



BODY OF BENCHERS NIGERIA

3rd June, 2024

Mr. Daniel Tela,
The Secretary,
Body of Benchers Nigeria,
Dear sir,

FHC/L/CS/887/2024

AUGUSTINE OYAREKHUA ALEGEH, SAN

v

1. CHIEF ADEGBOYEGA AWOMOLO, SAN

2. THE BODY OF BENCHERS

Find herewith letter dated 3rd June 2024 from the immediate past chairman, Hon. Justice Mary Ukaego Peter-Odili, JSC (Rtd) on the above matter.

May I request for your response.

You may forward to me the memo approved by the former chairman where he instructed you to write the letter of appointment, please.

May I request for your response by Tuesday the 4th day of June 2024, please

Yours faithfully,


Asiwaju Adegboyega Awomolo, SAN

Chairman



Hon. Justice Mary U. Peter-Odili, CFR, JSC (Rtd).

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Chief Adegboyega Awomolo SAN
Chairman Body of Benchers

Learned Silk & Chairman,

**RE: APPOINTMENT TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BODY OF
BENCHERS APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE**

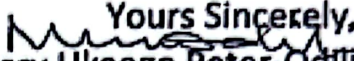
I have just got a copy of the letter signed by Daniel M. Tela Esq, Secretary Body of Benchers on the above titled subject dated 28th March, 2024.

It is with great shock to read the contents of the letter which in effect means that I, as outgoing chairman of the Body of Benchers, authorized the said appointment.

I could not have embarked on such an appointment of Augustine Alegeh SAN as Chairman of Appointment Committee for the following reasons:

1. I had made it known to the administration that I had no interest in reconfiguring the Appointment Committee during my tenure.
2. I could not have embarked on such a process on the day I chaired the last meeting of my tenure, which meant that the appointment would not be presented to the House for approval before the letter to the candidate.
3. I would not have entered into the restructuring of the Appointments Committee without reference to the vice-chairman with whom I worked as a team.

I am placing the above views on record to clarify the situation which is clearly an embarrassment to me and yourself, Chairman of the Body of Benchers. Therefore, I urge that the anomaly should be rectified and my person removed from being part of the said appointment of Augustine Alegeh SAN as Chairman of the Appointments Committee. I want to therefore categorically state that I did not make that appointment.

Yours Sincerely,

Mary Ukaego Peter-Odili
Rtd Justice of Supreme Court
And Former Chairman Body of Benchers.