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Editorial

In this edition of our Quarterly Newsletter is a paper “Guardians of Innovation: The Power of Intellectual Property and Unlocking Innovations within the Law” by Dr. Fadila Abubakar Sodangi, Head, Department of Private & Islamic Law, Nile University of Nigeria, delivered at the J-K Gadzama LLP 9th Hon. Justice Chukwudifu Oputa JSC (Rtd) Professional Training and Mentoring Programme for Young Lawyers at the J-K Gadzama Court, Abuja.

We have a range of exciting and informative features that are sure to captivate our readers. Our Sights and Scenes section brings you the latest happenings from within and outside our firm. Our Photo Speak section brings you a visual narrative of some of our recent events, while our Legal Humor section is guaranteed to put a smile on your face. We also have exciting news from the firm, including updates on our upcoming events and a profile of our staff members who work tirelessly to provide our clients with the highest quality of legal services. As always, we are committed to providing quality and informative content that educates and entertains our readers. We hope you enjoy reading this edition of our Quarterly Newsletter.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions for future content. As usual, previous editions of our newsletter can be accessed at: <https://jkgadzamallp.com/publications/newsletters>.

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Guardians of Innovation: The Power of Intellectual Property and Unlocking Innovations within the Law

By Dr Fadila Abubakar Sodangi

Introduction

I am truly honoured to be here today for several reasons. First, it is a privilege to stand before such distinguished individuals. Second, this moment holds deep personal significance because of the connection between the principal partner of this firm Chief Joe Kyari Gadzama, SAN and my late father Sen. Abubakar Sodangi. They were more than colleagues at the Bar, they were brothers in every sense of the word. In standing before you, I feel that I am in the presence of a father. Thank you Sir for showing us what excellence means and paving the way for us to aspire for greatness in this noble profession. Finally, I deeply value the opportunity to speak to young colleagues about an area of law I am profoundly passionate about. Moments like these are always meaningful to me.

Overview of Intellectual Property and Innovation

We are living in an unprecedented era of innovations. From groundbreaking technological advancements to creative breakthroughs across diverse genres, the world has witnessed an extraordinary explosion of new ideas and inventions like never before. The World Economic Forum¹ stated that the creative economy has experienced significant growth, as documented in the 2018 Creative Economy Outlook report by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Between 2002 and 2015, the global market for creative goods and innovation,

primarily driven by sectors such as design, fashion, music and film, more than doubled in value, increasing from \$208 billion to \$509 billion.²

This is where the legal framework for intellectual property becomes essential. In simple terms, intellectual property rights refer to the right to ownership of one's manifested intellectual creations or ideas—referred to as "manifested" because these ideas must be expressed or fixed in a tangible medium. Laws establish the framework for the ownership and protection of intellectual property. However, beyond these legal provisions, it is important to explore the pivotal role lawyers play in safeguarding innovations.

The protection of intellectual property (IP) rights is typically governed by legal frameworks that include copyright, trademark, patent, industrial design, and trade secret laws. While the specific regulations vary across jurisdictions, these frameworks share a common purpose: safeguarding intangible rights based on well-established legal theories. These theories include utilitarianism, which emphasizes promoting innovation and societal benefits; labour theory, which justifies ownership through the creator's effort and investment; and personhood theory, which connects intellectual property to an individual's expression and identity.³ Intellectual property law is firmly anchored by the expertise and advocacy of lawyers. They play a pivotal role in interpreting complex legal frameworks,

safeguarding the rights of creators and innovators, and resolving disputes to ensure fair use and protection. By shaping policies and guiding enforcement, lawyers serve as the backbone of intellectual property law, fostering innovation and maintaining balance in a rapidly evolving legal landscape.

‘presents a significant direct link between judicial system performance and economic development. That is to say, the validity of intellectual property protection depends heavily on judicial system performance. . . . [F] or intellectual property rights to serve their purpose, effective judicial support is needed....⁴

Unlocking Innovation within the Law

The 1964 decision of the English courts in *Ladbroke (Football) Ltd v William Hill (Football) Ltd* highlights the pivotal role lawyers play in fostering and safeguarding innovation. This case demonstrated how legal expertise can clarify the boundaries of intellectual property rights, ensuring that innovations are both protected and leveraged effectively. By interpreting and applying legal principles, lawyers act as both enablers and protectors of creative and commercial advancements.

The case *Ladbroke (Football) Ltd v William Hill (Football) Ltd* (1964) was about copyright protection for football betting coupons. Ladbroke claimed that William Hill had copied their coupon design and layout, arguing it was an original work protected by copyright. The court had to decide whether the coupon had enough originality to qualify for copyright protection.

The litigation was a high-profile legal battle, with both parties selecting prominent legal figures as

counsel. William Hill was represented by Frank Soskice QC (1902–1979), who later became Home Secretary in 1964. Representing Ladbroke was Gerald Gardiner QC (1900–1990), renowned for defending the publisher in the famous *Lady Chatterley's Lover* trial and who also became Lord Chancellor in 1964.

Lord Denning MR, although held an unfavourable opinion on the appearance of the coupon, he recognized that the selection of 16 betting lists, along with their arrangement in a coupon with headings and notes, constituted a "compilation." He concluded that Ladbroke had infringed copyright by copying 15 of these lists and much of the accompanying headings and notes. After extensive deliberations, the House of Lords (Lord Reid, Lord Evershed, Lord Hodson, Lord Devlin, and Lord Pearce) unanimously dismissed the appeal. They upheld the ruling that the betting coupons were "original" compilations protected by copyright and that Ladbroke had committed infringement of copyright. The Lords highlighted the significant effort, investment, and creativity put into creating the coupons, as well as the substantial copying by the defendants. This decision reinforced the importance of "labour, skill, and judgment" as key elements in establishing originality under British copyright law.

The law fulfils multiple roles for a lawyer, but most notably, it serves as a platform for innovation. It challenges lawyers to think creatively, craft unique solutions, and adapt to evolving societal needs, allowing them to shape and refine legal principles while addressing complex issues.

The Role of Lawyers in Innovation and Protection of Intellectual Property Rights

Innovation and creativity are integral to the economic development of any jurisdiction, and young lawyers play a crucial role as guardians of

these advancements, equipped with the tools of the law. As emerging legal professionals, young lawyers are uniquely positioned to bridge the gap between evolving technological landscapes and legal frameworks. With your familiarity and adeptness in today's technologies, you possess a distinct advantage in navigating and shaping the future of innovation through case law. This presents an invaluable opportunity for young lawyers to unlock new avenues for fostering and protecting innovation in the legal domain.

Guardians of Innovation

Lawyers play a critical role in the protection and advancement of innovation, by acting as both facilitators and guardians within the legal framework. Their expertise is indispensable in navigating intellectual property laws, which are designed to encourage creativity and reward ingenuity while maintaining a balance between individual rights and public interest. By drafting and enforcing patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secret protections, lawyers ensure that innovators can secure exclusive rights to their creations, fostering an environment conducive to further development and economic growth.

Additionally, lawyers contribute to the evolution of Intellectual property law by engaging in policy advocacy, clarifying ambiguities, and adapting legal best practices from across the globe to emerging technologies. Their ability to anticipate legal risks and craft strategic agreements enables innovators to collaborate while safeguarding their interests. Ultimately, lawyers not only protect the fruits of innovation but also drive its proliferation by establishing the legal certainty necessary for research, investment, and development to thrive. You and your chosen noble profession are the guardians of innovation.

Thomas Edison, inventor of the light bulb, Bill Gates inventor of Microsoft and Sam Altman CEO of Open AI and inventor of the famous ChatGPT all rely on the professionalism and expertise of their lawyers. They have at one moment in time said "I will run that by my lawyer"

Challenges

Some Intellectual property rights involve complex technological issues, and many lawyers lack the technical training needed to fully understand these areas. Without proper guidance, lawyers may struggle to assess the impact of technology and could easily make errors in advocating for clients. A lawyer may be prepared to advocate for rights that are not justifiable, particularly if they are inexperienced in the field. We are not to determine the quality of innovation but rather protect the rights of the innovator.

Technological advancements often outpace legal development, leading to situations where lawyers must apply outdated laws to emerging technologies. This can create challenges, as seen with apps, content creation and AI generated literary works and art which are not covered by the body of laws. The patenting of complex technologies, such as genetically modified organisms, can also raise legal and ethical dilemmas.⁵

Recommendations

It is important to develop a comprehensive understanding of the intellectual property laws within your specific jurisdiction, recognizing that IP laws are inherently jurisdictional in nature. However, it is equally important to be well-versed in international best practices for the protection of intellectual property rights, as these practices offer valuable frameworks for global consistency and alignment.

Legal practitioners should actively seek out and engage with challenging cases that present opportunities to break new ground in IP law, pushing the boundaries of established legal principles. In doing so, it is essential to approach each case without bias, but rather with professionalism, and a commitment to fairness, ensuring that advocacies are based solely on legal merit rather than personal bias. The determination of what constitutes "fine art" or originality should not be based on subjective perception but must align with the criteria set forth by the law. Legal standards for originality must be applied consistently to uphold the integrity of intellectual property protections.

Conclusion

In conclusion, lawyers play an essential and multifaceted role in the protection and promotion of innovation within the legal landscape. Intellectual property law, serving as both a safeguard and a platform for creativity, hinges on the expertise of lawyers to ensure that the rights of creators and innovators are properly protected. Through their deep understanding of IP laws, lawyers navigate complex legal frameworks, advocate for policy development, and mitigate risks, all while fostering an environment that encourages further innovation.

However, the rapidly advancing technological landscape presents challenges. The complexity of modern innovations often surpasses the technical knowledge of many lawyers, potentially leading to misinterpretations or errors in judgment without proper guidance. Moreover, the intersection of law and technology sometimes requires lawyers to apply outdated legal principles to new, unforeseen technological developments, raising difficult legal and ethical questions. Despite these challenges, your importance as young lawyers play a pivotal role in shaping the future of intellectual property

law, adapting to new realities, and making critical value judgments that impact the scope and validity of innovation rights.

Ultimately, the importance of lawyers in protecting innovation cannot be overstated. They not only ensure that legal protections keep pace with technological progress, but also act as key drivers in translating the law into an effective mechanism for fostering creativity, investment, and societal advancement.

Thank you for your attention.

End Notes

¹ World Economic Forum Economic growth, '5 things you need to know about creativity' <https://www.weforum.org/stories/2019/04/5-things-you-need-to-know-about-creativity/> accessed on 20th December

² Creative Economy Outlook Trends in International Trade In Creative Industries Country Profiles 2002 – 2015 2005 – 2014 https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/ditcted2018d3_en.pdf accessed on 20th December 2024

³ William Fisher, 'Theories of Intellectual Property' <https://cyber.harvard.edu/people/tfisher/iptheory.pdf>

Accessed on 20th December 2024

⁴ Robert M Sherwood 'The economic importance of judges', paper read at International Judges' Conference on IP Law, Washington DC, Oct 1999. There are a number of studies on this aspect published by the World Bank and the International Finance Corporation

⁵ Gibbs, Kelsey, "Patenting Genes: Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)" (2015). Symposium Of University Research and Creative Expression (SOURCE). 120. <https://digitalcommons.cwu.edu/source/2015/posters/120> accessed 20th December 2024

SIGHTS AND SCENES

J-K Gadzama LLP 9th Hon. Justice Chukwudifu Oputa JSC (Rtd) Professional Training and Mentoring Programme for Young Lawyers held at the J-K Gadzama Court, Abuja on Saturday, November 23, 2024



Asiwaju Adegboyega Awomolo, SAN, Chairman, Body of Benchers giving his remarks



Chief Mela Audu Nunghe, SAN, Principal Partner, Mela Audu Nunghe, SAN & Co. delivering the Keynote Address



Nestor Ikeagu, Ph.D, Director, Legal Department, Securities and Exchange Commission, Abuja delivering his paper



Dr. Fadila Abubakar Sodangi, Head, Department of Private and Islamic Law, Nile University delivering her paper



The Host, Chief Joe-Kyari Gadzama, SAN, Principal Partner, J-K Gadzama LLP giving the welcome remarks



L-R: Darlington Onyekwere; Nestor Ikeagu, Ph.D; Chief Mela Audu Nunghe, SAN; Asiwaju Adegboyega Awomolo, SAN, Chairman, Body of Benchers; Chief Joe-Kyari Gadzama, SAN; Dr. Fadila Abubakar Sodangi and Daniel M. Tela, Secretary, Body of Benchers



One of the participants asking a question during the session



A cross-section of participants

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L-R: Chief Mela Audu Nunghe, SAN; Chief Joe-Kyari Gadzama, SAN; Daniel M. Tela, Secretary, Body of Benchers and Asiwaju Adegboyega Awomolo, SAN, Chairman, Body of Benchers



Chidera Mgbe, Junior Partner, J-K Gadzama LLP moderating the session



Chief Joe-Kyari Gadzama, SAN presenting a plaque to Chief Mela Audu Nunghe, SAN



Chief Joe-Kyari Gadzama, SAN presenting a plaque to Dr. Fadila Abubakar Sodangi



Chief Joe-Kyari Gadzama, SAN presenting a plaque to Nestor Ikeagu, Ph.D



Chief Mela Audu Nunghe, SAN presenting the Certificate of Participation to Deborah Onyiaocha



Darlington Onyekwere presenting the Certificate of Participation to Abubakar Ali Kachallah Mohammed



Madu Joe-Kyari Gadzama, Partner, J-K Gadzama LLP delivering the closing remarks



Words on Marble

Each man has to find out why he was created, has to find out how do I achieve my purpose. At the end of creation, how do I make a positive impact on my age, on my nation, on my family. If you do that, you are living a footprint for those coming behind to follow.

– Justice Chukwudifu Oputa

The end of law is not to abolish or restrain, but to preserve and enlarge freedom. For in all the states of created beings, capable of laws where there is no law, there is no freedom.

– John Lock

No man is above the law and no man is below it; nor do we ask any man's permission when we ask him to obey it. Obedience to the law is demanded as a right; not asked as a favor.

– Theodore Roosevelt

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.

– Mark Twain

Extend to each person, no matter how trivial the contact, all the care and kindness and understanding and love that you can muster, and do it with no thought of any reward. Your life will never be the same.

– OG Mandino

PHOTO SPEAK



Chief Joe-Kyari Gadzama, SAN with the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Hon. Justice Kudirat M. Olatokunbo Kekere-Ekun, GCON



Chief Joe-Kyari Gadzama, SAN with students from the Nigerian Law School posted to the firm for their externship at the Supreme Court, Abuja after a court sitting



The Principal Partner, J-K Gadzama LLP, Chief Joe-Kyari Gadzama, SAN with Madu Joe-Kyari Gadzama, Head of Dispute Resolution Department, after a court sitting at the Supreme Court, Abuja



The Principal Partner, J-K Gadzama LLP, Chief Joe-Kyari Gadzama, SAN with Hajara M.S. Sorondinki, Secretary of Dispute Resolution Department after a court sitting at the Supreme Court, Abuja



Madu Joe-Kyari Gadzama speaking at the CIARB Nigeria Branch 2024 Annual Conference and Gala Night in Abuja, Nigeria



L-R: Roselyn Hanzi, Sarah Jeta Atumga, Ramadhan Abubakar and Naomi Byabazaire, after their Panel session on the Democratic Impact of Shrinking Civic Space at the 2024 Pan African Lawyers Union Annual Conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.



Jerry Ombugadu Musa with Prof. Abubakar Olanrenwaju Suleiman at the Book Launch in Honour of Prof. Abubakar Olanrenwaju Suleiman, Director General of the National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS) at NILDS Building, Abuja



L-R: Gideon Agbedo; Jerry Ombugadu Musa and Victor Danier at the Book Launch in Honour of Prof. Abubakar Olanrenwaju Suleiman, Director General of the National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS) at NILDS Building, Abuja



NEWS

FROM THE FIRM

- The distinguished legal luminary, Chief Joe-Kyari Gadzama OFR, MFR, SAN was conferred with Life Council Membership by the African Bar Association (AfBA), The prestigious conferment took place at the Kenneth Kaunda Wing of the Mulungushi International Conference Center, Lusaka, Zambia during the AfBA Annual Conference, on 27 October, 2024.
- In a strategic move to bolster its leadership and expertise, the Firm appointed Darlington Onyekwere as its new Managing Partner and Madu Joe-Kyari Gadzama as Head of Dispute Resolution.
- The Chief Justice of Nigeria, Hon. Justice Kudirat Motonmori Olatokunbo Kekere-Ekun, GCON chaired the J-K Gadzama LLP 17th Annual Public Lecture (Virtual) on Wednesday, 23rd October, 2024. It was a highly anticipated and insightful event that brought together prominent and erudite legal luminaries to discuss the topic, "The Impact of International Law on Litigation and Arbitration in Nigeria".
- The Firm held its 9th Hon. Justice Chukwudifu Oputa JSC (Rtd) Annual Professional Training and Mentoring Programme for Young Lawyers, from 22nd to 24th November, 2024. The Event, was chaired by Honourable Justice Eleojo Enenche, JCA, had Chief Mela Nunghe, SAN, as the Keynote Speaker.
- The Firm held its 25th Staff End-of-Year Party and 10th Christmas Carol on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at the S.M.A Belgore Conference Hall, J-K Gadzama Court, Abuja.

SIGHTS AND SCENES

25th J-K Gadzama LLP Staff End-of-Year Party and 10th Christmas Carol held at the J-K Gadzama Court, Abuja on Thursday, December 12, 2024



Chief Joe-Kyari Gadzama, SAN welcoming the Resident Pastor, EYN Church Utako, Rev. Caleb Dakwak Sylvanus



Sir Ben Anachebe, SAN giving his remarks



The Resident Pastor, EYN Church Utako, Rev. Caleb Dakwak Sylvanus ministering



A cross-section of the guests



Obiblo Music wowing the audience with exquisite Christmas Carols



Chief Joe-Kyari Gadzama, SAN presenting a plaque to Prof. & Mrs Peter Terkaa Akper, SAN



Rev. Caleb Dakwak Sylvanus presenting the Merit Award for Overall Outstanding Performance by an Associate to Hajara M. Sorondinki



Rev. Caleb Dakwak Sylvanus presenting the Merit Award for Runner-up, Overall Outstanding Performance by an Associate to Onyekachi Eluwa

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Rev. Caleb Dakwak Sylvanus presenting the Merit Award for Overall Outstanding Performance by a Support Staff to Ishaku Haman Adamu



Rev. Caleb Dakwak Sylvanus presenting the Merit Award for Runner-up, Overall Outstanding Performance by Support Staff to Gospel Kanu



Abba Joseph Madu Gadzama (Grandson of Chief Joe-Kyari Gadzama, SAN) receiving the 2nd Runner-Up of the Table Tennis Tournament (Male Category) on Behalf of his Father, Madu Joe-Kyari Gadzama



Helen Ayegba receiving her award as winner of the Table Tennis Tournament (Female Category)



Chief Joe-Kyari Gadzama, SAN (middle) with Mr. & Mrs Selcan Miner



Chief Joe-Kyari Gadzama, SAN (Middle) with friends, colleagues and well-wishers



Emmanuella Cyril-Hart and Victor Okon moderating



Darlington Onyekwere giving the closing remarks



UPCOMING EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

Annual Conference of the African Bar Association,
18 – 20 February, 2025, Abuja, Nigeria

10th Hon. Justice Chukwudifu Oputa JSC, (Rtd) Professional Training and
Mentoring Programme for Young Lawyers, 14 - 16 March, 2025

9th International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Africa Conference on
International Arbitration, 28 - 30 May, 2025

PALU Annual Conference and Triennial General Assembly,
June, 2025 Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

Nigerian Law Society Annual General Conference (Hybrid), July, 2025

Nigerian Bar Association Annual General Conference,
August, 2025, Port Harcourt, Nigeria

18th J-K Gadzama LLP Public Annual Lecture, September 2025

6th AfAA Annual Conference, 10 - 12 October 2025
Cairo, Egypt

International Bar Association (IBA) Annual Conference,
2 - 7 November, 2025, Toronto, Canada

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (C.Arb.) Nigeria Branch Annual
Conference and Gala Nite, 2025, Abuja, Nigeria

SIGHTS AND SCENES

Chief Joe-Kyari Gadzama and Christine Namicit Miner wedding ceremony held on Friday, December 13, 2024



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The Vox Populi Foundation for Leadership was founded in the year 2010 and was incorporated in the year 2012 by its founder Chief J-K Gadzama OFR, MFR, SAN, FNIALS, FCI Arb. (UK) (of Lincolns Inn, Barrister/Life Bencher/CEDR Accredited Mediator). The Foundation is a Non-Profit making institution formed to deepen the understanding of democracy by carrying out structured programmes that promote positive leadership qualities and ideals in the society. This is because we believe that a society can only evolve when the people have the opportunity to contribute to the process of governance and have a voice in the creation of policies and laws that affect them as a people.

How do we do this?

We sincerely believe the best way to achieve this goal is to pursue initiatives that look at proffering solutions to the issues that interfere with governance. We look at utilizing the immense manpower of youths and able bodied people who are hungry to bring about a change in their society through direct engagement with society in a volunteer signup process, which is one of the mechanisms we intend to employ to secure citizens participation. This process of inclusion we believe will foster and build a common front that will enable people to improve on their understanding of what leadership connotes in their everyday lives and reinforce their commitment towards creating a better society.

Governance

Created with gifts by its founder Chief J-K Gadzama, the foundation is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization, with its own Board. The trustees of the foundation set policies and delegate authority to the Director General and senior staff for the foundation's operations. Zonal volunteer Heads in the 6 geo-political zones explore opportunities to pursue the foundation's goals and formulate strategies for action.

Location

The Foundation is headquartered in Abuja. It conducts its activities through an increasing pool of volunteers from across the country.



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*to promote, protect and safeguard the tenets and ideals of democracy
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support a platform that will inspire proactive leadership
that will drive the
free flow of democratic ideals and social justice.*

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