

EDITORIAL NOTE

It is with great pleasure and a deep sense of professional responsibility that I present the Third Edition of the Nigerian Bar Association, Port Harcourt Branch Journal. This edition marks yet another important milestone in our collective commitment to legal scholarship, intellectual discourse, and the continuous development of the legal profession.

In an era defined by rapid socio-economic changes, technological advancement, and evolving legal challenges, the role of the legal practitioner extends far beyond traditional advocacy. The law must remain responsive, progressive, and firmly rooted in justice. This edition reflects that imperative. It brings together a rich collection of well-researched articles, insightful analyses, and thought-provoking commentaries that address contemporary legal issues relevant not only to our jurisdiction but also to the global legal landscape.

The contributions featured in this volume explore diverse areas of law, including emerging trends in dispute resolution, developments in commercial practice, judicial reforms, and the intersection of law and technology. Each article has been carefully selected to stimulate critical thinking, encourage robust debate, and contribute meaningfully to legal knowledge and practice.

I commend the authors for their intellectual rigor and dedication to excellence. Their willingness to share knowledge underscores the collaborative spirit that strengthens our profession. I also extend my sincere appreciation to the Editorial Board for their diligence, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to producing a journal of high standard.

As we continue to navigate the complexities of modern legal practice, it is my hope that this Journal will serve as a valuable resource for practitioners, academics, and students alike. More importantly, may it

inspire continued scholarship and reinforce our shared duty to uphold the rule of law and promote justice in our society.

On behalf of the Editorial Team, I thank you for your continued support and engagement.

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