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BIO

Born: 20th November 1967

Married with three (3) children

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2021:** SENIOR PARTNER, Bentsi-Enchill, Letsa & Ankomah, ACCRA
- 2013:** VISITING LECTURER (Legal Writing & Editing Skills), Ghana School of Law, ACCRA, Ghana
- 2010 to 2020:** MANAGING PARTNER, Bentsi-Enchill, Letsa & Ankomah, ACCRA¹
- 2005 to 2012:** SENIOR LECTURER (Civil Procedure), Ghana School of Law, ACCRA

¹ www.chambersandpartners.com: **Chambers Global [2020]:** "Ace Ankomah enjoys an excellent reputation in Ghana as a *"brilliant lawyer."* He is regarded by one market commentator as *"the best litigator in the country."* Another interviewee highlighted that he is *"responsive and willing to think out of the box while keeping an eye on the management of litigation."* **Chambers Global [2019]:** "Ace Ankomah is widely regarded by market observers as *"a formidable opponent"* in litigation. He represents international clients in high-value cases across a variety of industries, and has the ability to *"represent himself as an authority on every area of the law,"* according to interviewees." **Chambers Global [2017]:** "Managing partner Ace Ankomah is referred to by clients as a *"leading individual"* in the market who is *"a very good litigator with many reported cases,"* which market commentators view as *"a good aspect."* He is the head of the firm's litigation and dispute resolution practice group." **Chambers Global [2016]:** "Ace Ankomah is *"absolutely brilliant,"* sources extol. He enjoys a sterling reputation as a top-notch litigator in the jurisdiction. Clients say: *"He is able to come up with the most intricate arguments for our situations."* Work highlights include representing ATC Ghana in land and commercial disputes, and Bankswitch Ghana in a USD10 million dispute with the Government of Ghana." **Chambers Global [2015]:** "Ace Ankomah serves as the firm's managing partner and leads the dispute resolution practice. Sources describe him as *"exceptional and very diligent"* in litigation." **Chambers Global [2014]:** "The firm's vibrant litigation practice is led by the eminent Ace Ankomah, who was a key figure in work for NML Capital that resulted in the headline arrest of an Argentine vessel in Ghana." **Chambers Global [2013]:** *"he is very convincing when he stands in court."* **Chambers Global [2012]:** "Ace Ankomah took over as managing partner and has a reputation as one of the foremost litigators in the country. Sources comment that he is *"vibrant and very articulate"* and *"an outstanding lawyer who likes to advance the law."* **Chambers Global [2011]:** "Ace Ankomah is head of the litigation team and enjoys an excellent reputation and high profile for commercial litigation: *'Everyone knows who Ace is.'*" **Chambers Global [2010]:** "Ace Ankomah brings valuable litigation skills to the team and stands out due to his efficiency in court, as well as his corporate and tax expertise."

- 2000 to 2010:** PARTNER, Head of Litigation & Dispute Resolution Department, Bentsi-Enchill, Letsa & Ankomah²
- 1998 to 2000:** SENIOR ASSOCIATE, Bentsi-Enchill, Letsa & Mate (Responsibility for the firm's tax work)
- 1997 to 2003:** LECTURER, (Company Law), University of Ghana Business School, LEGON, Ghana
- 1995 to 1998:** ASSOCIATE, Bentsi-Enchill, Letsa & Mate
- 1994:** GENERAL MANAGER, DataCenta Limited, ACCRA (General responsibility for the compilation of the Ghana law database)
- 1993 to 1994:** RESEARCH ASSISTANT, Faculty of Law, Queen's University, KINGSTON, Ontario, Canada (International Taxation research)
- 1992 to 1993:** TEACHING & RESEARCH ASSISTANT, University of Ghana, (Criminal Law, Torts and Commercial Law at the Faculty of Law and Business School)
- 1992 to 1993:** LEGAL OFFICER, DataCenta Limited
- 1986 to 1987:** TEACHER, Islamic Education Programme, Nima, ACCRA – *National Service*

OTHER POSITIONS

- 2018 to date:** Director, Lex Mundi
- 2017 to 2020:** Member, Governing Board, Ghana Law Reform Commission
- 2017 to date:** Member, Panel of Arbitrators, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
- 2017 to 2019:** Member, University Council, Central University
- 2014 to date:** Founding Member & Director, OccupyGhana
- 2013 to 2015:** Member, Advisory Board, Millicom Ghana Limited
- 2013 to 2015:** Regional Vice-Chair for Europe/Middle East/Africa – Lex Mundi Managing Partners Committee
- 2012 to 2015:** Member, International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce
- 2008 to 2010:** Member, Legal Team & Legal Aid Committee, Ghana Bar Association
- 2006 to 2012:** Chairman, Board of Directors, Eban Construction Limited
- 2005 to 2012:** Member, Ethics and Disciplinary Council, Ghana Journalists Association
- 2005 to 2010:** Director, Combert Impressions Limited

² **Chambers Global [2009]:** "Leading the firm's contentious practice, Ace Ankomah has high levels of expertise in tax and corporate litigation, and market sources describe him as a '... brilliant trial lawyer who impresses with his thorough preparation and great delivery in court.'" **Chambers Global [2008]:** "Ace Ankomah holds seminars on trends in the legal market, and clients rate his 'thorough understanding of Ghanaian society and ability to convey things in a comprehensible form.'" **Chambers Global [2006]:** "Ace Ankomah, who heads the litigation department, 'shone brightly' for his thorough research and 'great attention to detail.'"

- 2005 to 2006:** Member/Secretary, Ministerial Advisory Committee – advice to the Ministry of Education, Science and Sports on the relationship between FIFA, the Ghana Football Association and the Government of Ghana
- 2004 to 2006:** Member, Continuing Legal Education Committee, Ghana Bar Association
- 2001 to 2008:** Class President, 1984 Year Group, Mfantsipim Old Boys Association
- 1998 to 2006:** Director, De-Reck Productions Limited
- 1997 to 1999:** Consulting Editor, DataCenta Limited
- 1996 to date:** Director, Vineyard Pharmacy Limited
- 1996 to 2002:** Director (Music and Productions), Joyful Way Inc

MEMBERSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Member, Ghana Bar Association (GBA)
- Fellow, Aspen Global Leadership Network (AGLN)
- Fellow, Africa Leadership Initiation, West Africa (ALIWA)
- Sponsor, Ace Anan Ankomah Prize in Constitutional Law, Faculty of Law, University of Ghana, Legon

EDUCATION

1993-1994: Queen’s University, KINGSTON, Ontario, Canada

- ◆ Qualification: Master of Laws (LLM) – International Taxation
- ◆ Awards: (i) Law Foundation of Ontario Award
(ii) Graduate Award
(iii) Graduate Studies Dean’s Award

1990-1992: Ghana School of Law, ACCRA

- ◆ Qualification: Qualifying Certificate in Law (QCL) – Called to the Ghana Bar in 1992

1987-1990: University of Ghana, LEGON

- ◆ Qualification: Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Second Class Honours, Upper Division
- ◆ Awards: (i) Legon Hall Exhibition Award for outstanding academic performance (1988)
(ii) Ghana Bar Association/Law Students Union Award for outstanding academic performance (1990)

1979-1986: Mfantsipim School, CAPE COAST

- ◆ Qualification: Ordinary Level and Advanced Level Certificates
- ◆ Awards: (i) Senior Scholar Award – Best Overall Graduating Student (1986)

- (ii) K A Busia Award – Best Graduating Student in the Humanities (1986)

COURSES

- 2014:** Lex Mundi Institute, Business Management Program, Judge Business School, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK
- 2010:** Lex Mundi Institute, Advanced Leadership and Management Program, Monterey, California
- 2004:** Lex Mundi Institute, (Ethics & Professionalism, Legal Writing & Editing, Common Law & Civil Law Traditions, Managing Cross-Border Transactions, Tax & Structuring Issues, Mergers & Acquisitions, Joint Ventures, Marketing & Business Development, Negotiation Skills, Individual Business Development Skills), Monterey, California

PUBLICATIONS/PAPERS:

- ◆ *Ratification of Pre-Incorporation Contracts by Companies*, Mobilising the Law for Ghana's Future: Appraising to Revolutionise (Dowuona-Hammond, Hammond & Atuguba eds; School of Law - University of Ghana; 2020) 236
- ◆ *The Lawyer's Duties: From Receipt of Instructions to Execution* (2019 Ghana Bench, Bar and Faculty Conference Paper)
- ◆ *Is There Not A Cause to Rant?* (Book self-published in 2017, winner of the first Kofi Awoonor Creative Non-Fiction Award by the Ghana Association of Writers, 2018)
- ◆ *The Impact of Technology on the Practice of Law: Moving with the Changing Times – Innovate or Perish* (2016-2020) 24 Review of Ghana Law [upcoming]
- ◆ *Integration of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Through the Law* (2016-2020) 24 Review of Ghana Law [upcoming]
- ◆ *The Interplay between the Courts and Arbitral Proceedings – Ghana's Old Order Changeth?* (2016) 29 University of Ghana Law Journal 183
- ◆ *Recognition and Enforcement of Arbitral Awards – The Legal Framework in Ghana and Nigeria* (2014) Mauritius International Arbitration Conference Book of Conference Papers 153
- ◆ *Promoting Responsibility and Professionalism: The Law Court and Media Freedom*; Paper presented as Guest Lecturer at the Ghana Institute of Journalism Sam Arthur Memorial Lecture, 25th April 2006
- ◆ *De-Fanging a Monster: When Rules of Civil Procedure Become Unruly* (2001-2005) 21 Review of Ghana Law 155
- ◆ *The Procedure for Removing Directors – A Balancing Act?* (2001-2005) 21 Review of Ghana Law 121

- ◆ *Legal Aspects of Setting up a Business in Ghana*; Paper presented to the GJA at USAID-Sponsored Workshop on Improved Economic & Financial Reportage, on 10th September 2004, published in the GJA Manual on Financial and Economic Reporting (ed Dr Audrey Gadzekpo, 2005)
- ◆ *Land Ownership by Companies with Foreign Shareholding: The Need to Harmonize Existing Legislation* (2003) Legislative Alert, Vol 03 No 1 (Institute of Economic Affairs)
- ◆ *Tax Treatment of Interest in Ghana* (2000) Banking and Financial Law Journal of Ghana 120
- ◆ *An Overview of Corporate Income Tax Exemption and Accelerated Depreciation as Investment Incentives* (1998) 1 Banking and Financial Law Journal of Ghana 72
- ◆ *Tax-Related Incentives for Foreign Direct Investment in Less Developed Countries*; Thesis presented to the Faculty of Law, Queen's University in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the award of the LLM degree (1994)
- ◆ *Marital Rape and Ghana's Criminal Code*, 1992 Ghana School of Law Journal
- ◆ *The Need for Domestic Legislation on Refugees*, 1991 Ghana School of Law Journal
- ◆ *The Status and Rights of Refugees at International Law: An Excursion into Ghana's State Practice*; Dissertation presented to the Faculty of Law, University of Ghana in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the award of the LLB degree (1990)

NOTABLE CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- 2020: Speaker – Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH/Ghana Bar Association (GBA)/Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Training for Ghanaian and Nigerian Lawyers
- 2020: Speaker – Association of Young Arbitrators (AYA) Symposium
- 2020: Speaker – Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH/Ghana Bar Association (GBA) Advanced Training for Lawyers Workshop, Accra
- 2020: Speaker – Ghana Bar Association (GBA) Annual Conference, Accra
- 2020: Speaker – Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH/Institute of African Women in Law (IAWL) Conference on Women and the Legal Profession across Africa
- 2019: Speaker – Ghana Bench, Bar and Faculty Conference, Accra
- 2019: Speaker – International Conference of ECOWAS Court of Justice, Accra
- 2019: Speaker – International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Ghana Arbitration Day, Accra
- 2019: Speaker – Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) Annual Conference, Lagos, Nigeria

- 2019: Instructor – Ghana Arbitration Centre Workshop on Domestic and International Arbitration with Practical Exercises, Accra
- 2018: Speaker – International Bar Association (IBA) Dispute Resolution Conference, Accra
- 2018: Keynote Speaker – Ghana Bar Association (GBA) Annual Conference, Koforidua
- 2018: Speaker – Ghana Alternative Dispute Resolution Hub Colloquium on the Proper Measure of Court Interventions in Arbitral Proceedings, GIMPA, Accra
- 2017: Speaker – Young International Council for Commercial Arbitration (YICCA) Skills Workshop, Accra
- 2017: Instructor – Ghana Arbitration Centre Workshop on Practice and Procedures of Arbitration under the Alternative Dispute Resolution Act, 2010 (Act 798) with Practical Exercises, Accra
- 2017: Speaker – Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) Annual Conference, Lagos, Nigeria
- 2016: Speaker – International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) Conference, Mauritius
- 2016: Instructor – International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Training on International Commercial Arbitration, Accra
- 2016: Instructor – Ghana Arbitration Centre Workshop on Bolts, Nuts and Pitfalls in International Commercial Arbitration, Accra
- 2015: Speaker – London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) African Users Symposium, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2015: Instructor – Ghana Arbitration Centre Workshop on International Arbitration with Mock Arbitration Sessions, Accra
- 2014: Instructor – Ghana Arbitration Centre Workshop on Theory and Practice of International Commercial Arbitration, Accra
- 2014: Speaker – Mauritius International Arbitration Centre (MIAC) Conference, Mauritius