

TEMPLARS



DISPUTE RESOLUTION

About Us

TEMPLARS is a foremost integrated full-service commercial law firm. With offices in key commercial centres in Nigeria i.e., **Lagos, Abuja** and **Port Harcourt**, the firm is strategically placed to offer quality legal services to clients across the length and breadth of the country.

At TEMPLARS, our strengths lie in our coverage of diverse legal fields as well as our familiarity with the major sectors of the Nigerian economy. Not only are we well acquainted with domestic and international business transactions, typically involving strategic alliances and complex business arrangements, our lawyers work daily with all kinds and sizes of businesses, to structure, negotiate and document their transactions.

We have built a reputation for understanding each client's peculiar business needs, and applying legal principles to craft workable solutions to meet those business objectives. Our lawyers are trained to diagnose and break down business problems from a commercial perspective and don the lawyer's hat to pursue business-savvy legal solutions.

We assist our clients to analyse the risks involved in their transactions; and we mitigate and hedge against those risks by deploying or devising appropriate risk management tools.

Consistent with our commercial approach in the service of our clients, we constantly employ cost-effective procedures in the pursuit of each mandate.



Tier 1 Firm



3 Cities



6 Practice Areas



14 Partners



**26 Years
Of Experience**



100+ Lawyers

What They Say About Us



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“Well-regarded group, highlighted for its impressive handling of multiple disputes in the oil and gas industry and wider energy sectors. Often involved in arbitrations, acting for multinational clients.”

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Chambers Global

“Consistently complimented for its strong commercial nous and ability to combine this with the team's dispute resolution skills ”

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IFLR 1000

Increasingly well-regarded group highlighted for its impressive handling of high-value disputes in the oil and gas and wider energy sectors.

Chambers Global

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“Well known for its strong commercial litigation and arbitration practice and is particularly active in industries such as oil, energy and telecoms on a domestic and international level.”

Chambers Global

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“ Singled out for its involvement in the oil and gas sector, with considerable knowledge of energy disputes.”

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The dispute resolution team at Templars is on top of the law and clearly focused on proactively thinking outside the box in proffering solutions to problems.

Legal 500



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Econet Wireless Nigeria Limited Shareholder Dispute

We successfully represented the investment entities of Delta State, Nigeria, in a US\$ 4 billion multi-party arbitration initiated by Econet Wireless Limited, arising out of the alleged violation of the pre-emption rights provisions of the shareholders agreement of a leading emerging markets telecommunications company.

We advised and represented the Bonga PSC Contractor (**Shell**, **ExxonMobil**, **Total**, and **Agip**) in arbitration as well as ancillary litigation against the Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN), arising from the FGN's demand for, and purported retroactive recovery of, circa US\$14Billion from the Contractor as alleged additional revenue accruing to the FGN as profit oil under the PSC.



We are continuing to represent **Shell's Nigerian** subsidiaries in the defence of an increasing slew of lawsuits that started with a ~\$2.8 billion claim by an indigenous oil company over a Shell subsidiary's sale of, and handling of crude oil in, the Nembe Crude Oil Trunk Line (NCTL) that transports crude oil to Nigeria's Bonny Terminal.



We successfully acted for the Nigerian subsidiaries of **ExxonMobil** and **Shell** in an ad hoc international arbitration resulting in a US\$2 billion+ award which, to date, remains the biggest commercial arbitration award to be handed down in Nigeria. And we have since obtaining that award been going fiercely and squarely against the award debtor, Nigeria's national oil company, Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (previously the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation) in enforcement versus set-aside proceedings at all three levels of the Nigerian judicial system, including the Supreme Court.



USAN PSC Contractors (ExxonMobil, Shell, Chevron, and Nexen)

We represented the OML 138 PSC Contractors in a \$1.5billion arbitration claim and ancillary litigation arising from a first-of-its-kind cost recovery dispute with the State-owned Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC).



We successfully represented **IHS Towers** (one of the largest independent owners, operators, and developers of shared telecommunications infrastructure in the world) in its defence of a ~\$230 million claim arising from the Management Services and Collocation Services Agreement between IHS and SWAP Technologies and Telecomms Ltd.

The Daily Telegraph

Successfully represented **Telegraph Media Group UK**, publishers of the **Daily Telegraph** of London, in a US\$350 million libel claim instituted by Multilinks Telecommunications and Telkom SA Limited at the High Court of Lagos, following an article published in the print and online editions of the Sunday Telegraph of London.

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Banking Sector Regulatory Sanction
Successfully represented one of three Nigerian banks subjected to regulatory sanction by the Central Bank of Nigeria in relation to allegations of unauthorized conversion of certificates of capital importation for MTN Nigeria.



Successfully represented **Google LLC** in a lawsuit before the High Court of Lagos that sought to enforce against Google, in connection with the Google Search Engine, certain fundamental rights, including the right to privacy and the right to the erasure of personal data under the Nigerian Data Protection Regulations 2019 which mirrors the “right to be forgotten” under the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation, 2018.



We are currently representing **Worldpay LLC** in civil and quasi-criminal proceedings (including prevention of dissipation of funds) in connection with the tracing and recovery of several million dollars of Worldpay’s funds which were fraudulently transferred out of the United States into multiple jurisdictions, including Nigeria.



Successfully represented **Societe Internationale de Telecommunication Aeronautiques (SITA)** in a lawsuit commenced by Maevis Limited for damages arising from the alleged inducement of the Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria’s (FAAN) to terminate Maevis’ contract for the provision of Common User Terminal Equipment (CUTE) services in key Nigerian Airports.



We successfully represented **South Atlantic Petroleum Limited (SAPETRO)** at the first appeal to the Supreme Court, resulting in a remission of the case to the Court of Appeal for a re-hearing. We are now representing SAPETRO at the second iteration of the appeal before the Court of Appeal as well as in an interlocutory appeal to the Supreme Court against a procedural decision of the Court of Appeal.



We are representing **NLNG** in connection with a tax appeal against the Federal Inland Revenue Service (“FIRS”) arising from FIRS assessment of NLNG in contravention of the Nigeria LNG (Fiscal Incentives, Guarantees and Assurances) Act, which grants NLNG specific exemptions, including the exemption from paying withholding tax (WHT) on interest on foreign loans and financial arrangements.

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