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LLM Students



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André Couillonneur (Bear) holds a Bachelor of Education (2019) and a Juris Doctor (2022), both from the University of Saskatchewan. André will undertake research focused on Resurging Indigenous Nationhood through Indigenous Legal Order under the supervision of **Professor Jaime Lavallee**.



Femi Oyekunle is a Nigerian Lawyer. He obtained his LLB degree from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ife, Nigeria in 2015. He graduated from the Nigerian Law School and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 2016. Femi had a one-year stint in the law firm of J.B Majiyagbe & Co., Kano before he moved to Dele Akinmusuti & Co., Ibadan where he was involved in active legal practice in the area of commercial law, civil litigation, criminal litigation and corporate practice. His research interest is in Business and Human Rights. Femi will under the supervision of **Professor Ibironke Odumosu-Ayanu**, examine in his thesis the existing regulatory frameworks, relevant corporate law principles and the roles of stakeholders- host state governments and the multinational corporations- in protecting and respecting human rights especially in the Nigeria's extractive industry; while comparing the Nigerian and Canadian system.

Kenechukwu Christopher Aneke is an internationally trained legal practitioner with years of cognate experience in legal and administrative services. He holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Nigeria. He earned a Certificate of Excellence in Civil Litigation from the Lagos Campus of the Nigerian Law School. Kenechukwu is also a recipient of the Director-General's Prize for attaining First Class Honours during his time at the Nigerian Law School. Kenechukwu was part of the high-level team that served the Government of Enugu State, Nigeria as Special Assistant to the Governor of the State. He went on to serve as Research Assistant to the then Secretary to State Government and Director-General, South-East Governors' Forum - Professor Simon Uchenna Ortuanya. This experience developed his ability to review, assimilate, and synthesize large volumes of complex information. Kenechukwu's research focuses on Human Rights Law and Policy within the Ecosystem of Soccer in North America. It is one that seeks to provide an effective framework for the implementation of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights so as to make the United States of America, Canada, and Mexico human rights compliant host nations for the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Kenechukwu's thesis is supervised by **Professor Dwight Newman**.





Ifeanyi Henry Oguegbu is a lawyer who was called to the Nigerian Bar in 2016 after obtaining his Bachelor of Laws degree from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Osun State, and his Qualifying Certificate from the Council of Legal Education upon completion of his vocational training at the Nigerian Law School.

He began his legal practice as a Legal Aid Officer at the Legal Aid Council of Nigeria where he was knee-deep in the Access to Justice and Human Rights work in Nigeria. He thereafter joined a full-service commercial law firm where he practiced in the dispute resolution group and was engaged in commercial civil litigation. His interest revolves around effecting change in social policies in the public interest through public interest law, and social enterprise.

Ifeanyi will be supervised by **Professor Sarah Buhler** as he undertakes his thesis research into the Access to Justice challenges which are prevalent in almost every jurisdiction to varying degrees. He will specifically be investigating how the legal services gap can be bridged through the licensing and regulation of paralegals, and how this can contribute to the effort of governments to meet the essential legal needs of the low-income and vulnerable population.

Temitayo Oluwatoyin Adesanya holds a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) degree from the University of Lagos, Nigeria. While studying at the University of Lagos, her interest in the environment prompted her to take the Oil and Gas Law elective, where she learned more about the Nigerian oil and gas industry, fossil fuels, and their environmental impacts, which formed the basics of her thesis. After obtaining her LL.B in 2019, she proceeded to the Nigerian Law School, Abuja, where she excelled and was admitted to the Nigerian Bar in July 2021. She worked in Nigeria for two years, after which she commenced her Master of Laws program at the University of Saskatchewan. Her LLM thesis, supervised by **Professor Heather Heavin**, aims to understand how regulatory frameworks can promote green hydrogen in Nigeria's low-carbon transition through a Comparative study. Accordingly, the research will contribute to the existing body of knowledge on a future technology that may increase the capacity of developing countries to embrace clean development. Finally, her long-term goal is to establish a renewable energy consulting firm that will advise governments and private institutions on green energy policies and carbon reduction measures.



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