

## EDITORIAL NOTE

It is with immense pleasure and heartfelt gratitude that I welcome you to the maiden edition of the Nigerian Bar Association Port Harcourt Journal.

The journey to this historic publication has been one of vision, dedication, and collective commitment. I am truly delighted that what was once an ambitious idea has now come to life in the form of this scholarly and practical contribution to the legal profession. This Journal marks a significant milestone in the intellectual growth and professional development of our Branch, and I am excited about the promise it holds for the legal community—locally and nationally.

This first edition reflects the rich diversity of legal thought and expertise within our fold. It is my hope that it becomes a veritable platform for legal scholarship, critical discourse, and policy influence, especially in shaping the future of legal practice in Nigeria. We have endeavoured to maintain academic integrity, relevance, and quality throughout the publication process.

I wish to express my deepest appreciation to the Editorial Board and Editorial advisory Board whose tireless efforts, rigorous reviews, and unwavering commitment made this publication possible. I am equally grateful to all our contributors, whose scholarly papers give this journal its life and purpose.

I remain thankful to the Nigerian Bar Association, Port Harcourt Branch, and the Chairman, Mrs Cordelia Uwuma Eke, for the opportunity to serve as Chairman of the Editorial Committee. It has been a great honour and a deeply fulfilling responsibility.

As you turn the pages of this Journal, may you find enlightenment, inspiration, and a renewed passion for the pursuit of justice and legal excellence.

Thank you.

**Prof. Chidi E. Halliday**

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