

ABSTRACT

The legal practitioner is a research and lawteaching, where Lawyers & Judges study cases online. They insert in anynewspaper, periodical or any other publications and advertisement offering as amember of the Bar to undertake confidential inquiries; to write for publicationor give an interview to the press or otherwise cause or permit to be published,except in a legal periodical, any particulars of his practice or earnings inthe profession or of cases pending on the courts or cases where the time forappeal has not expired on any matter in which he has been engaged as a memberof the Bar, to answer questions on legal subjects in the press or anyperiodical on in wireless or television broadcast where his name or initialsare directly or indirectly disclosed or likely or be disclosed.

The maintenance of a respectful attitudetowards the court is been made. It is unprofessional on the part of a member ofthe Bar to promote a case, which to his own knowledge is false.

Referring to different cases by some judgesand lawyers, considering the fact-finding information displayed on relatedcases on the web.

The situations where cases are adjourned aremade known to the public who are interested in those involved in the case. Thedisciplinary committee aims to consider and determine any case where it isalleged that a person whose name is on the role of legal practitioners hasmisbehaved in his capacity as a legal practitioner or should for any otherreason be the subject of proceedings under the Decree to hear appeals from anydirection given by the disciplinary committee. Preparing and from time to time, revising a statement as to the kind of conduct is considered to be infamousconduct in professional respect. This is to say that if the case is beingadjourned, they will automatically know about the information online.

Judgment is being concluded to be availableto other practitioners online, either in favour or against, depending on thecrime committed.

The introduction of a computer application isa great change in a legal practitioner based on the website through browsing,which helps them to make references on different cases from the files documented.As a machine, it is faster, accurate, easy to be used. By the available data,it involves writing a program of instructions.

A lawyer maintains a respectful attitudetowards the court. They have to engage in public prosecutions, to see that justiceis done.

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CHAPTER ONE

1.0 INTRODUCTION

To understand the web-based legalpractitioner application system includes not merely the profession, which ispractised in courts but also covers law teaching, law research, administrationin different branches where law plays a role and in fact, commercial and industrialemployment and all other activities, which postulates and requires the use oflegal knowledge and skill and which adopts legal process also fall within itsscope. The web-based legal practitioner comprises all those who use technicallegal knowledge through the net in performing their various occupational roles.These will include such categories as practitioners of law and legal advisers,judges and magistrates, Area court Judges and Islamic Court Judges, academiclawyers and scholars, legal technicians (e.g. consultants) etc.

A legal practitioner is a person entitled topractice as a barrister (advocate) or as a barrister and solicitor. In Nigeria,every legal practitioner is a barrister and solicitor. For exam plc, anadvocate practising in a country whose legal system is similar to that ofNigeria may be permitted by the chief justice of Nigeria to practice as abarrister. The chief justice has no power to permit him to practices as asolicitor. Furthermore, a Senior Advocate of Nigeria is not entitled topractice as a solicitor.

1.1 STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

The problem statement is mainly centralisedon the existing method of web-based legal practitioner application system. Theinformation obtained online shows that a legal practitioner is entitled torecover his charges by action in a court of competent jurisdiction. In General,before a legal practitioner brings such action, a bill for the chargescontaining particulars of the principal items included in the bill and signedby him, or in the case of a firm by one of the partners or in the name of thefirm, must have been served on the client personally or left for him at hislast address as known to the practitioner or sent by post addressed to theclient at that address.

In addition, the period of one monthbeginning with the date of delivery of the bill must have expired. There areprovisions in the legal practitioners for taxation of bills of chargesdelivered by a legal practitioner to his clients.

The council is to be consulted by theAttorney-General of the federation before making regulations forthe enrolmentas legal practitioners in Nigeria, Court of Appeal Enugu as a

case study, members of the legal profession in any other country on a reciprocal basis. The Attorney – General of the federation is also required to hold consultations with the council before varying the rates of practising fees specified.

1.2 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The web-based legal practitioner applications system has an increasingly important role in a modern state not only in the dispensation of justice but also in the formulation of just legal order and the preservation of efficient juristic order.

The characteristics of the online legal practitioner such as independence, integrity, official administration of courts and administration of justice.

There is a roll of legal practitioners kept as a roll of court and maintained by the Chief Registrar of the Supreme Court of Nigeria. In general, a person is entitled to be enrolled if and only if:

- (a) He has been called to the bar by the Body of Benchers; and
- (b) He produces a certificate of his call to the Bar to the Chief Registrar of Supreme Court.

In general, persons whose names are on the roll of legal practitioners kept as a roll of court and maintained by the chief Registrar of the Supreme Court are entitled to practice as barristers and solicitors. However, the chief justice of Nigeria may, by warrant under his hand authorise a person, whose name is not on the roll, on payment to the Chief Registrar of the Supreme Court of such fee not exceeding 50 Naira as may be specified in the warrant, to practice as a barrister for specified proceedings and any appeal brought in connection with those proceedings.

The power of the chief justice to authorise a person to practise as a barrister under this provision is exercisable where:

- (a) an application for permission to practise as a barrister is made to the chief justice by or on behalf of any person who in the opinion of the chief justice is entitled to practise as an advocate in any country where the legal system is similar to that of Nigeria; and
- (b) the chief justice thinks that it is expedient to permit the person to practice as a barrister for proceedings concerning which the application is brought.

Furthermore, a person for the time being exercising the functions of any of the following offices is entitled to practise as a barrister and solicitor for the office:

- (a) The office of the Attorney-General, solicitor-General or Director of public prosecutions of the federation or a state; and
- (b) Such offices in the public service of the federation or a state as the Attorney-General of the federation or the state, as the case may be.

1.3 SCOPE OF THE STUDY

Reference could be made from different parts of the world about a case online. Because information is displayed on the web because some Judges and Lawyers could be able to refer to how related cases are being handled.

For instance, somebody is having a case of murder in the court and you want to search, to know how the case was treated or how it was judged. As a lawyer, you may go on the net, to search for a related case to the case you are handling and how it was treated, to know or for an easy decision on your own cases.

1.4 LIMITATIONS

Although a person has been enrolled as a legal practitioner, his right to practise as a legal practitioner may be limited where:

- (a) he is a Senior Advocate of Nigeria; or
- (b) he has not paid a practising fee; or
- (c) he is a legal practitioner of fewer than seven years standing.

The rank of legal practitioners known as Senior Advocates of Nigeria is Equivalent to that of Queen's Counsel which has been abolished in Nigeria. The Amendment provides that the legal practitioner's privileges committee may by instrument confer the rank of senior advocate of Nigeria on a legal practitioner who has been qualified to practice as a legal practitioner in Nigeria for not less than 10 years and who has achieved distinction in the legal profession in

such manner as the committee may from time to time determine.

1.5 DEFINITION OF TERMS

The Council: This is established by legal education, and is responsible for the legal education of persons seeking to become members of the legal profession.

The Chief Justice: He is to authorise a person whose name is not on the roll, on payment to the Chief Registrar of the supreme court of such fee not exceeding 50 Naira as may be specified in the warrant.

A Barrister: His purpose is to specify proceedings and of any appeal brought in connection with those proceedings.

The Disciplinary Committee: They consider and determine any case here it is alleged that a person whose name is on the roll of legal practitioner has misbehaved in his capacity as a legal practitioner or should for any other reason be the subject of proceedings.

Appeal Committee: Hear appeals from any direction given by the disciplinary committee.

General Counsel of the Bar: Prepares and from time to time, revising a statement as to the kind of conduct it considers to be infamous conduct in professional respect.

A Lawyer: A lawyer maintains a respectful attitude towards the court. He's trained and qualified to advise people about the law and represent them in a court of law.

The Judiciary: He settles and decides controversies between the citizens inter se and between the state and the citizens.

The Nigerian Courts: Are the supreme court of Nigeria, the Court of Appeal, (and of recent a constitutional court); the federal High Court, a High Court of a state, a sharia Court of Appeals of a state; a customary court of Appeal of a state and such court as may be authorised by law to exercise jurisdiction on matters concerning which the National Assembly or State House of Assembly (as the case may be) are authorised to make laws. A law court is a statutory place for proper interpretation of the law to resolve disputes and conflicts.

Judges: They should indeed move in the direction of the jurisprudence of welfare and adopt a judicial approach that identifies the political, social and economic problems facing the country and using the law to provide solutions to these problems. They lead in the proceedings. He has the authority to decide on offenders.

Litigation: This is the process of making or defending a claim in a court of law.

Appellant: Is one who takes a case to the court. He is the complainant.

Respondent: This one is defending in a claim; he is responding to the complaint.

Case list: These are scheduling of cases to be heard by the court on the following day.

Appeal: This can be a formal request to a court of law for a judgment to be passed on an issue.

Motion: In a court, it is an application to a court or judge for a ruling or order.

Proceedings: This is an activity carried in a law court in a bid to settle a dispute.

The Registrar: This is a person in the law court that makes entries in the file i.e. what happens in the court each day. He signs as the commissioner of oaths, compile record or appeals, and access documents and certify them.

Clerk: This can be a person in the court who is in charge of the records of the court.

Court Bailiff: This is a person in the court that serve processes like messengers.

Case Book: This is a book where all cases are recorded, details of each case like names of parties involved in the case, case number (charge number), the name of the high court where the case came from, etc. are recorded in this book including the writ of summoning.

Writ of Summon: This is like a form of details of the names of the litigants, the case number etc. it is served to the defendant letting him know that he has a case and asking him to enter for an appearance.

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