



ELECTORAL COMMITTEE OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

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**2022 ELECTIONS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE BAR**

PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF ELECTION

**PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 9, 10 AND THE SECOND SCHEDULE OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION 2015 (AS AMENDED IN 2021)**

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 Preliminary Notice of election as follows:

PART A – ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The election of National Officers of the NBA shall be conducted by electronic voting commencing from 00:00 hours to 23:59 hours on 16 July 2022.
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:

SN	OFFICE	QUALIFICATION	ZONE
1	President	A full member of the Association 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.	Northern Zone

2	First Vice President	As above	Northern Zone
3	Second Vice President	A full member of the Association; with not less than 15 years post-call and not less than 2 years as a member of NEC.	Eastern Zone
4	Third Vice President	As Above	Western Zone
5	General Secretary	A full member of the Association in private legal practice; with not less than 10 years post-call and not less than 2 years as a member of NEC at the time of nomination.	Western Zone
6	Assistant General 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.	Not Zoned
7	Treasurer	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.	Not Zoned
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.	Not Zoned
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.	Not Zoned
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.	Not Zoned

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 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 2022, 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 16 July 2022.
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 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 2022.

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, 1st Floor, Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Abuja Trade & Convention Centre, KM 8 Umaru Musa Yar’adua Express Way, (Airport Road), Abuja. The forms can also be downloaded online from the NBA website: www.nigerianbar.org.ng or the ECNBA website: www.ecnba.ng from 08:00 hours, Monday, 21 March 2022. Submission of completed Nomination Forms and accompanying documents shall CLOSE at 16:00 hours on Friday, 15 April 2022.

10. All duly completed Nomination Forms should be submitted physically in sealed envelopes clearly marked: ECNBA 2022 or by a reputable courier company **NOT LATER THAN** 16:00 hours on Friday, 15 April 2022, addressed to:

The Secretary,
Electoral Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association
ECNBA Secretariat, 1st Floor, Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry,
Abuja Trade & Convention Centre, KM 8 Umaru Musa Yar’adua Express Way,
(Airport Road), 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: info@ecnba.ng upon confirmation of the handover of the hard copies to the address above.

PART D – GUIDELINES AND TIMETABLE FOR 2022 ELECTIONS

13. The Guidelines and Timetable for the 2022 Elections shall be published in due course.

Dated 17 March, 2022



Ayodele Akintunde, SAN
Chairman



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Secretary