

## EDITORIAL NOTE

It is with great pride and a renewed sense of purpose that I present the Fourth Edition of the Nigerian Bar Association, Port Harcourt Branch Journal. Each successive edition of this Journal represents our enduring commitment to advancing legal scholarship, fostering intellectual engagement, and strengthening the practice of law within our jurisdiction and beyond.

This edition comes at a pivotal moment in the evolution of our publication. In response to the growing need for accessibility, sustainability, and wider dissemination of legal knowledge, we are pleased to introduce a significant development—this Fourth Edition marks the commencement of paid online access to the Journal via the Branch’s official website. This transition not only aligns with global best practices in legal publishing but also ensures that our work reaches a broader audience while maintaining the high standards that define this Journal.

The articles featured in this edition continue to reflect depth, relevance, and scholarly excellence. They interrogate contemporary legal issues, examine emerging trends, and provide practical insights that are invaluable to legal practitioners, academics, and students. From evolving jurisprudence to innovations in legal practice, this volume reinforces the role of the law as a dynamic tool for justice and societal development.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our contributors, whose dedication to research and intellectual discourse has made this publication possible. I also commend the Editorial Board for their diligence and unwavering commitment to excellence in curating and producing this edition.

As we embrace this new phase of digital accessibility, I encourage members of the Bar and the wider legal community to take full advantage of the online platform. It is our hope that this initiative will

not only enhance readership but also sustain the growth and impact of the Journal for years to come.

Thank you for your continued support.

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