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Certified Data Protection Officer | Privacy & Compliance Specialist | Legal Counsel | Data Governance & Risk Management

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Career Objective

Certified Data Protection Officer and legal professional experienced in data protection audits, privacy impact assessments, and regulatory compliance advisory for public-sector and multinational-facing organisations. Skilled in translating complex data protection regulations into practical governance frameworks that reduce legal, operational, and reputational risk, combined with a strong legal foundation in advocacy and corporate advisory.

Professional Experience:

Associate

Sam-Aram & Co, Abuja, Nigeria | Oct 2023 – Present

Data Protection & Regulatory Compliance

- Conducted high-level data protection audits and impact assessments at the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) headquarters
- Led data protection audits and impact assessments for NIMC Front End Partners (FEPs) across Northern and South-Eastern Nigeria
- Provided strategic advisory and audit implementation support to the Pension Transitional Arrangement Directorate (PTAD), Abuja
- Authored detailed data protection audit reports and directed implementation support to align client organisations with global data privacy standards
- Facilitated data protection and privacy training for the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI), Abuja

General Legal Practice & Corporate Services

- Drafted complex legal instruments including land title transfers, tenancy agreements, leases, and commercial contracts
- Represented clients in court, delivering advocacy and conducting rigorous case review and analysis
- Managed pre- and post-incorporation processes and facilitated Import Duty Exemption Certificate applications
- Advised startups on regulatory frameworks and served as primary liaison with regulatory bodies to ensure compliance

Co-Founder & Data Protection Officer

Stylus Global Limited | 2026

- Embed privacy-by-design and privacy-by-default principles across the product lifecycle, from concept through deployment
- Establish and implement data protection governance frameworks across all company products and services

Company Secretary / Data Protection Officer

YEITS Multinational Ventures Ltd | 2024 – 2025

- Facilitated internal data protection audits, identified critical gaps in data-handling practices, and delivered staff training and implementation support to mitigate privacy risk
- Led company registration and secured relevant operational licenses; drafted employment letters, loan applications, and debt recovery notices
- Served on the Disciplinary Committee and oversaw staff recruitment, including application review and interview recommendations

Skills:

- Data protection audits, DPIAs, gap analysis, and remediation support
- Regulatory compliance advisory and liaison (NDPR / NDPC frameworks)
- Data governance, ROPA, and breach/incident management
- Privacy training and stakeholder facilitation
- Legal research, advocacy, and contract/MoU drafting
- Corporate governance and company secretarial duties

Current Engagement:

- Technical Advisor, International Institute for African Defense, Security and Governance (IIADSGOV): drafting a Data Protection and Privacy Framework for the Defence, Security and Intelligence Sector, with the Nigerian Data Protection Commission (NDPC) (2026)

Certifications & Professional Development:

- Certified Data Protection Officer, Institute of Information Management (97.33%, 2026)
- GRC Engineering Cadet, ICDDA Batch B2025 (in progress)
- African AI Institute Research Fellowship, 2026 Cohort (in progress)
- Data Privacy Foundation Course, 2nd Edition, Data Privacy Lawyers Association of Nigeria (DPLAN) (2026)
- 8-Week Intensive Training on Data Protection and Privacy Law, Certificate of Excellence, Association of Privacy Lawyers in Africa (2026)
- Data Protection & Governance Module, African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC) (2026)
- The Future-Ready Data Protection Officer, GSDC Certified Learning (2025)
- Smart Lawyering in the Digital Age, Appliserve (2025)
- Leadership Accelerator Programme for Young African Women, LEAP Leadership Institute (2026)
- Risk Digital Global, GRC World Forum Ltd, 11 March 2026

NYSC Associate

Marcel Oru SAN & Co | 2022 – 2023

- Drafted a range of legal documents including notices, property transfer documents, and meeting minutes
- Conducted legal research and delivered case-relevant presentations to senior counsel
- Attended court proceedings to support litigation strategy and case preparation

Prior Legal Internships & Externships

- Legal Aid Council (2022) – Legal research and human rights awareness outreach for secondary school students
- B.B. Michika & Associates (2021) – Research and Legal Assistant (Extern): file review, company registration, court attendance
- Chief Magistrate's Court, Wuse (2021) – Research and Legal Assistant (Extern)
- Noble Crest Solicitors (2021) – Law Graduate Intern: drafting legal processes, filing, client interviews

Leadership & Volunteer Experience:

Honourable Attorney General, Redemption Chambers

Benue State University | 2020 – 2021

- Presided over chamber meetings, led mock trials, and supervised training for law students

Editor-in-Chief, Redemption Chambers

Benue State University | 2018 – 2019

- Directed editorial production of the chamber's magazine and competed in moot court defense

Benue State Coordinator

The Orphan Empowerment Society | 2019 – 2020

- Coordinated regional projects in poverty alleviation, health, and skills empowerment for orphanages

Initiator, Coconut Palm Initiative

Secondary schools, Nigeria | 2022

- Led mental health awareness campaigns in collaboration with cross-functional partners

Fellow, Generalkopho Leadership Programme

Virtual | 2021

- Completed intensive leadership training, mentorship, and pitch competitions

Member (two terms), Law Students' Association House of Parliament

Benue State University | 2015 – 2017

- Sponsored student welfare bills and participated in policy debates

Education:

Barrister-at-Law (B.L.)

Nigerian Law School, Kano, Nigeria | 2022

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

Benue State University, Makurdi, Nigeria | 2021

Professional Memberships:

- Nigerian Bar Association – Section on Business Law (NBA-SBL), Member (2026)
- Data Privacy Lawyers Association of Nigeria (DPLAN), Member (2026)
- Nigerian Bar Association, Member (Admitted 2022)

Awards & Recognition:

- Distinguished Leadership Award – Redemption Chambers, Benue State University (2021)
- Meritorious Service Certificate – The Orphan Empowerment Society (2021)
- Winner, Ideas Pitch Contest – Generalkopho Leadership Programme (2021)
- Alumna, JIIPCC Mentorship and Internship Program, Entertainment Business and Law (2023)
- Member, Ethics and Privileges Committee (2020–2021)

Referees:

Available on request.