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"Market Leader in both Litigation and Arbitration"- Chambers Global

- Senior partner at Strachan Partners, which is a leading commercial law firm based in Lagos and Abuja, Nigeria and with substantial practice across the nation. He was called to the Nigerian Bar in July 1984 and conferred with the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria in September 2003.
- Received the LL.M Degree of the University of London in 1984 and between 1984 and 1990 was Counsel in the leading chambers of Jon. B. Majiyagbe SAN, in Kano, Nigeria. He moved to Lagos in 1990 to establish the Lagos practice of that firm and in 1994 led the founding of Strachan Partners.
- Author of several scholarly papers as well as the leading text book on Arbitration in Nigeria. He is engaged as leading counsel in on going major and high profile commercial and public policy litigation across the courts of Nigeria. He has acted either as counsel or as arbitrator in several domestic and international commercial arbitrations in the maritime, petroleum and construction industries and has made presentations on arbitration in Nigeria in several international fora.
- He is married to Olatowun (Nee Caxton-Martins) with children.

## RECENT ARBITRATION PRACTICE – 2013-2016

### As Counsel

- Counsel to Broad Communications Limited in series of litigations and ICC Arbitrations concerning ownership and operation of Nigerias second GSM telephone franchise Celtel/Zain.
- Counsel in recently concluded ICC arbitration with London seat concerning international trade mark licensing dispute between Nigerian and Danish entities.
- Leading Counsel for multinational petroleum company in international arbitration in respect of expert determination in oil field unitization agreement.

### As Arbitrator

- Chairman of Arbitral Tribunal in major claim for breach of oil service vessel chartering contracts.
- Member of international tribunal under LMAA with seat in London in respect of breach of vessel chartering contracts in off-shore oil operations.
- Sole arbitrator in on shore oil drilling contract dispute.
- Sole arbitrator in dispute in respect of Ijara Islamic finance lease.
- Chairman of ICC Arbitration in respect of oil field construction dispute. Award due for delivery June 2016.

### Awards/Achievements

- Notary Public for Nigeria 1988
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators of England (FCI Arb) 1996
- Approved Tutor and Examiner, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK
- Honorary Fellow, Centre for International Legal Studies, Salzburg, Austria
- Supporting Member, London Maritime Arbitration Association
- Alumni of Georgetown University Leadership Seminar 2012 (GLS)

### Public Appointments

- Member, Panel of Neutrals, Lagos State Multi Door Court House, Lagos Legal Assessor, Medical & Dental Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal 2000 to 2005.
- Editorial Consultant, Judgments of the Supreme Court of Nigeria
- Member, Telecom Sector Reform Implementation Committee, National Council on Privatization. 2000 – 2002
- (Chairman, Sub Committee on Legal and Regulatory Matters which was responsible for drafting the Telecommunications Law 2003
- Member, Legal Practitioners Privileges Committee – 2006-2011
- Chairman, Lagos State Arbitration Law Reform Committee 2007/2008
- Foundation Board Member, Lagos Court of Arbitration - 2009

- Member of Board of Directors, LEAP Africa 2011-2015
- Former Chairman, Section on business Law, Nigeria Bar Association
- Member, General Council of the Nigeria Bar, 2011 –2013
- Chairman, Nigerian Bar Association Working Group on Liberalization of Legal Services in Nigeria. 2012 –2013
- Member, National Executive Council of the Nigeria Bar Association 2013 –2015
- Chairman Disciplinary Committee A, of Nigeria Bar Association 2014-2105
- President, Lagos Court of Arbitration - 2016

### Text Book

- COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION, LAW AND INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE IN NIGERIA – Candide-Johnson & Shasore

### Professional Reputation

- LEGAL 500: Strachan Partners' Charles Adeyemi Candide-Johnson inspires confidence and is considered to be 'extremely good'. The ten-strong boutique litigation firm boasts a strong track record in all manner of disputes across the energy, telecoms and property sectors.
- CHAMBERS AND PARTNERS: [Adeyemi Candide-Johnson](#) of Strachan Partners is regarded as a brilliant lawyer who is increasingly handling arbitration in the telecommunications and maritime industries
- "Strachan Partners litigation practice is up there with the very best in Nigeria, and Yemi Candide-Johnson is a superb practitioner with a strong local following and a good name with international clients" - Legal 500.com
- "Litigation represents the core of this renowned firm, accounting for some 60% of its activity. The team maintains its top of the class status thanks to its prominence in complex commercial litigation, particularly in the telecommunications and oil and gas industries...Big Gun Adeyemi Candide-Johnson is highly rated by fellow lawyers, who admire his "versatility and excellent research and advocacy skills". According to peers, 'he is dogged and bright and undoubtedly one of the best lawyers in the country.'" - Chambers Global, The Worlds Leading Lawyers

### Areas of Expertise

- Commercial Litigation
- Arbitration
- Banking & Financial Litigation
- Maritime & Transport Law
- Regulatory and Administrative Law
- Petroleum Law
- International Business Transactions
- Insurance