

# PROFILE

**Yakubu Chonoko MAIKYAU, SAN, FCIArb.** (UK), hails from Kebbi State. A graduate of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria where he obtained LLB (Honours) Degree in 1989. He attended the Nigerian Law School between 1989 to 1990 and was admitted to the Nigerian Bar on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 1990.

Mr. Maikyau participated in the mandatory National Youth Service Corps Programme between 1990 and 1991. He chose Private Law Practice with the Law Firm of Messrs. Danladi Bamaiyi and Company at Sokoto, in November 1991, where he worked for thirteen years and rose to become the Head of Chambers.

He started his own practice, Y.C. Maikyau & Co., in 2003 where he is Principal Partner with Head Office in Abuja and a branch in Sokoto. He was appointed Notary Public on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 2002 by the Chief Justice of Nigeria and elevated to the prestigious rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), by the Legal Practitioners' Privileges Committee, in 2011.

As an advocate, he has had the privilege of handling several consequential cases, including the opportunity to capture national consciousness as Counsel in the Human Rights Violation Investigation Commission of Nigeria, also known as the Oputa Panel, set up by President Olusegun Obasanjo, following the return of Nigeria to Democracy in 1999. In **Re: Abdullahi, (2018) 14 NWLR (Part 1639) 272**, Mr. Maikyau successfully convinced the Supreme Court of Nigeria, to make a novel decision to allow the substitution of a deceased Defendant in a Criminal case for the first time in Nigeria with the Administrators of the estate of the deceased for the purpose of preserving the civil rights of the estate. He is a member of the Rules Committee of the Court of Appeal. Beyond litigation, he has advised on some project finance, and facility disbursement.

In June, 2014 he obtained a Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London, United Kingdom. He was admitted as Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, (CI Arb.) UK on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014. He served as the chair of the Conference Planning Committee of the CI Arb. 2020 Conference. He was appointed by the Federal Government of Nigeria to serve as Member of the Panel of Conciliators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) with effect from July 2016 until July 2022. He has served on Arbitral Tribunals as Sole Arbitrator, Presiding Arbitrator, Co-Arbitrator and Counsel.

Mr. Maikyau is a member of the International Bar Association, and Nigeria Bar Association. He was a Member of the NBA Legal Profession Regulation Review Committee (LPRRC) set up by A.B. Mahmud, SAN as NBA President, which committee report made far-reaching recommendation for the reform of the Profession culminating in the Legal Profession Regulation Bill. He currently chairs the Committee of Law and Individual Rights of the Section on Legal Practice, and the pioneer Chairman of the Welfare Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association. He had served as a member of the welfare committee set up by Mr. Paul Usoro, SAN, as NBA President to alleviate the hardship caused to NBA members, particularly young members following the Covid-19 outbreak. He is a member of the Governing Council of the Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero, Kebbi State.

He is a graduate of Rhema Bible Training Centre, Nigeria, where he was awarded a Diploma in Ministerial Training, with emphasis on Societal Leadership. Mr. Maikyau is a community development and welfare enthusiast, who has been responsible for several free medical outreach touching the lives of hundreds in his home state. He is the patron of Purpose Global Academy in D'lanko, Kebbi state, which school has become his pet project.

He is happily married to Zainab Maikyau and blessed with Four (4) children.