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The Firm

Chapitre LLP is a progressive full service law firm providing legal services to clients across a broad spectrum of sectors. At Chapitre, we understand the business terrain in Nigeria and the challenges businesses face at all stages of their growth and development.

At Chapitre, we pay attention not only to the finer details of the law but also to all the other issues which have the potential to impact our clients' businesses. We combine our knowledge and expertise to deliver practical and creative solutions, tailor-made to suit each client's legal and business needs. With our offices in Lagos, Abuja and Port-Harcourt, we are centrally located and accessible, not only to our clients in Nigeria but also to those along the West African coast.

At Chapitre, we take a fresh angle on situations in our exploration of the best modes to provide practical and commercial solutions to challenges faced by our clients in today's economy.

We are people oriented with strong cultural values.



Practice Areas

Our practice is structured along two broad divisions – the Corporate/Commercial Practice and the Dispute Resolution Practice.



Banking & Finance



Our team represent banks and other financial institutions as well as corporate borrowers, in organizing and implementing the most intricate financings on a breadth of banking and finance issues which usually incorporation, establishment, regulatory capital, foreign exchange and other general regulatory compliance issues including Central Bank of Nigeria regulations and the operations of banks and other financial institutions that operate in the sector.

The firm also routinely advises on corporate and commercial lending, syndicated financing, asset-based lending, debt capital markets, real estate financing, hotel financing, project and structured finance transactions. It has structured transactions relating to debt restructuring, debt to equity conversions, swaps and other derivative transactions and other forms of acquisition finance.

We take a practical, business-oriented approach to achieving clients' objectives. Our lawyers have an advanced understanding of the expectations and requirements of both sides to a financing transaction and provide guidance personalised to each client's needs.

The finance sectors across the world have experienced unparalleled changes in recent times. Our clients require that we understand their businesses and industry in which they operate so as to assist them to respond to rapid market changes. Taking the time to grasp the industries of our clients helps us to provide commercial resolutions.

Capital Markets



Our lawyers cover the whole spectrum of capital markets including debt and equity transactions, structured debt, high yield and trusts. We advise crucial market participants including leading financial institutions, corporates, governments as well as first time issuers and other new players in the capital markets.

The Firm advises Issuers of securities seeking to raise funds from the capital market as well as Issuing Houses, Trustees and other Capital Market Operators.

The team counsels on local debt and equity capital market transactions, securities offerings, derivatives transactions, on the establishment and listing of investment funds such as mutual funds and real estate investment trusts (REITs), on transactional and regulatory mandates including tax, currency and custody arrangements and issues, as well as disclosure obligations and exit procedures.

Company Secretarial Services



The firm serves as Company Secretary to many companies which cut across different sectors of the economy.

We also assist in the formation and establishment of companies in Nigeria and helps in convening Board and shareholders meetings and provide secretarial services as may be required and files requisite returns with the relevant regulatory agencies.

Energy



We offer foremost tactical advice on the rapid and disruptive transformation of the energy sector and have led a unique amount of successful and innovative transactions in emerging markets. We possess a unique perception and extensive knowledge of the development of new global markets.

Dispute Resolution & ADR



Our approach to dispute resolution is commercial and tactical. We position ourselves with our client's aims and work closely with our client to execute an approved approach to bring best results.

The aim is to avoid dispute or prevent one rising and; to this end, our team employs alternative dispute resolution measures.

Our leading dispute resolution practice together with germane industry experience provides real solutions to our clients. Our team is receptive and cost sentient; we manage disputes in a way that there are no surprises. We offer transparent and innovative proposals on fees and employ project management skills and training to resource and manage all disputes efficiently.

The team offers litigation and ADR solutions in respect of disputes arising from corporate and commercial transactions, telecommunications and information technology intellectual property, shipping and aviation, oil and gas, taxation, immigration, labour and pension, etc.

We prosecute and defends litigation matters for its clients in all Courts and Tribunals located in various states of Nigeria. The firm's primary objective is to ensure that disputes arising from the business and commercial activities of its clients are effectively resolved with minimum exposure and resources by clients. Chapitre has various dispute resolution experts with commendable experience in the Firm's other core practice areas.

Real Estate



Our real estate team handles the entire property life-cycle, from acquisition and development through to letting and disposal, asset management, development schemes, real estate finance, joint ventures, construction, and planning.

Our market-leading expertise and commercial focus allows us to carry out the most complex and often ground-breaking transactions across the real estate sector. We have the commitment, resources and know-how to get your deals done, whatever and wherever they are.



Regulatory Compliance



The Firm helps its client with legal, procedural, governance and reputational aspects of compliance and ethical issues and associated investigations in Nigeria.

The team routinely advises and assists our Clients with establishing, maintaining and improving corporate and contractual standards and controls, identifying and mitigating their exposure to risk, achieving adherence to business ethics, conducting internal audits and investigations to review,

evaluate and recommended remedial action in relation to misconduct, anti-corruption and bribery (including strategies for complying with the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the United Kingdom Bribery Act requirements pertinent to doing business in Nigeria), collusion, money laundering, fraud, sexual offences, general corporate governance and leadership assessments.



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