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POSTPONED

BOWING OUT IN STYLE



EDITOR'S NOTE

We write with mixed feelings as this 5th edition marks the end of our amiable Prof Joy Ngozi Ezeilo's (OON) tenure as the Dean of the Faculty. It has been an awesome ride with this great achiever, whose work-in-the-office ethos has not only surmounted heights, but also demystified impossible feats.

1st of August 2018 still seems like yesterday and we as a faculty are proud of what she has accomplished in these 2 years of her seamless and stress less tenure. Indeed she has left an indelible foot print that would be remembered for time immemorial.

This 5th edition of the Dean's Bulletin showcases Prof Joy Ngozi Ezeilo's (OON) achievements for these past two (2) years. We assure you that by the time you are done reading this bulletin all hats will be doffed for this achiever.

We the editorial team "SALUTE YOU" for your extraordinary exploits, doggedness and exemplary tenure. We will indeed miss you.

We also wish to announce that this is our last edition for our editorial team. Therefore we want to thank you for being with us throughout this journey. Thank you for the feedbacks, encouragements and the boost. Thank you for allowing us to serve you. Indeed it has been an enriching experience.

To my team, as we bow out, I say thank you, Akachi Nwogu-Ikojo, Obinna Edeh, Portia Chigbu. Uju Okeke, Ikenna okoli and Ben Anyi. You all made the work easy.

Chibike Amucheazi
Faculty Dean's Bulletin Editor in Chief

DEAN'S CORNER

This is my last message to the Faculty of Law, University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus as your Dean for the tenure of 1st August 2018-31st July 2020, I say thanks for allowing me serve you for the past two years. It has been an honour to work and walk with you all.

MY GRATITUDE: I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT ALONE! TOGETHER WE MADE A DIFFERENCE

I want to celebrate the academic staff of the Faculty who strived in both teaching and research. We boast of the best students as we have been able to diligently drill them and put them on the global map. We celebrate the great increase of impact factor journals in our faculty, we are proud to state that we have the best academic staff well-groomed and seasoned to compete in any world class legal institution across the globe. Our Law school records are laudable and speaks for itself. **As you know, we are the first Faculty of law in Nigeria and our goal is to remain the first and the best so as to be a reference point in the University.** We have tried to establish an environment where people can work; and since my Deanship we have instituted various projects, particularly targeted at infrastructural development so that every lecturer can have a decent office, we have succeeded in that.

Sincere thanks from the deepest part of my heart to all staff at the Faculty for their support whenever called upon to join my high-speed moving train ride to move this faculty to the next level. We all now know that change has come and have embraced it. Importantly, we must constantly remind ourselves that our work is not done and we must work harder to ensure that this transformational change is sustained. The slogan henceforth **is forward ever, backward never.** We have set the pace in putting this Faculty on an irreversible developmental gear. No one can push and pull us back. To God be the glory that we have trailed the blaze and demonstrated that working together we can make this faculty truly the first and the best.

Today we have a lot to showcase with over 60 (sixty) projects – completed within two years of my deanship. We have an upcoming project at hand, including to have the 'African Center for Law and Good Governance' and that will be named 'Ben Nwabueze Centre for Law and Good Governance'. Professor Ben Nwabueze is the first indigenous Dean of this faculty. Before him we had expatriates, who were Deans successively. Importantly, he has made stellar contributions in the area of constitutional development in Africa.

We are looking forward to having an endowment where this faculty will be self-sufficient. Having been to the Michigan State University, School of Law and many universities, I have seen how these things work and I know we can achieve it. We have come a long way as the

first Faculty of Law in Nigeria. At 60th, we will by God's grace show that we are the best in terms of staff, students, scholarship and infrastructure.

For the faculty we are celebrating our enormous footprint of excellence in diverse areas in law and other related fields, which has spanned through generations. As I boldly wrote in my letter to parents during our Matriculation **“the Faculty of Law is the best place to study and students are safe with us and in the best hands that have trained generations of lawyers.”**

We have developed the Wall of Fame. The essence is that whatever anybody puts in this faculty we will acknowledge. We have categories: We have the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond and Platinum. We have also other projects in the making, we shall be commemorating the 60th anniversary and setting up a Joint Trust Fund with the UNEC Law Alumni for sustainable scholarship and development of the faculty.

For the 60th anniversary trust fund, we are looking at every class answering their names, for example with Two Million Naira or more. Those who graduated in the last five years may pay a lower amount or spread it out. We hope to raise at least 100 Million Naira endowment. As discussed, and approved at the Faculty Board we will have trustees, including alumni and there will be no expenditure from that fund without the approval of the faculty board and itemized budget providing detailed justification for such proposed expenditure.

I wish to restate that my dream foregrounded by the University's and the Vice-Chancellor's vision is to have a world class law faculty or law school as they describe it in some other climes. Undoubtedly, this would not have been possible without full support and encouragement of the University administration, colleagues at the Faculty and importantly our donors and financial supporters. In pursuit of the mandate given to me by the Vice-Chancellor, I vigorously mobilized resources from our alumni, donors and friends to leapfrog infrastructural development that has created an adequate, effective and enabling work environment. We are indebted and appreciative of the Pro Chancellor and the Chairman of the UNN Governing Council, Chief Mike Olorufemi who on seeing work initiated at the Faculty and in support of our accomplishments generously donated his personal fund of One Million



Naira (N1,000,000.00). This gesture is unprecedented and he has through his incisive, humane and God-fearing leadership and in consonance with the Vice Chancellor, Professor Charles Arinzechukwu Igwe propelled UNN to greater heights.

Kindly permit me to quote my colleague - a Law Professor and a Catholic Priest he says:

*“Professor Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, OON, Dean of Law, UNEC. I can no longer hold myself from exploding with excitement, bewilderment, trepidation, with my mouth agape, lost in wondrous contemplation of the (I'm afraid I lack the adequate and appropriate vocabs) tremendous, awe-inspiring, positive transformational changes taking place on daily basis at the Faculty of Law, UNEC. Our Faculty is now like Dubai where if you visit one week after you will be lost because of rapid development. I really don't know how this woman is doing all these. Incredible! The Faculty has completely been transformed for better within just few months of her Deanship. Jesus! What's going on? Where are you getting all these ideas and money? I bow in admiration, support and joy. I do so for two reasons: First, good works must be appreciated and truth be told. The encomiums poured on you by the VC on your inaugural lecture were even merely scratching the surface and premature. Let him come today and see the level of transformation and he will be lost. The second reason is that I and many others CANNOT match your level in this aspect. I would easily fly to the cover that there's no money coming from the administration and do little or nothing. I want it to be on record that since my 27 years (almost 28) in this Faculty, there has never been any era of such a positive transformational trajectory and at such a supersonic speed. It's simply amazing! It's beyond my contemplation and that of many others. Prof, Ada eji eje mba, Onwa, Ochendo, Nne-Eze, Nne oma, UN Special Rapporteur, etc, etc, among the myriads of your deserving titles and awards too numerous to mention, I convey another new one on you: 'Achiever Dean'. I can boast that I'm speaking the minds of many of us at the Faculty and beyond (academic and non academic). Nne, jide ka iji. We love you; we are praying for you; we are solidly behind your lifting our Faculty to greater and international height and level. We pray God to continue to give you strength, wisdom and courage in Jesus Name, Amen. Colleagues feel free to share this my post. I wrote it from the bottom of my heart and the raw way I feel. I shall share it unadulterated and unedited with my class, the UNEC 89 Law Class. My final wish and prayer is this: may the sources of your funds never run dry in Jesus Name, Amen. **Your colleague at the Faculty, Professor Rev. Fr Edwin Obimma Ezike, PhD, FC Arb.**”*

CONCLUSION

Within the past twenty-four months notwithstanding the disruptive Covid-19 Pandemic (August 2018 to Date), we have dared to upgrade and transform this Faculty to an International standard. In fact, the Covid-19 did not stop us from working hard to complete the task at hand. **My achievement with my team at this Faculty is the University's success as well.**

I am very appreciative of the assistance Dr. Sam Nwatu, who as the Chairman of the Faculty's Works Committee personally supervises details of works (construction, furniture etc.) I embarked upon and accomplished. Our Faculty is like a big construction yard with work going on at every point. It might interest you to know that all was made here at the Faculty. I am now convinced that we can successfully teach **Construction Law** to add to the Land and Conveyancing Law offered at our Faculty. The direct labour approach helped us to manage our scarce resources raised from alumni, donors, friends and colleagues effectively and efficiently. Today we have a lot to showcase with over 60 projects – under my deanship.

As promised, I did my best to run an open, transparent and accountable administration as we confidently march to the finish line July 31st 2020. We have come a long way as the first Faculty of Law in Nigeria. At 60 we will by God's grace continue to show that we are the best in terms of staff, students, scholarship and infrastructure. We appreciate once more our numerous benefactors whose financial and material assistance helped to leapfrog our infrastructural development. Once more, forward ever, backward never. To God be the glory!

God bless the Faculty of Law and her alumni, God bless Prof. Benjamin Ozumba, under whose leadership it all started. I owe him a lot. God Bless University administration led by our VC, Prof. Charles Arinzechukwu Igwe, and the head of our Enugu Campus Professor Edith Ogonnaya Nwosu. God bless the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the University, Chief Mike Olorufemi, generous and God fearing man of integrity.

God bless UNN!

God bless you all!

Professor Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, (OON).

MY STEWARDSHIP

BOWING OUT IN STYLE: YES, WE DID IT! TOGETHER WE MADE THE FACULTY OF LAW, UNN GREATER AND FIRST AMONG EQUALS

THE FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, ENUGU CAMPUS UNDER THE TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF PROFESSOR JOY NGOZI EZEILO (OON)

ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROFESSOR JOY NGOZI EZEILO (OON), AS THE DEAN FROM 1ST AUGUST 2018 TO 31ST JULY, 2020

1. Completed Chain-link concrete and barbed wired walling of the entire Faculty landmass, including securing it from trespassers invading our boundaries from the IMT side. The landscaping of the faculty is on-going. Control of sewage flow and flooding around the basement area. Plumbing work to bury the open sewage pipes and create chambers to properly channel waste. Checking the perennial flooding of the Faculty new Administrative building owing to blockage of waste at the boundary and new Enugu State Government allocated Estate-situate at old WTC and UNEC Land. Payloaders were hired and used to clear the place.
2. Constructed and furnished eleven (11) brand new offices for lecturers with full furniture and air conditioners.
3. Construction of ultra-modern 510 seating capacity classroom chairs with support of Alumni class 1990. It is a very expensive project involving also retiling and other ancillary works we supported directly like windows and door changes to aid what the class provided.
4. Construction of complete walkway around the entire Faculty Administrative Building.
5. Erection of embankment wall at the basement of Faculty Administrative Building.
6. Concreting of the entrance of the Faculty Administrative Building. Also, the re-construction of concrete slabs at the main entrance of the Faculty of Law, complex.
7. Construction of pedestrian crossing over the embankment wall at the basement of the Faculty Administrative Building.
8. Construction of ultra-modern Faculty reception area at the front entrance of the Faculty's administrative building.
9. Construction of security house for security personnel with full sanitation facilities to check incessant stealing and security related challenges.
10. Creating and equipping a Faculty ICT room with computers, air conditioners, tables, burglary proof etc. And it is now powered by an inverter.
11. Creation of a 35-seater Faculty Postgraduate Seminar Room within the administrative building.
12. Creation of a 14-seater Departmental Board Room, for departmental meetings and 24-hours inverter for steady power supply.
13. Demarcation of seven General Offices for the seven Departments in the Faculty.
14. Equipped the student's Moot Court with complete and modern courtroom fittings.
15. Carving out of Judge's Office, Secretary's Office and Cloak Room in the Moot Court.
16. Constructed modern Car Park for six vehicles constructed.
17. Construction of eighty seating capacity Post Graduate befitting Classroom with tables and chairs at the Coscharis lecture theatres.
18. Upgrading & furnishing of the Faculty Board Room to a 70-seater status with ultra-modern executive furniture, including inverter for 24 hours power supply. This board room with the approval of the Faculty board is now named after a legal luminary and the first indigenous dean of this Faculty, Professor Ben Nwabueze, SAN. It was among the facilities that was commissioned on 20th May, 2019 by the Pro Chancellor and the immediate past Vice Chancellor, Prof. Benjamin Chukwuma Ozumba.
19. Partial re-roofing of the Mary Odili Auditorium Complex in 2018 and continuing maintenance of the edifice to tenantable conditions.
20. Securing all windows and doors into Hon. Justice Mary Odili Auditorium Complex with burglary proofs and refitted

- ceiling boards.
21. Renovation of lecturers' offices at the Mary Odili Complex and replacing all leaking roof and ceiling boards in 2018 and 2019.
 22. Created a wall of fame to honour Faculty benefactors and alumni who have contributed financially and otherwise to the growth of the Faculty. This wall is motivating donors who appreciate the transparency and accountability with funds raised under the leadership of Dean, Prof. Joy Ezeilo.
 23. Beautification of the Faculty Arcade and Quadrangle as a custom ready-made ultra-modern cocktail venue with appropriate furniture for events.
 24. Renovation of the Dean's Office and re-furnishing it with ultra-modern facilities, including a conference table. The Dean's Office is now powered by an inverter.
 25. We have engaged and commissioned software experts that developed an application that is known as Results Management Solution. Its value added include:
 - a. comprehensive results data base for undergraduate students of the Faculty;
 - b. fast and accurate processing of results;
 - c. fast and accurate provision of students' transcript; and
 - d. monitoring of students' academic progress.
 Importantly, this will solve perennial problem of missing results/files of our students at the Registry given the fact that their results have to be ready for onward transmission to the Nigerian Law School where they are expected to undergo one-year practical training post their Law Degree.
 26. Creating and furnishing a Faculty Lounge with 24 hour-inverter power supply, inverter air conditioner, relaxation couch and reading tables, Refrigerator, microwave, utensils and full complement of tea/coffee to ensure an enabling environment for academic staff to do uninterrupted research and preparation for lecture/classes.
 27. Coscharis Classrooms overhaul of damaged seats. Repair of desks in Classrooms 1, 2 and-3 of CLT. Room 3 now has the full complement of functional desks. Repairs in Room 1 and 2 is 100% completed. Construction of complete brand-new chairs in Room 4 completed by the end of September, 2019. Continuation of overhaul of classrooms for the use of our undergraduate and Post Graduate students and as stated by the Dean, will continue as funds are raised until we achieve a world class model teaching classroom.
 28. Skating (Tiling) of the lower outer walls of the Faculty Administration building. It was in a despicable state before we embarked on this measure. We appreciate the generous donation of five million by an alumna Lady (Mrs.) Aku Pauline Odinkemelu (nee Ukabam) of Class 86.
 29. Attracted an external partnership with the Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI), University of Lund, Sweden and through this has secured research grant and foreign study visits for four staff lecturers, including funding for meetings in Nairobi (4 times) and Addis Ababa (5 times). Faculty of Law, UNN is now listed as a beneficiary in their 5-year program of support funded by Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. There are only seven Universities in Africa that are beneficiaries. Many more of our academic staff will benefit and travel overseas under this partnership. This partnership will also help build institutional capacity of our Human Rights and Documentation Centre under the coordination of Prof. Joy Ngozi Ezeilo to be a major player in human rights education for all.
 30. Attraction and furnishing of United Nations Human Rights and Documentation Centre. They have given us over three thousand publications. The University has approved this Centre and we now have introduced human rights law in our undergraduate programme. We hope that the continuation of this partnership will lead to enhanced visibility of this Faculty nationally and internationally. We are grateful to Dr. Martin Ejidike, the Human Rights Officer in charge at the UN Country office in Abuja, a great Alumni of UNN for his role in securing this Centre and subsequent MoU. We look forward to a robust collaboration and cooperation in human rights education in Nigeria and beyond with key partners like the Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI) that we have entered into MoU with to start trainings for law enforcement agencies on human rights and the

- administration of criminal justice in Nigeria and beyond.
31. Initiated Dean's Bulletin- a quarterly publication of the Faculty of Law to keep staff, students, alumni and the wider University informed of the developments at the Faculty. We have published it in the last four quarters and the fifth edition is underway.
 32. Establishing Dean's List and Mentorship Programme for students in order to provide incentives for competition and excellence in academic pursuit by students. Similarly, gave cash awards and organized cocktail and standing presentation of Impact Factor published articles by the Faculty staff. Fourteen lecturers have so far benefited from this. The 3D forum is open to both academic and non-academic staff, including students and have been marked with fanfare. And it is my earnest hope that this tradition heralded by ringing of bell will continue post my tenure.
 33. Repainting of many parts of the Faculty Administrative Building in 2018/2019 and this July, 2020 repainted the whole of the Admin block, Security Post, Toilets etc.
 34. Attraction of the repainting of the Coscharis Lecture Rooms by the Student's Union Government, Enugu Campus under the leadership of Comrade Tochukwu Onah.
 35. Establishment of a restaurant in the Faculty furnished by us with modern kitchenette and fixtures for operation.
 36. Procurement of Computers and printers for the seven departments, including for the Faculty Officer and the Dean's office.
 37. Electrical works and general maintenance of existing infrastructure at the Faculty of Law buildings including extensive repairs of the Faculty Bus to put it back on the road. Both faculty vehicles have been overhauled and in top performance, fully painted and rebranded.
 38. Celebrated first branded Christmas Party for the Faculty with gift items for all staff in December, 2018 and 2019.
 39. Acquired two brand-new state of the art photocopiers to aid production of large volumes copying, especially during examinations.
 40. Created three sets of storage rooms at the Faculty basement with storage fittings for files and other property.
 41. Mobilized Alumni to contribute and finance a reception and advertorial for the first Professor Emeritus in the Faculty- Prof. Cyprian Okechukwu Okonkwo, SAN. We now have his burst/stature in the Faculty Arcade in honour of his distinguished contribution to this Faculty and in legal education in Nigeria. This was among the facilities that was commissioned on 20th May, 2019 by the Pro Chancellor and the immediate past Vice Chancellor, Prof. Benjamin Chukwuma Ozumba.
 42. External security light wiring and bulbs around our buildings for illumination at night and for security purposes as we have had incidents of burglary.
 43. We have labelled our facilities completely- equipment, furniture- including-inscribing names and labelling doors properly. We have compiled a list of inventories which is currently being updated. It is very importantly to ensure that faculty equipment is secured and not pilfered.
 44. Construction of new platform and re-location of the waste bin in front of the Faculty.
 45. Introducing Faculty Quarterly seminars/impact factor publication presentation starting this year to enhance productive and advance cutting-edge scholarship.
 46. We are now offering in our Faculty of Law PG programmes courses in innovative and emerging fields. We have also graduated an unprecedented number of post graduate students, over 60 Masters and PhD since 2018.
 47. Anti-weed and anti-reptile fumigation of the entire Faculty of Law Complex routinely carried out to keep our environment clean and safe.
 48. Established and furnished a fully functional UNEC Law Alumni Office within this Faculty. Appointed a Liaison staff and manager of that initiative as we march to commemorate our 60th Anniversary in 2020. We are now active on social media (Instagram, Facebook etc.) Alumni Facebook page link: <https://www.facebook.com/uneclawfacultyalumni/> We are solidly building our data base. We have re-organized our

- faculty alumni and the current President is Senator Ike Ekweremadu, PhD while Hon. Justice Pete Obiorah is the Vice President.
49. Greener Faculty of Law Project: We have launched the greener Faculty of Law project. On May 20th, 2019 during commissioning of some facilities at the Faculty of Law, we had the privilege of the Pro Chancellor, Chief Mike Olorufemi and the former VC joining us in planting trees for environmental sustainability. We are conscious of clean environment and will work hard to make this environment better and more habitable for future generations.
 50. Within the last eighteen months we have planted over 100 trees and about forty flower planters inside the faculty building for aesthetic upliftment.
 51. Under my leadership and initiative, we got approval from the senate for much needed adjustments in the Law Curriculum in our undergraduate programme thereby solving age long problem for the Faculty. This has enabled us to introduce new courses with clinical legal education contents as credit carrying courses in the Faculty in line with the NUC Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards for Undergraduate Programmes in Nigerian University. Drop some services courses from the Faculty of Business Administration, the essence of which has largely been replaced by a compulsory university-wide course – Entrepreneurial Studies; and adjust the curriculum to create space in the final year which will make it possible for a final year student to carry over one law course of 4 credit units in the second semester, an issue which has bothered the Faculty Board and resulted in our not meeting our approved quota as a significant number of our final year students end up spending extra academic year to carry over one course.
 52. Attracted partnership with the Michigan State University leveraging on existing relationship with the University. The Faculty of Law now has an ongoing partnership with the College of Law of MSU and we hope to be partnering in staff and student exchanges, including other academic collaborations. We got recently one full scholarship and a part scholarship for two of our third-year law students to travel to Michigan, USA this July 5- 26, 2019 and participate at their summer school programme on International Law, Arbitration, Negotiation, Contracts and Comparative Law. The full scholarship includes: Program Tuition. On-Campus housing and two meals per day, orientation and graduation ceremony, overnight excursion to Chicago Illinois and regional excursions. A staff Dr. Helen Agu has embarked on a post-doctoral fellowship since September, 2019 at MSU and we have secured another fellowship from the University of Cape Town, South Africa that will commence in October, 2020.
 53. Collaboration with University of Dundee, United Kingdom. We have signed an MoU with Dundee University that will grant our staff interested in pursuing post graduate with the institution at least 50 per cent discount on tuition. Importantly, the PhD programme does not require that the students will be resident. In other words, they will remain on their job at UNN while visiting UK at agreed flexible intervals. A staff of the Public Law Department is currently a beneficiary under the arrangement.
 54. We have also entered in an MoU with the University of Venda, South Africa August, 2019 and we hope it be operationalized very soon for the mutual benefit of both institutions in the areas of research, teaching and visitor's scholars programme.
 55. Installation of burglar proofs in Rooms 1-4 of Coscharis Lecture Theatre (CLT).
 56. Two large burglar enclosures for the last floor of the Coscharis Lecture Theatre.
 57. Purchased overhead water tank to serve the newly constructed Security post in front of the faculty building with toilet ensuite.
 58. Restoration of light in lecturers' offices in the Mary Odili Auditorium Complex and Classrooms has been perfected after several months of total disconnection and sometimes erratic power supply there through our direct contracting and payment for the extensive electrical work done.
 59. Completed work on Drainage to avoid flooding of the basement of the main Faculty building.
 60. Retiling and painting of a

classroom measuring 560 Square metres.

61. Changed all the fluorescent tubes and old electrical fittings in the library to LED light fittings. This might seem small but it involved 66 new LED fittings and importantly made the library and its environment well lit. In addition, we carried out extensive fumigation of the Law Library which has never been done and rats and snakes were regularly sighted before the fumigation exercise.

62. Repaired and updated thirty computers at the Law Library and acquired 28 new computers and laptops, including printers that will be installed as soon as the library staff starts work.

63. Acquisition of two lawn mowers and also water pumping machine.

64. Improved sanitation, clean environment and constant water supply.

65. Improved collegiality at the

Faculty with everyone having a sense of belonging and identifying with the changing face of the Faculty that affords everyone access to better infrastructure to aid their work and effective delivery on any given task.

66. Maintenance of this edifice and the Law facilities situate on over 30,000 squares metres of land is an enormous challenge in the face of dwindling resources in University funding nationally. For example, my first day in office, 1st August, 2018, I spent Ninety-one Thousand Naira (N91,000) to buy and replace bulbs because some offices since we moved into the new administrative building in 2016 have not had power simply because the bulbs were all dead. In the last few days before the advent of Coronavirus in this administrative complex alone I spent Ninety-Seven Thousand Naira (N97,000) just on plumping repairs and another Eighty-One Thousand Naira (N81,000) on Alumaco doors

and windows repairs. Two hundred and Eight Thousand Naira (N208,000) on Electricity supply damaged by Tenese (University ICT Company); another Two hundred and thirty-six thousand Naira (N236,000) to restore power in the Hon. Justice Mary Odili Auditorium. In fact, the entrance door to our administrative building Collapsed in May, 2019 and by 8am I got an SOS from one of our administrative staff, including the UNEC Security office on that. We had to immediately do the needful to secure it. In general, we do not spend much on repair works and workmanship because we now practice DIY- do it yourself. We are engaged in direct labour, procure at the best rate and supervise work ourselves. Even our staff have with humility and in support of faculty's development done works outside their job description. For example, my driver, including a colleague's son, and a staff lawyer in the dean's office were all recently engaged in cutting grasses and cleaning our surroundings.

BIO, DEAN OF LAW, UNN PROFILE OF

PROFESSOR JOY NGOZI EZEILO (Officer of the Order of Niger)

Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, the winner of the National Human Rights Award (2019) holds a Ph.D. (Nig.), LL.M (London), LL.B. (Nig.), BL, Diploma, Peace & Conflict Resolution (Uppsala). She is a versatile legal scholar recognized as a leading authority in the field of international human rights, especially on the rights of women and children in Africa. Prof. Joy Ngozi Ezeilo is currently the Dean of Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Nigeria (UNN). Member, recently constituted United Nations Civil Society Advisory Board on Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse;

Member, the Body of Benchers, Nigeria and also, Member of the Governing Council of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS). She is also the Chairperson of the Sexual Assault Referral Network (SARC), Nigeria.

Professor Ezeilo was appointed in 2008 as the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, especially women and children, and served in that capacity globally until July 31st 2014. She was also appointed in December 2013 by the UN Secretary General as a member of the 5 persons Board

of Trustees UN Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking. She is the founding director of WomenAid Collective (WACOL), a national organization that promotes human rights of women and young people; that also founded the Tamar Sexual Assault Referral Centre. WACOL was founded in 1997 and ever since, it has been providing free legal aid and services to over fifty-five thousand (55,000) women and children, including juveniles in conflict with the law. Under her leadership WACOL started running the first safe house in 1998 and through her personal efforts and dedication built in 2002, the first ultra-modern private shelter

for abused women and girls' victims/survivors of sexual and gender-based violence. A project she is still very proud of as her first building experience in life.

Professor Joy Ezeilo was a former Commissioner for Gender and Social Development, Enugu State, a federal delegate to the National Political Reform Conference and served also as a member of the Governing Council, Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA).

Professor Joy Ezeilo is a recipient of the prestigious British Chevening scholarship (1995) and a grantee of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Funds for Leadership Development (1998). She has also received several national and international awards, including being conferred with a Nigerian Government national honour of Officer of the Order of Niger (OON) in 2006 by the then President Olusegun Obasanjo (GCFR) in recognition of her outstanding contributions in the area of nation building, legal scholarship, advocacy, civil society movement and community service.

Joy Ezeilo is the 2019 winner of the National Human Rights Award (Individual Category) through competitive public voting process conducted by the National Human Rights Commission. The Award was conferred on her on 8th December, 2019. She is also a recipient of Hon. Justice Taslim Elias Award received on 3rd July, 2019 at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. This is a long teaching service award for Law Teachers who are Professors and have served more than 25 years in the Teaching of Law in Nigerian Universities.

Professor Joy Ezeilo pioneered the teaching of women and children law in Nigeria and started the teaching in 1997 at the Faculty of Law, University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus. The course is now part of the NUC accredited law courses.

She also pioneered the teaching of human rights for undergraduate programme at the UNN. She also developed curriculum for the teaching of health law and reproductive rights in Nigeria with the support of MacArthur Foundation, National Universities Commission (NUC) and Faculties of Law. This curriculum was adopted in 2003 by the Nigerian Association of Law Teachers (NALT).

Joy Ngozi Ezeilo is a visiting professor to several universities, especially in North America, including being a fellow - in-residence, University of California, Irvine; and a regent Professor, University of California, Riverside (2001). She has delivered public lectures around the world on human rights, human trafficking, gender, peace, democracy and good governance, and has published extensively in similar areas of law with over 60 academic publications and more than 250 conference papers - published and unpublished. She has served as a consultant/trainer to many international and national organizations, including, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Office for Drugs and Crimes (UNODC), UN Women, UNICEF, UNFPA, MacArthur Foundation, UNFPA, ILO, British Council, DFID/UKAid, European Union, Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (RoLAC)/EU, Federal Ministry of Justice, Nigerian Law Reform Commission, Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, National Assembly Senate on Constitutional and Electoral Reforms and the National Judicial Institute (NJI).

Professor Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, OON has impacted thousands of lives through provision of free legal aid to the poor, especially to women and girls whose human rights have been violated. Not surprising, in April, 2013 **Professor Ezeilo was recognized by Newsweek/Daily Beast International Magazine,**

USA as one of the 125 women of impact in the world for her work, especially in combating human trafficking--a modern day slavery. Joy Ezeilo, features regularly in both local and international media and has been interviewed by CNN, BBC, Sky News, Aljazeera etcetera.

Professor Joy Ezeilo served as Chairperson of a Committee to draft a bill on Elimination of Violence in Society set up by the then Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Chief Bayo Ojo in 2005. This bill has transformed with contributions of CSOs and gender focused organizations to Violence against Persons (Prohibition) Act, 2015. Also, Professor continuing advocacy resulted in passage of equivalent law on Violence Against Persons in 2019 in Enugu State of Nigeria and has been training Prosecutors, Police, CSOs, Media and Service Providers across the country on this new law, working closely with the Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (RoLAC) Programme of the British Council funded by the European Union and its predecessor programmes- Justice for All and the Security, Justice and Growth programme.

Professor Joy Ngozi Ezeilo's work spans the globe and she has brought global recognition to Nigeria as a nation and to the University of Nigeria where she works. She is impacting thousands of lives through her humanitarian work, especially providing free legal aid and pro bono services to women, children and the poor. She has impeccable credentials as a versatile scholar and activist. Prof. Ezeilo has an enviable public service record and has been honoured nationally and internationally for her work.

Joy Ngozi Ezeilo is a high Chief in Igboland and she is fondly called **'triple Chief'**, that is Ochendo, Ada ejiejemba, and Nzebuna chi. She is married to Dr. Augustine Ezenta Ezeilo and they have adult children and a grandchild.

FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA BECOMES OVERALL WINNER IN THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PRPOERTY COMPETITION.

The Dean of Law and the entire members of the Faculty of law congratulate and felicitate with our students for their outstanding sterling performance at the just concluded WIPO National Intellectual Property Essay Competition. The judges included high ranking individuals in academia including Prof Ruth Okeji of Harvard University, and lawyers in top IP firms in the country and officials from WIPO office in Geneva.

Of the 262 shortlisted essays, 15 winners emerged. Of the 15, three came from the Faculty of Law, namely: The first, second and ninth positions, all received gifts. Wow! What a feat? Ms Susan Chioma Omeh our final year law student who bagged the first position went away with attractive prizes including a scholarship to the WIPO Academy Distant Learning Training in South Africa, and publication of the essay in the WIPO Magazine.

One of the 15 finalists is a final year student Mechanical Engineering, Mr Chibuzor Paul Ndubuisi, who was fifth position. We thank our own dynamic Barr. Nkem Itanyi for identifying this opportunity and linking the students accordingly. She and her team of colleagues in the faculty ably provided needed support and mentorship.



WIPO National Intellectual Property Essay Competition Winners

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| 1. Ms. Susan Chioma Omeh | University of Nigeria, Nsukka | Law |
| 2. Ms. Chantelle Chiwetalu | University of Nigeria, Nsukka | Law |
| 3. Mr. Olanrewaju Toheeb Balogun | Lagos State University, Ojo | Law |
| 4. Mr. Rotimi Folajimi Owolabi | Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife | Law |
| 5. Mr. Chibuzor Paul Ndubisi | University of Nigeria, Nsukka | Mech. Engineering |
| 6. Mr. Habeebullah Asudemade | University of Ibadan, Ibadan | Law |
| 7. Ms. Blessing Anurika Nwankwo | Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife | Law |
| 8. Ms. Rafiat Temitura Shittu | University of Lagos, Lagos | Law |
| 9. Mr. Abasi-Akara Edet | University of Nigeria, Nsukka | Law |
| 10. Mr. Victor Fabarebo | University of Ibadan, Ibadan | Law |
| 11. Ms. Oghosa Agnes Eghe-Abe | Afe-Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti | Law |
| 12. Ms. Ngozi Agatha Umeodinka | Lagos State University, Ojo | Law |
| 13. Mr. Sina Victor Akinmusire | Lagos State University, Ojo | Law |
| 14. Ms. Adeife Adebare Omolomo | University of Lagos, Lagos | Law |
| 15. Ms. Amarachukwu Elekwa | Afe Babalola University, Ado Ekiti | Law |

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ENCONIUMS TO AN ICON!

Professor Joy Ngozi Ezeilo (OON), that you did excellently well during your 2-year tenure as Dean of Law is an understatement. I bared my mind on this platform about your gargantuan performance and achievements which write up was published in the Dean's bulletin with my approval. I still stand by those my statements and will even say more now in positive affirmative. My joy is that the new Dean was centrally part of your achievements and the expectation is that he will continue from where you stopped so that as you rightly said, it will be "forward ever and backward never. Kudos to you for a job well done. May God bless you and guide and guard you in all your future endeavours.

Prof. Rev. Fr Edwin Obimma Ezike.

Professor of Law and Emeritus Dean of Law with distinction, I congratulate you for leaving your footprints on the sands of time. Both in the Faculty of Law and the world at large. I also congratulate Dr. Sam. Nwatu for being appointed as Acting Dean of Law. I wish him a fruitful and successful tenure.

Prof. Peter Umeadi.

It was indeed an exemplary leadership. Nonetheless, showering encomiums on the Dean of Deans, whilst commendable, is not the ultimate act regarding her record-shattering tenure at the Law Faculty, of which as members, we witnessed first-hand. The lesson, instead, is to emulate her style - decisiveness, resourcefulness and, above all, being incorruptible. Let us aspire to offices with the aim of taking the offices to higher levels, not to enrich ourselves. That's the debt we owe to society and God, as rational agents.

Dr. Obiajulu Nnamchi.

Congratulations, Prof for these magnificent achievements. You took the Faculty to a higher level. Your sense of commitment and dedication is simply exceptional. May God bless you for this. Thank you, Ma! I use this medium to also congratulate the new Dean, Dr Sam Nwatu, on his appointment. It is God's work and it is marvelous in our sight! Together, we shall!

Dr. Uchechukwu Nwoke.

Congratulations, the miracle working Dean, for the faithful delivery on your mandate, aboard the high speed achiever train; for proving, beyond every iota of doubt, that something magnificent can be created out of nothing; that mere dust can be transformed into pure gold by the touch of a faithful hand. I want to say, without any fear of being contradicted, that I am of the firm belief, reasonably and logically, that the

first stanza of the prayer of St Francis of Assisi painted a true picture of everything, and more, that characterized your tenure and in place of anything else I could have said, I just want to put it here for you: "lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy."

You have, no doubt, left a very big shoe. But the inheriting feet must fit otherwise we must grow it, anyhow, to fit for we can never attempt to shrink it back to size or else we violate our own law: Forward ever, backward never! The reward of good job is more jobs, so it is time to move around other tertiary institutions and impart to them (or at least the Deans of law faculties) the sacred secret tools of the trade. And I hope that the government of the State and of the Federation will tap your uncommon transformative prowess and use you to bring life to dying or dead areas of our national life. Congratulations for a job outstandingly done!!!

To our able acting Dean, congratulations!!! We have seen your sprinting style on dry ground so we can surmise how fast you can swim in the waters. It is forward ever backward never and that being the case, we will not miss anything; not the constant luncheons and dinners with 'abatacha', 'nkwobi', 'nkwu-ocha', bush meat, fish, fish pepper soup, 'orishi-rishi' etc., that drew us over and over again to the Dean's Den. And, remember, as we keep marching forward, it is going to be double portion; where there's 60 projects commissioned in 24 months the Mathematics is easy. And to achieve the feat is damned very easy. The mystery is revealed in 2king 2:9. It is called the origin and impartation of the mystery of double portion. I can still see, in my mind's eye, how you made sure you were next to the miracle working Dean as she performed her last public function 'before she was taken away'(from the saddle) and I know that you performed the simple exercise that unleashes the double portion unction. And being a witness to how closely you stood by the miracle working Dean as she transformed dust into gold, I have no doubt that you are more than adequately equipped to operate in double degrees. Our expectations will be fulfilled and I can see the signs clearly. The same atmosphere of love, solidarity and unitary spirit that heralded the miracle working Dean has thrust you up into the saddle and there can be no doubt that you will deliver even in triple portion. It is evident that the whole faculty is behind you and the palpable solidarity conjures up the imagery of a son whose father sent on errand to steal-he will break down all barriers and execute with boldness! Congratulations once more as you brace up to do us proud.

Dr. Nicholas Agbo

Congratulations Prof! It has been two phenomenal years of outstanding transformation and inspiration of limitless possibilities. Like Nehemiah prayed, may God remember you for your labours of love for this Faculty. We are confident that God, who began this good work will continue it to its perfect completion. Congratulations Dr Sam Nwatu! It can only get better because God is with you. Grace.

Barr. Ikechukwu P. Chime.

I have shared your record of achievements with some ex-students.... and i could feel their awe! Your achievements are phenomenal. For two years, there was no week we didn't have workmen in the Faculty. May the Lord continue to guide your feet and direct your path. Thank you so much, Prof.

Barr. Obinna Edeh.

Congratulations dear Prof. Joy Ezelio. Well done for your achievements. God bless you always.

Barr. Nkemdilim I. Itanyi.

Congratulations Prof, God bless and reward your sacrifice and inclusive leadership culture. Congratulations to our new Dean, Dr Sam, and all the incoming HODs especially my own HOD, Dr Sly the Prof. I pray for a glorious tenure for all of you and more blessings upon our faculty.

Dr. Helen U. Agu.

Prof. J.N. Ezeilo, a Proverbs 31 woman. It is therefore not surprising that you could achieve all these in just two years. You galvanised both human & material resources and placed the faculty first, among equals. May God's grace and blessings be on you so you continue to serve humanity. The best is yet to come, congratulations, Ada eji ejemba!

Dr. Chidi J.Lloyd.

Congratulations Prof JN Ezeilo (OON). What I heard, I experienced. You did not just transform and modernize the faculty, you impacted our lives, silently mentoring us. You did not only represent us well but you lead us from the front. We saw you standing with and speaking for us where we were voiceless. We experienced your admonition when we erred but you forgave quickly. You sacrificed to ensure we have an enabling teaching environment. You carried us along, dignifying followership making it easy and interesting. You made us so proud of the faculty, indeed we felt quality leadership. I told a colleague about our sumptuous meals during board meetings and he begged for invitation as a friend of the faculty. Yes, you were conferred with the title of "Ada e ji eje Mba" and rightly so, but you are truly "Ada di ora mma" You touched our lives in more ways than you will ever know. Thanks ma'am and God bless you real good. The sky shall be your stepping stone.

Barr Uju Okeke.

Our pace-maker Dean! Prof per excellence! A Mentor like no other. Thank you for these years of your Deanship. Posterity shall forever remember your legacies in UNEC Law. Thank you Prof.

Barr. Paul I. Ukam

Congratulations for a successful tenure and a job well done, Prof, Ada Eji Eje Mba. You amaze me with your uncommon diligence and limitless energy in performing your functions. Greater assignments are around the corner for you. We'll keep the light aglow, "Ada Di Ora Mma".

Dr. Sylvester N. Anya.

Congratulations, Prof, and thank you immensely for the exemplary leadership your tenure presented. You gave your heart and your all to service, and inspired industry and commitment in the faculty in dimensions that will remain a touchstone for especially the young ones among us. It was indeed a privilege, for me in particular, to have been part of this trip in the last 18 months. God bless you always, and may He reward you accordingly.

Barr. Ikenna C. Okoli

I want to join my voice in appreciating the peoples dean for her great service as dean. She brought a new life to the faculty. She worked tirelessly for the career growth of many of us and the landmark structural development of the faculty. Our beloved Prof Ezeilo, may God keep you and blossom you to greater height and more achievement. You left a profound legacy in the law faculty. As I reflected on the miracle of the loaves today in the gospel, i prayed God to reward with overflow of his blessings for your family and your professional life. You did a selfless service and we hope that Dr Nwatu will take up from where you left having worked closely with you. May the God who created prosper you and surprise you with more promotions. Amen.

Rev. Fr Dr. Emeka C. Adibe.

Congratulations Prof for a brilliant tenure as Dean. Thank you for your passionate and impactful leadership. May God grant you more eventful adventures. Congratulations to our Acting Dean, you've the stuff. God's grace. Congratulations to all Acting HODs, wishing you all the very best. Forward ever.

Barr. Obinna M. Okeke.

FAREWELL MESSAGE TO THE ENTIRE MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY OF LAW.

Dear Colleagues, I feel elated as well as deeply touched by all of your comments. Meanwhile, I'm experiencing tearful joys reading all your encomiums and affirmation of my leadership and achievements as Dean. I'm grateful to God that it ended in praises. Once more you have by this demonstrated that we were in it together from the day I was elected Dean with "ALMOST ALL", I knew there and then that I have your overwhelming mandate to lead in an inclusive forwarding looking manner that eschews the past and build the future of our dreams to take our faculty to greater heights and to be the best or at least, first among equals. Yes, we did and again we need to constantly remind ourselves that it is forward ever, backward never. How could I have done it without all of your backings? Some of you supported technically, financially, morally and otherwise the list is long to outline here. Be assured that I cannot forget every individual supportive effort and I save it for my Memoirs. Once more, my big thank you and may God bless you all abundantly. I want to appreciate our senior colleagues in particular, Professor Ifeoma Enemo, mni (numero uno) and Prof. Rev. Fr. Obimma Ezike (Obiegedege) who always attended events and meetings of the Faculty Board, including offering insightful advice. I never took this for granted. Of particular interest and worthy of special mention are colleagues who discharged various responsibilities assigned to them, some of them extremely tasking and demanding yet they were not selfish with giving their time and contributing in this way to the stability and progress of the Faculty. This is important in the development and sustainability of any academic institution. You all know yourselves and I say thank you and I know I owe you debts of gratitude. If opportunity calls, I will elect to work with you over and over again. You're indeed an "A List" Team. I love you all.

Once more I encourage colleagues to support Dr. Sam Nwatu as the Acting Dean. As some of you are aware, he was central to realization of my leapfrog infrastructural development, especially my direct labour – DIY approach to maximize scarce resources. He made enormous personal sacrifices, especially of time he would have put to other uses. Throughout this Covid- 19, we were always at the office working and trying to get to a proper finish line. And what I see in his emergence is typified in the Igbo adage "Onye fe eze, eze eloya". It is indeed God's doing and he has the capacity and character to deliver on that Deanship mantle but only with the support and cooperation of colleagues. I said this emphatically noting that in every change management move there will be some or a few ready to play subversive roles. I'm by God's grace made of iron in terms of emotional stability and focus and will be the last to be derailed or disrupted by such subversive moves. This may not be true for everyone. So, let's be kind in our action to the incoming administration, the Dean and all the Heads of Departments.

I have kept my focus, vision, speed and eyes on the transformational agenda targets that I have articulated and planned until they were all strategically delivered. To God be the glory that it came to pass that I served out my tenure and we left a legacy for history or her story to tell. I'm an ardent believer that everyone will be judged according to their deeds.

This last part is my advice to the incoming administration: do not expect to have 100 per cent support and be ready for surprises but I wish you God's grace and speed to overcome.

Above all show love and practice inclusion. I also advise that sumptuous meals at Faculty meetings must be part of that. For unity and collegiality is solemnised in the act of eating and working together. I hereby pledge to provide entertainment for the next Faculty Board meeting in appreciation of all of you.

**Yours sincerely,
Prof. Joy Ngozi Ezeilo (OON)
Dean Emeritus.**



Dean Emeritus, Prof. Joy N Ezeilo (OON) Handing over to the Incoming Ag Dean, Dr. Sam Nwatu

PHOTO GALLERY



WALL OF FAME



INFRASTRUCTURE PUT IN PLACE DURING PROF. JOY NGOZI EZEILO, OON TENURE AS DEAN



OFFICE OF THE DEAN, FACULTY OF LAW



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AERIAL VIEW OF THE FACULTY OF LAW



THE FACULTY OF LAW AT A GLANCE

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VICE CHANCELLOR, PROF CHARLES IGWE, DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR, ENUGU CAMPUS PROF EDITH NWSU AND THEIR TEAM TAKING A WALK ROUND THE FACULTY AND INSPECTING THE NEWLY INSTALLED FACILITIES.



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PROF JOY NGOZI EZEILO (OON) WITH THE NEW ACTING DEAN, DR SAM NWATU, LEADING THE TEAM ROUND THE FACULTY



PROF JOY NGOZI EZEILO (OON) ADDRESSING THE VICE CHANCELLOR AND HIS TEAM IN THE DEAN'S OFFICE



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VISIT OF THE ALUMNI 1984 SET AT THE FACULTY LOUNGE



PROF JOY NGOZI EZEILO AT THE FACULTY BOARD ROOM MEETING WITH 1984 ALUMNI SET, BARR. AKARAIWE, BARR. PASCAL AKU OKOLORGU AND HON. JUSTICE NGOZI OJI



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Prof Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, (OON)
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Dear Prof,

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

On behalf of the entire students of the Law Faculty of our great university, with hearts full of gratitude and unreserved appreciation, I wish to in a very special way, thank you for your selfless service and great feats attained while you saddled over the Faculty Leadership as Dean.

As a body of Law students, we cannot quantify the number of positive impacts and transformation initiated and delivered by your leadership to the student's body and to the faculty at large.

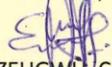
Prof. we are grateful for the provision of basic needs of students. Particularly, we are awed at the installation and refurbishment of classroom seats even to international standard. This is in addition to other infrastructures delivered during your tenure.

Furthermore, the Law students specially appreciate your open-door posture of bridging the gap between students and lecturers by frequently hosting town hall meetings to receive and resolve complaints from us.

Indeed ma, you are our heroine---an epitome of servant-leadership, efficient service, motherly disposition and most importantly transparent stewardship.

As you move onto the next phase of your career and profession, we wish you more of God's goodness.

Please accept the love and appreciation of all law students.


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SYNOPSIS OF A BEE IN HER BONNET



Passionate and anguished by the unfortunate situation of Farida, a nine year old girl who has been sexually abused and rushed to Añulika's hospital, Añulika has taken Farida's case on a momentous note. In the same manner, Luka, the young human rights lawyer who rushed Farida's mother and Farida herself to hospital gets involved in the case as he then files a criminal proceedings against Alhaji Tanimu, a powerful businessman in the society who is equally involved in backdoor politics.

As Luka locks horns with Alhaji Tanimu in the Abuja High Court, scores of life-threatening situations arises and he must brawl through to ensure justice is served. Alhaji Tanimu on his own part has sworn not to see the four walls of prison as he effects his unscrupulous deeds to evade justice through Hoplite. Hoplite had been one of the almajirai kidnapped by Tanimu who he (Tanimu) later adopts a son and the perpetrator of his corrupt wishes. **Munachimo Jennifer Ezeilo, 400L, Faculty of Law.**

APPRAISING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF REMOTE LEARNING IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES AS A MEASURE TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CONVID19 PANDEMIC

- Chidinma Anuforo (500 Level Law Student, UNN, and Mentee, Ngozi Joy Ezeilo Leadership Institute)

Objectives:

1. To determine the effect of the pandemic tertiary institutions
2. To examine the effect on undergraduate studies
3. To examine the practicability of virtual learning for undergraduate students of Nigerian public universities.
4. To determine the major challenges of implementing e-learning systems in for Nigerian unity schools while still keeping within the regulations governing the pandemic period in the country.

The spread of corona virus in the country has put governments and universities under severe pressure. Students in Nigeria have already been affected, having been advised to stay at home and universities suspending academic activities. However with the developments of internet and communication technologies which could materially improve learning activities while the country attempts to put the virus spread under control, there has been talks between universities and the government as to measures that should be adopted to continue learning activities which leaves online classes, a form of remote and distant learning style as the only option. However, there are many challenges to implement e-learning in developing countries such as poor

network infrastructure, lack of ICT knowledge, weakness of content development, lack of finance to fund the process etc. The Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak of the corona virus disease 2019 (COVID-19) on 30th January 2020 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). Soon after the virus was declared in the country, the president in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 2, 3 and 4 of the Quarantine Act declared the covid19 a dangerous infectious disease and made a number of regulations affecting movement and association in the country. The unity school on 20 March 2020 were put on hold until further notice by the ministry of education. Unsure of how soon the Corona Virus pandemic will end, Education minister, Mallam Adamu, had in a teleconference with all the vice chancellors, rectors and provosts of Nigerian tertiary institutions last week Thursday, directed all the universities, polytechnics and colleges of education in the country to activate their virtual learning environment to enable their students to continue their studies through digital devices. While this is a laudable effort, it is elusive of the Nigerian reality --One of poor infrastructure, lack of power, low finances and poor and unequal internet access.

Online learning can be considered as an approach where in the learner and the teachers can operate in different time and locations. Usually materials for such environment are designed as a self-directed learning guide for the student. In addition it requires deep- thinking that aims to remove barriers and contains that student may see as obstacles in accessing and succeeding in quality lifelong education. It has been identified as a remedy for combating education challenges associating with developing nations like Nigeria. It's believed that in developing countries, online learning and continuing education not only provide growth and competitiveness, but also have social and economic impact on the students. Thus, at a time when educational institutions are forced to stop physical learning, the online/virtual classes could be employed to provide continuity and normalcy for students. It is a form of remote learning.

The world health organisation also notes that while the pandemic will encourage innovations in academic institution, it will also widen the digital divide. The further note that only 60% of the globe's population is online with lesser of that in more developed economies like Nigeria. Also, the less affluent and digitally savvy families are left behind the

students may not have digital devices or data plans. As a combatant measure, the world health organisation suggests that the access costs be decreased and the quality of access be increased otherwise the educational inequality will be further exacerbated.

Some private universities in Nigeria equally affected have commenced remote learning. Lecturers and students at Elizade University, for example, have been interfacing with themselves using the university's e-portal. Covenant University has been making use of the module platform to continue lectures online. The module is a pre-existing platform in the university, where lecture notes can be viewed, downloaded, and quiz tests conducted. The module platform also provides access to the BigBlueButton, an online learning platform used for screen sharing, audio messaging and videoconferencing. The platform also provides multi-user whiteboard support. Also, students of Crawford University have been receiving lectures since Monday, March 30, via the Crawford e-Portal. Course materials were uploaded on the online protocol by the lecturers, while students log on and do downloads. In addition to this, the university has been using the WhatsApp platform for its audio-visual lecture conference.¹

There are a number of ways the government can significantly improve the situation of things. It has to first resolve the labour crisis with ASUU. Including funds to students and lectures in the intervention fund. Providing the students financial support to get resources to access the online classes is equally as important considering poverty rate in the country. Electricity is important as well, because without it, students, lectures will be unable to power their devices. The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) at the University of Ibadan (IU) in same vein noted that the federal government has not addressed the financial aspect of running an e-learning system across tertiary institutions amid the ongoing COVID-19 lockdown.² Also, Prof Olukoju however having considered the possibility of such at a time like this, taking into consideration the realities of Nigerian homes stated that government could work towards it, as a future plan but, online learning is not practicable at the moment. He

continued that; "... We also need to be sure that the students at the other end have power supply and laptop to connect with their institutions".³

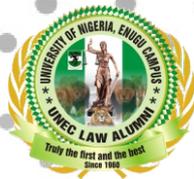
While agreeing with their opinions, it is not ideal to completely dismiss the possibility of remote learning as an option for continued educational activity in Nigerian unity schools. The Nigerian government with the right amount of commitment and willpower can kick start adequate and equal access to learning. For instance, they could subsidise data costs for students and teachers or fund the provision of learning and teaching facilities. The discos should also ensure that improve power supply during this time. Classes can also be made available subsequently for students who could not meet up with the fixed time. Examinations and tests cannot continue or happen at a time like this too. Remote learning for some students is an extenuating circumstance; they need classroom environment to actual study and learn. Dealing with the anxieties of contracting or thoughts of possibly contracting a deadly disease is also an extenuating circumstance that the school authorities need to consider as well.

Catastrophes cause change, the corona virus pandemic is quiet similar to a war and after a war, it is not ideal to seek to return to the status quo. Even when it is contained in a few months, the legacy will live with us. One thing is clear; there is simply no way our lives will resume as if it had never happened. There will be serious fundamental changes that would affect issues like housing and accommodation for some students who live off campus, the brain drain caused by long absence from study, attitude to learning and assimilation as well as the inevitable pressure that would be caused by the rush to complete the work load for the sessions missed. One thing the concerned authorities should bear in mind is that, the pandemic has caused a widespread impact on health and economic conditions of students and that learning cannot and should not simply resume and return to the way it used to be. Students as well as staff need considerable support to deal with the bereavement, time lapse in academic activity and housing situation. Education does not need to return to the status quo. People need help to manage the resultant mental health effects of the crisis. The purpose of learning is to ensure learners are enabled to develop

their full potential in a given field, while examination is to access what the students have actually learned in the courses. Thus, in doing that, the professors, lectures and body of examiners must take cognisance of a new reality that has so affected learning. They must ensure that the former system of education that places premium on disabilities and inadequacies of students, a system that burns out students and labels them as failures has to end. The new system should rather recognise the resilience, achievements, and overall efforts of students regardless of the infrastructural and institutional handicap in the educational sector of the country. It is very important that the educational system be inclusive while the government takes a serious step to end the decays in the sector.

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ALUMNI'S ANGLE

The Faculty of Law is glad to announce the appointment of UNEC Law Alumni Trustees. The following distinguished personalities who are graduates of law of University of Nigeria (Lions and Lionesses) duly accepted their appointments as trustees.

They include:

- (1) H. E. Senator Ike Ekweremadu, PhD, CFR;
- (2) Chief Emeka Ngige, SAN;
- (3) Prof. Ifeoma Enemo, mni;
- (4) Hon. Justice Peter Obiora;
- (5) Prof. Joy Ngozi Ezeilo (OON);
- (6) Emeka Nnubia;
- (7) Etim Patrick;
- (8) Nafisa Atiku;
- (9) Lady Aku P. Odinkemelu;
- (10) Mr. Rafiu Lawal- Rabana (SAN); and
- (11) Mr. Dele Aloko.

We also regret to announce the postponement of our 60th Anniversary/ Grand Home Coming of our great Faculty. This is due to the global pandemic of Coronavirus (Covid 19) which occasioned a global lockdown. We assure you that this does not deter our combined efforts to place our faculty of the world map.

Therefore we encourage our great alumni, and friends of the faculty not to relent on their promises towards achieving this greatness. We encourage everyone to feel free to contact us and make donations and contributions towards the developmental, structural and intellectual enhancement of our Faculty.

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You all made the job easy!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) The Vice Chancellor of the University of Nigeria, Professor Charles Igwe has commended Professor Joy Ngozi Ezeilo (OON) for her giant strides while in her two years of deanship. Speaking at the inspection of the new installed classroom seats (funded by 1990 class) and the upgraded e-library delivered by Professor Ezeilo (OON), the Vice Chancellor expressed gratitude to the outgoing Dean for delivering 60 major projects in just two years of her deanship. He noted that these projects were completed from external funds mobilized by Professor Ezeilo (OON) and advised other heads of Faculties, Schools and Colleges to emulate such example.
- 2) Following the expiration of the tenure of Professor Joy N. Ezeilo (OON) as the Dean, the Vice Chancellor, and Professor Charles Igwe has approved the appointment of Dr. Samuel I. Nwatu as the new Ag. Dean of the faculty. Confirming this development at the inspection of upgraded facilities at the Faculty of Law, the VC advised Dr. Nwatu to raise the standard of the faculty by building on the successes recorded in the two year tenure of Professor Joy N. Ezeilo (OON).
- 3) It was a moment of sober reflection and gratitude to God when the Professor Joy N. Ezeilo (OON) handed over the reins of leadership to Dr. Samuel I. Nwatu as the new Ag. Dean. Professor Ezeilo (OON) appreciated the cooperation of the entire faculty that enabled her to deliver 60 projects in 24 months. She also thanked the university administration for the support and the senior faculty members for standing with her through the period of her deanship. She advised the new dean to be proactive and lead the faculty with the fear of God. Responding, Dr. Sam I. Nwatu thanked the former Dean for setting the pace of excellence and restoring the faculty to the trajectory of greatness. He promised to raise the standard and asked for the cooperation and commitment of all Faculty members for a successful tenure. In attendance at the event, were senior academic staff, the officer of the Faculty and some non-academic staff.
- 4) In a related development, the Vice Chancellor, Prof Charles Igwe has approved the appointment of Prof. Joy Ngozi Ezeilo (OON) as the New Head of Department of Public Law for the Faculty. Also other appointments were approved for Acting Heads of Departments which include: , Dr. Emmanuel Onyeabor (Customary and Indigenous Law), Dr. Timothy Umahi (Private Law), Dr. Sylvester Anya (Comparative and International Law) Dr. Collins Ajibo (Property Law), Dr. Uchekukwu Nwoke (Commercial Law) and Dr. Ndubuisi Nwafor (Jurisprudence and Legal theory).
- 5) The Chairperson of the 60th Anniversary and Homecoming Planning Committee, Professor Ifeoma P. Enemo(mni) has announced the postponement of the event. The postponement is coming on the heels of the outbreak of the corona virus pandemic and restrictions imposed by the government on local and international travel. The Chairperson regrets all inconveniences this postponement might cause but promised that a new date would be announced in due course.

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