# COMPANY PROFILE





...a commercial law firm with a passion for service and excellence

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## ABOUT THE FIRM

Corkwell & Reids Solicitors was founded in 2011 and came under new management in 2016 with offices in Lagos, Abuja, and Benin City. The firm is managed by highly competent lawyers and paralegal staff with a combined post-call experience of over 25 years.

Corkwell and Reids Solicitors is a commercial law firm with a passion for service and excellence. The firm is known for providing high-end legal solutions that are client-focused, result-oriented. We handle a diverse practice portfolio; proffer cutting-edge legal solutions using an all-encompassing approach that would ensure the total satisfaction of our Clients.

With a portfolio of diverse clientele base comprising of both local and foreign clients, the firm is truly a Nigerian law firm with a Pan-African view and an international outlook.



## **OUR MISSION**

Our mission is to radically disrupt the way legal services are provided with the sole aim of providing tailor-made, tech-driven, and enthusiastic legal services that are client-focused and result-oriented.

### **OUR VISION**

Our vision is to be the go-to law firm in Nigerian and to this end; we have laid down plans to become a National Law firm by 2025 and an International law firm by 2029.

# **OUR CORE VALUES**

#### Our practice is built on:

- O Client Intimacy: we maintain a relationship with our client that transcends legal services. We believe that our clients play an integral role in the life of the firm hence our slogan "we exist to serve you".
- O Innovation; we provide legal services using more efficient processes, tools, and groundbreaking business models that are targeted at meeting the ever-increasing demands of the legal markets.
- O Efficient: in the ever-dynamic business world, we possess the requisite legal knowledge, skills, and industry knowledge that would provide the best possible solution for our clients while reducing wastage of resources and time to the barest minimum.
- O Excellence: we seek to provide services that extend beyond ordinary standards. Every time we handle a client's job we strive for perfection and excellence.
- O Sound knowledge of the law: innovation, efficient and excellent legal services are dependent on a sound knowledge of the law. Our firm possesses a sound knowledge of the law which we use to render quality legal services to our clients

These values underlie the way we work with our clients and with our staff. It fuels our inexorable dedication to achieving the best possible outcomes for our clients on one hand and the other hand; it gives us the utmost satisfaction that we have made our clients happy.

These values are dear to us a firm and are born from experience and success in handling a broad range of legal matters and this reassures our clients that they are receiving the highest levels of attention and service.

## **OUR SERVICES**

We are a full-service boutique commercial law firm and we provide seamless legal services on a wide range of commercial services under the following distinct practice group:



#### **Banking, Corporate Finance, and Securities**

Finance plays a critical role in the life of any business. Every day, businesses seek the best form of finance to enable them to achieve their goals/strategies.

By combining our commercial awareness with our sound legal expertise, we align our client's business goals/strategies to deliver result-oriented decisions that help our clients achieve these goals/strategies

#### Our firm regularly advises clients on:

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- O Commodity Finance;
- O Corporate Finance;
- O Debt Factoring;
- O Equipment Leasing;
- Mergers and Acquisition;
- O Private Equity;
- O Project Finance;
- O Structured Finance



#### **Commercial Law and Company Secretariat Services**

In a highly commercialized world like the one we live in, business owners seek to maximize profit and are faced with loads of challenges that make it almost impossible for them to grow their revenues and/or align their growth with their goals.

We work with all kinds of business entities within the meaning of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 2020 including their boards, shareholders, lenders, and investors to achieve the best possible outcome for their business by providing best in class company secretarial services that are driven by our high regards for corporate governance and regulatory compliance.

#### In addition to company secretarial services, we provide:

- Regulatory and compliance servicesIntellectual Property;
- Taxation
- O Debt Recovery
- O Immigration
- Obtaining permits and licenses;
- Acquisition of property;
- O Employment and labour relation;



#### Commodities, Energy, and Natural Resources:

Commodities (both hard and soft) and other extractive minerals like oil and gas play a critical role in the economy of any nation.

In Nigeria, where we are based, the history of Nigeria would never be complete without mentioning its abundance of arable land, rich minerals, and oil and gas deposits. While oil and gas remain the mainstay of the economy there has been a steady and persistent drive to diversify the Nigerian economy to make other commodities contribute more to the national economy.

# Our firm possesses vast experience in handling commodities & extractive industry transactions. This includes:

$\circ$	Acquisition of licenses;
0	Lease, sale, and/or securitization of commodities/industry licenses
0	Advice on mineral and natural resources project;
$\bigcirc$	Draft and/or review agreements relating to the industry;
$\bigcirc$	Provide legal opinions on policies that affect the industry;
$\bigcirc$	Act as transaction counsel in financing arrangement;
$\bigcirc$	Provide business and advisory services in joint ventures etc.



#### **Estate Planning, Family, and Probate**

We operate a viral Estate Planning, family, and Probate Practice. Our lawyers possess the requisite skills to handle succession matters at all levels from family negotiations to court litigations.

Our team has the requisite experience and skill set in handling all kind of succession matters including:

Letters of Administration: we work closely with relatives and family members of the deceased, banks, stock-broking houses, pension fund administrators, Registrars, Insurance companies, and other financial institutions to process the grant or amendment of Letters of Administration where the deceased dies without a will. We also verify the authenticity or otherwise of Letters of Administration granted by Courts in Nigeria.

Drafting and Processing of grant of probate (Will): We work with the Testator to draft and file wills and codicils. We also process the removal or addition of Executors of estates appointed by a will.

We provide other ancillary services like Lodgment of caveat, filing of renunciation of will, and acting as Executors of wills.

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#### **Dispute Resolution**

In the course of our everyday life and business, disputes are inevitable our lawyers work closely with our clients to assess potential litigations and provide strategic and effective means to nip the situation at the bud.

In the event of failure of mediation, our lawyers possess the requisite capacity to handle and dispatch all forms of litigation from start to finish in a manner that is efficient and cost-effective to the client.

Our services range from litigation (both trial and appellate) to Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) to appearing before tribunals.

#### Our work experience includes:

0	Labour and industrial matters;
0	Commercial contract disputes;
0	Tenancy matters;
0	Electoral Petitions;
0	Debt recovery;
0	Bankruptcy and Insolvency matters;

## **OUR FOOT PRINT**

#### **Trivet Capital Limited**

Solicitors to the purchaser in respect of the acquisition of DE STAR METALS

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#### **New Star Metal Limited**

Solicitors to the Borrower in securing an export credit facility

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# GTL Trustees limited &

#### **Quantum Zenith Limited**

Solicitors to the Trustees in the creation of an All Assets Debenture over the assets of Metal World Recycling Limited

**Completed** 



#### **GASY Investments**

Solicitors to the Purchaser in the purchase of Gold Dore bars

**Completed** 



#### **Eagle Hospitality**

Solicitors to the SPV in respect of the acquisition and management of the proposed 4 points by Sheraton Benin city

**Completed** 



#### **Keynes Private Equity**

Solicitors to the P rivate Equity Fund in respect of its divestment in Gx Foods Limited and sale to Grandex Stores

**Completed** 



### **Keynes Private Equity**

Solicitors to the Private Equity Fund in respect of the acquisition of the assets of Gx Foods Limited

**Completed** 

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#### **Green eld Assets Limited**

Solicitors to the Private
Partner in respect of a
PPP investment in
Greeneld Integrated Poultry
and Powdered Egg Limited

**Completed** 

#### **Airopay Limited**

Solicitors to the Company in respect of a private equity investment in the Company

Completed



# **OUR SECTORIAL EXPERIENCE:**

0	Agriculture;		
$\circ$	Banking and Other Financial Institution;		
0	Fintech;		
$\circ$	Housing Hotel and Leisure;		
$\circ$	Information Communication Technology;		
0	Mining Oil & Gas Power and Renewable energy;		
$\circ$	Securities;		
$\overline{\bigcirc}$	Telecommunication;		
$\overline{\bigcirc}$	Transport and Logistics.		



### **ABOUT THE PARTNER**

#### **DOUGLAS OKOJIE ESQ**

Principal Partner

Douglas Okojie Esq. (Principal Partner) Mr. Okojie holds an LLB from Ambrose Ali University Ekpoma and a BL from Nigerian Law. He was called to the Nigerian Bar in 2007.

Before co-establishing the firm, he had previously practiced as an Associate in the law firm Marine Partners LP. In 2011, he joined PanAfrican Capital Plc as a legal officer and rose to the position of Legal Analyst/Deputy General Counsel. He had a brief stint with the firm Advocaat Law Practice where he was Partner/Head of Finance Practice group before returning to manage the firm.

Mr. Okojie has vast experience in Corporate Commercial Law, Private Equity, Equipment Leasing, Factoring and Invoice Discounting, Projects and Structured Finance Transactions, Taxation, and Litigation cutting across various sectors of the Nigerian economy including but not limited to Banking and finance, oil and gas, ICT, hotels and leisure e.t.c.

Mr. Okojie is a member of the Nigerian Bar Association, The International Bar Association, the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria, the Equipment Leasing Association of Nigeria, and, the Nigerian Institute of Management.

## **OUR LAWYERS**

#### **Rita Ehondor**

Associate

Rita is the Associate in charge of the Estate Planning, Family, and Probate Division of the firm where she from time to time advises clients on drafting of wills, processing of grant of probate ad letters of administration. She holds a degree in Law from the Ambrose Ali University and a BL from the Nigerian Law School.

#### Samuel Olumayowa

Associate

Samuel is the Associate in charge of Dispute Resolution of the firm. Since joining the firm, Samuel has been involved in commercial litigation, mediation, and tenancy disputes. He holds a first degree from the Olabisi Onabanjo University Ago Iwoye Ogun State and a BL from the Nigerian Law School.



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