

NGOZIKA UWAZURUNONYE OKAISABOR
(NEE AGUTA)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Honourable Justice Dr. Ngozika U. Okaisabor is the first female Judge of the Customary Court of Appeal Federal Capital Territory Abuja, currently the No. 2 in order of seniority and the one immediately after the President of the Federal Capital Territory, Customary Court of Appeal, Abuja. She is the daughter of Hon. Justice Richard Uwa Aguta, who was the Second Chief Judge of the old Imo State. Prior to her elevation to the Bench, she served in several capacities in the Federal Ministry of Justice as a State Counsel, Chief Legal Officer and Legal Adviser to Parastatals and Ministries. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Nigeria), a Fellow of the International Dispute Resolution Institute (IDRI) and a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators. Her membership in several Professional Associations includes International Association of Women Judges as well as the National Association of Women Judges. As a life member of International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), she served as the Regional Vice President (Africa) from 2002- 2005. She is also a member of the International Bar Association and the Past Chair of the Judges Forum. She has been recommended for elevation to the Court of Appeal. She has served in Committees both Nationally and Internationally. As a prolific speaker committed to the field of Research and Development with the aim of improving standards of legal practice in our evolutionary law, she has delivered papers in several National and International conferences.

BIO- DATA

AGE: 13TH May 1967

GENDER: Female

STATE OF ORIGIN: Imo

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Mbaitoli (Mbieri)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

JUNE 18, 2009 to date

**Judge Customary Court of Appeal,
FCT Judiciary Abuja.**

APRIL 2007 to June 2009

**Federal Ministry of Information and
Communications
(Legal Adviser)**

January 2004 to 2007

**Member of the National
Committee on International
Agreement, Treaties and
Conventions.**

November 2002 to December 2003

**National Center for State
Courts (USAID)
Training Coordinator (Nigeria).**

February 2004 to April 2007

**National Primary Health care
Development Agency.**

(Legal Adviser)

September 1989 to June 2009

Federal Ministry of Justice

Regional Vice President (Africa)
International Federation of Women
Lawyers 2002 – 2005.

Organized Africa Regional Congress
2003, Africa Regional Congress
workshop 2004, African Regional
Congress Forum 2005.

Member Bar-Bench Golf Tournament
Committee.

Member National Association of
Women Judges Conference
Committee.

(b). PROFESSIONAL COURSES/WORKSHOPS

Arbitration and Alternative Dispute
Resolution in Africa – workshop,
American Arbitration Association
Round Table Workshop in New York,
2011.

Trainings organized by The
Cambridge International Symposium
on Economic Crime.

Conferences and workshops
sponsored by American Arbitration
Association and IBA Section on
Arbitration.

Seminars and Workshops organized
by the National Judicial Institute.

Forfeiture and Economic Crime.
21st – 23rd August, 2023.

Global Best Practices.

4th – 8th September, 2023.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

TOPIC: Empowering the Victims of Fraud and Abuse: (Empowering the Victims: The Panacea for Treating the Prodigious Virus). Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crime. September, (2017).

TOPIC: Fighting Corruption. What Does The Future Hold. The Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crime. September, 2017.

TOPIC: Empowering The Victims: The Panacea For Treating The Prodigious Virus. The Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crime. September, 2017.

TOPIC: Compliance, Governance and Unexplained wealth. The Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crime. September, (2018).

TOPIC: 60years Anniversary of the New York Convention: The Role of the Judiciary in Promoting the underlying Principles of the Convention (2018) Abuja, Nigeria.

TOPIC: The Scope and Relevance of ADR for Area, Sharia and Customary

Courts. National Judicial Institute.
13th – 15th April, 2021.

TOPIC: The Impact of Covid – 19 on
the Integrity of our Economies and
The Way We Do Business in the
Future. The Cambridge International
Symposium on Economic Crime.
September, 2021.

TOPIC: Marriage Dissolution and
Custody of Children under Customary
Law (21st – 25th March, 2022).

TOPIC: Judgment Writing (Customary
Court of Appeal Approach). National
Judicial Institute. 19th May, 2022.

TOPIC: Vital Importance of
Establishing, Promoting Integrity in all
our Activities And Enterprises
Whether in the Public or Private
Sector “How Best to Encourage
Individuals to Whistle Blow and
Report Suspicions to Relevant
Authority in Regards to Misconduct”,
The Cambridge International
Symposium. 9th September, 2023.

Alternative Dispute Resolution In
Nigeria: Practice And Procedure
Perspective From The Customary
Court of Appeal. 26th February – 1st
March, 2024

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

MEMBER: International Association of Women Judges, National Association of Women Judges, International Federation of Women Lawyers, International Bar Association, World Jurist Association.

FELLOW: Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, FCI Arb (N), Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators (FICMC), International Dispute Resolution Institute (FIDRI).

HOBBIES

Golfing, Swimming, Reading, Badminton.

REFEREES

Hon. Justice Uwani Musa Abba Aji - JSC
Hon. Justice Helen M. Ogunwumiju – JSC
Hon. Justice Jummai Hannatu Sankey - JSC
Hon. Justice Chidiebere Nwaoma Uwa – JSC
Hon. Justice Chioma Egongdu Nwosu- IHEME – JSC
Hon. Justice Uchechukwu Onyemenam – JCA