supporters Club

Felicitations

We proudly celebrate one of our own, Barrister Wale Fapohunda, on the joyous occasion of his 45th birthday!

Your dedication, passion, and tireless efforts toward the growth and development of our great nation are truly inspiring.

As a valued member of our supporters club, we recognize and appreciate your contributions to the world of sports and beyond.

Here's to many more years of success, happiness, and celebrating the beautiful game together!

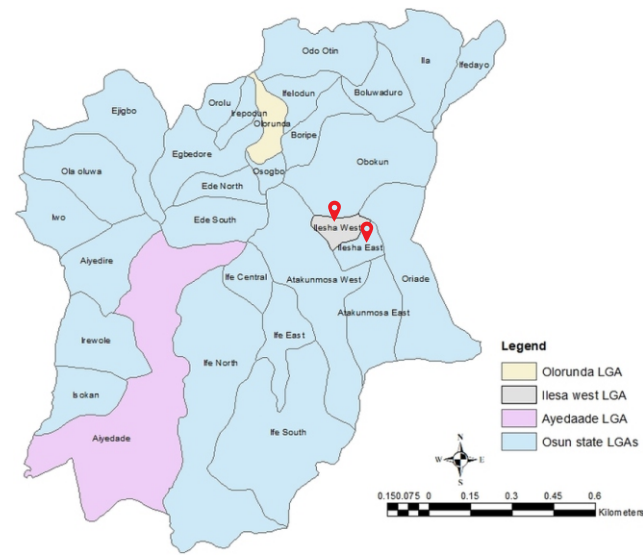
Happy 45th Birthday, Barrister Wale Fapohunda!

Abayomi Ogunjimi President
, Authentic Nigeria Football and Allied Sports Supporters Club



Discover Ilesa

The Gem of Osun State



Located in the heart of Osun State, Ilesa is a thriving city that serves as a major gateway to the northern, southern, and eastern parts of Nigeria. With its strategic position at approximately 70°N 50°E, Ilesa is a hub of economic activity and cultural richness.



Governor, Ademola Adeleke of Osun State

Ilesa is situated in a rainforest zone, making it an agricultural powerhouse. The region is renowned for producing an array of crops, including cocoa, oil palm, kolanuts, cotton, and pumpkins. The people of Ilesa, known as Ileshas, are celebrated for their industrious nature, love of travel, and warm hospitality.

Ijeshaland comprises seven local governments: Ilesa East, Ilesa West, Obokun, Oriade, Atakunmosa East, and Atakunmosa West. The region is home to numerous towns, including Iperindo, Ijebu-Jesa, Osu, Esa Oke, Ikeji Arakeji, Owena Ijesh, Imesi Ile, Ifewara, and over 200 villages.

According to the 2006 Population Census, Ijesaland has a population of 620,109. The region is richly endowed with natural resources, including large deposits of gold and other minerals.



Oba Clement Adesuyi Hastrup - Owa Obokun of Ijesha Land

The Owa Obokun of Ijesaland is the paramount ruler and head of Ilesa. The city is home to several notable institutions, including the International Breweries Limited, Wesley Guild Hospital, Ilesa Grammar School, and Osun State College of Technology, Esa Oke.

Ilesa offers a range of exciting tourist attractions, including Erin Ijesa Waterfalls. A Natural Wonder in Osun State. Located in Erin Ijesa, a town in Osun State, Nigeria, the Erin Ijesa Waterfalls is a breathtaking natural attraction that showcases the beauty and majesty of nature.

The Erin Ijesa Waterfalls is a seven-step waterfall that cascades down a rocky cliff, creating a misty veil that surrounds the area. The waterfalls is surrounded by lush greenery and tropical vegetation, making it a perfect spot for nature lovers and photographers. The Erin Ijesa Waterfalls offers a range of attractions and activities for tourists, including:

- Hiking: Visitors can hike to the top of the waterfalls for a breathtaking view of the surrounding area.
 - Swimming: The waterfalls has a natural swimming pool that is perfect for a refreshing dip.
 - Picnicking: Visitors can enjoy a picnic in the beautiful surroundings of the waterfalls.
 - Photography: The waterfalls offers a range of photography opportunities, from the majestic waterfalls itself to the surrounding lush greenery.
- The Erin Ijesa Waterfalls has cultural and historical significance in the region. According to local legend, the waterfalls is believed to have healing properties



the waterfalls is believed to have healing properties and is a sacred site for the local community.

The Erin Ijesa Waterfalls is located in Erin Ijesa, a town in Osun State, Nigeria. The waterfalls is easily accessible by road, and visitors can take a taxi or bus from the nearby town of Ilesa.

The Erin Ijesa Waterfalls is a natural wonder that is a must-visit for anyone traveling to Osun State, Nigeria. With its breathtaking beauty, cultural significance, and range of attractions and activities, the waterfalls is a perfect destination for nature lovers, photographers, and adventure seekers.

Iwude Festival: A Celebration of Ijesa Culture and Heritage_The Iwude Festival is an annual celebration held in Ilesa, Osun State, Nigeria, to promote and preserve the rich cultural heritage of the Ijesa people. The Iwude Festival has its roots in the traditional practices and customs of the Ijesa people. The festival is a celebration of the community's history, culture, and traditions, and is typically held in December.

The Iwude Festival features a range of activities and events, including:

- Traditional music and dance performances
- Cultural displays and exhibitions
- Traditional food and drink vendors
- Arts and craft workshops
- Historical lectures and presentations

Some of the highlights of the Iwude Festival include:

- The traditional procession of the Owa Obokun of Ijesaland
- The display of traditional Ijesa regalia and attire
- The performance of traditional Ijesa music and dance
- The serving of traditional Ijesa food and drink

The Iwude Festival is held in Ilesa, Osun State, Nigeria. The festival is easily accessible by road, and visitors can take a taxi or bus from the nearby town of Osogbo. The Iwude Festival is a celebration of Ijesa culture and heritage, and offers a unique opportunity for tourists to learn about and experience traditional Ijesa customs and practices.



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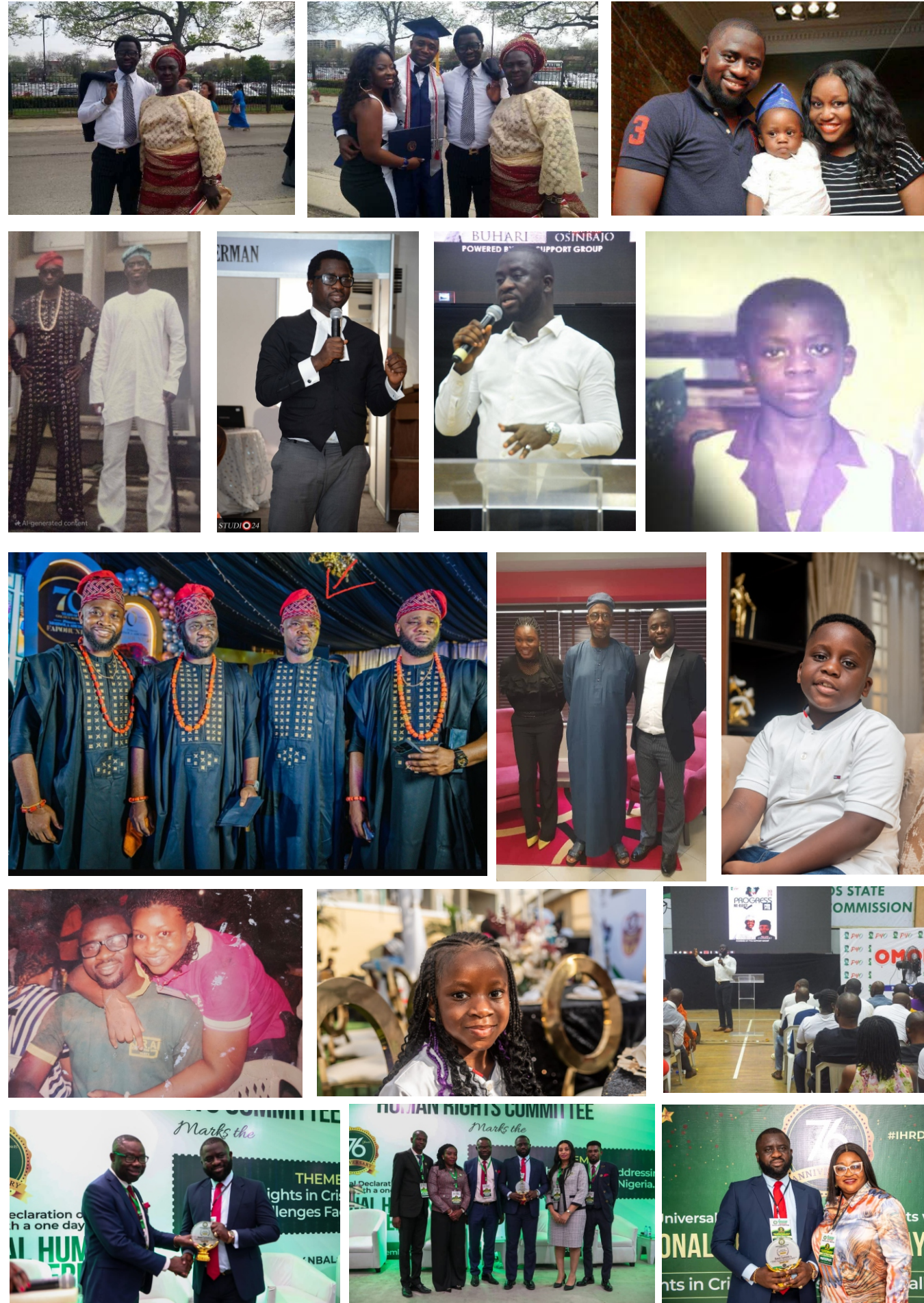


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House 11 Parliament Soccer Fiesta

A Resounding Success

What began as a casual banter among members of the House 11 Parliament, a fast-growing social networking business group in Lagos, Nigeria, quickly evolved into a thrilling soccer extravaganza. The brainchild of Wale Fapohunda, Speaker of the Parliament, Valentine Gabriel Deputy Speaker, Charles Pius Majority Leader, Daniel Omonze the Chief Cabal, Olaoluwa Olayinka with other distinguished members such as Obey, Uwa, Oluwashina, JB, Chairman Dandis, Benedict, Chief Cheer leader for Blue Team and Parliament woman leader Bimbo, Team Red Cheer Leader MD Aminat Sanusi and many others. The event brought together members of the group in a fun-filled and competitive atmosphere.

Two teams, the Red Leopards and the Blue Stingray, were formed through a ballot system, which added to the excitement and suspense of the event. The team selections were met with fanfare, setting the tone for a thrilling competition.

The final match brought together dignitaries from various walks of life to witness football at its finest. The Red Leopards emerged victorious, winning the series and the final game. The event was a testament to the power of sports in bringing people together and fostering camaraderie.

The House 11 Parliament Soccer Fiesta has set a new standard for social networking groups in Lagos, showcasing the power of sports in building communities and fostering connections. We look forward to seeing the event grow and evolve in the years to come.

With the success of the inaugural event, plans are already underway for the 2025 season. Both teams are gearing up for another exciting competition, and fans are eagerly anticipating the next installment of the House 11 Parliament Soccer Fiesta. We wish both teams all the best and an injury-free season.





BOOK REVIEW

"The Tenth Justice"

Overview

"The Tenth Justice" is a gripping thriller by Brad Meltzer, published in 1997. The novel follows Ben Addison, a young law clerk for a Supreme Court Justice, as he becomes embroiled in a complex web of intrigue and deception.

Plot

The story begins with Ben Addison, a brilliant and ambitious law clerk, who lands a coveted position with Supreme Court Justice Rosenberg. However, Ben's dream job quickly turns into a nightmare when he is coerced into leaking confidential information about an upcoming court decision.

As Ben becomes more entangled in the conspiracy, he must navigate the treacherous world of Washington D.C. politics, where nothing is as it seems. With the help of his friends and colleagues, Ben must use his wits and resourcefulness to uncover the truth and prevent a catastrophic outcome.

Themes

Meltzer explores several themes in "The Tenth Justice", including:

1. **Power and Corruption:** The novel highlights the dangers of unchecked power and the corrupting influence it can have on individuals.
2. **Loyalty and Betrayal:** Ben's relationships with his friends and colleagues are tested as he navigates the complex web of alliances and rivalries.
3. **Identity and Morality:** Throughout the novel, Ben is forced to confront his own values and principles, and to make difficult choices that challenge his sense of self.

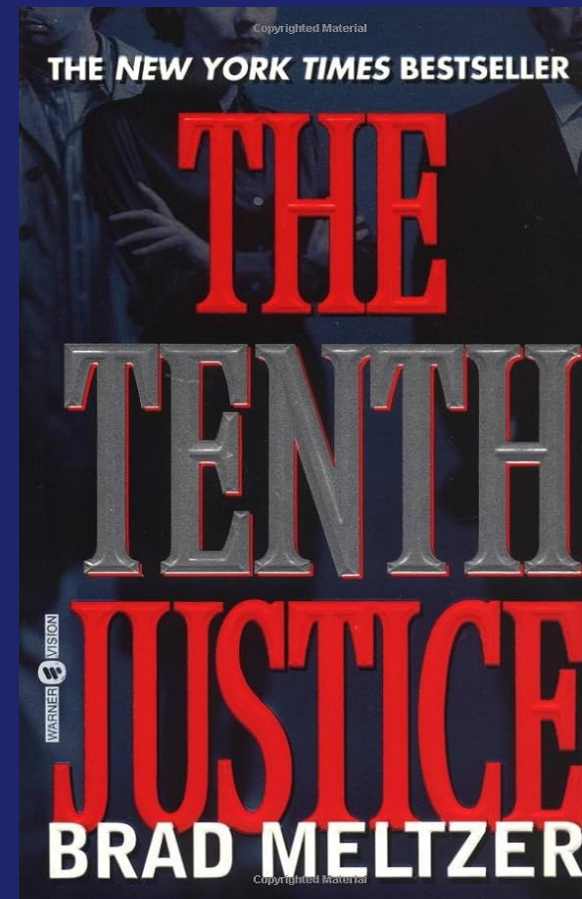
Style and Structure

Meltzer's writing style is engaging and accessible, making "The Tenth Justice" an easy page-turner. The novel's structure is well-paced, with a mix of action, suspense, and intrigue that keeps the reader guessing until the very end.

Verdict

"The Tenth Justice" is a gripping and thought-provoking thriller that explores the darker side of politics and power. With its well-developed characters, intricate plot, and timely themes, this novel is sure to appeal to fans of legal thrillers and suspense fiction.

Rating: 4.5/5 stars



Brad Meltzer (born April 1, 1970) is an American novelist, non-fiction writer, TV show creator, and comic book author. His novels touch on the political thriller, legal thriller and conspiracy fiction genres, while he has also written superhero comics for DC Comics, and periodically Marvel Comics, and a series of short biographies of prominent people for young readers.



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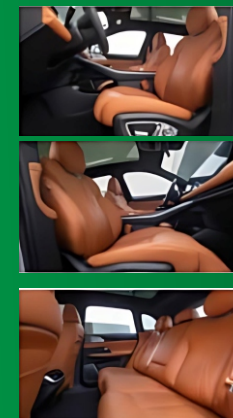
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