

# Okaisabor, Ngozika Uwazurunonye (Nigeria)

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## Curriculum vitae

### 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:	13 May 1967
Gender:	Female
State of Origin:	Imo State
Local Government:	Mbaitoli (Mbieri)

### Professional Experience

18 June 2009, to date	Judge Customary Court of Appeal, FCT Judiciary Abuja
April 2007 to June 2009 Communication (Legal Adviser).	Federal Ministry of Information and Communication
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 National Association of  
Women Judges Conference Committee.

### **Professional courses / workshops**

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

Training organized by the Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crime.

Conferences and workshops sponsored by American Arbitration Association and BA Section on Arbitration. Seminar and Workshops organized by the National Judicial Institute.

Forfeiture and Economic Crime 21- 23 August 2023.

Global Best Practices, 4– 8 September 2023.

### **Paper presentation**

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

**Topic:** The Scope and Relevance of ADR for Area, Sharia and Customary Courts, National Judicial Institute, 13-15 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 (21-25 March 2022).

**Topic:** Judgement Writing (Customary Court of Appeal Approach). National Judicial Institute, 19 May 2022.

**Topic:** Vital Importance of Establishing, Promotion Integrity in all our Activities and Enterprises Whether in the Public or Private Sector “How Best to Encourage Individual to Whistle Blow and Report Suspicions to Relevant Authority in Regard to Misconduct”, the Cambridge International Symposium, 9 September 2023.

Alternative Dispute Resolution in Nigeria: Practice and Procedure Perspective from the Customary Court of Appeal, 26 February-1 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: Charter 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. Ogunwumju	– JSC
Hon. Justice Jummai Hannatu Sankey	– JSC
Hon. Justice Chidebere Nwaoma Uwa	– JSC
Hon. Justice Chioma Egondur Nwosu – Iheme	– JSC
Hon. Justice Uchechukwu Onyemenam	– JCA

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