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# Objective

To contribute to the advancement of legal civilization through law review, legal education, and legislative drafting

# PROFILE

I have been involved in law review and legislative drafting since 1999, when Nigeria returned to democratic government. I have drafted or reviewed hundreds of bills at national and state levels.

Since 2012, I have researched, taught, and written on legal writing and communication. Some of my works are available on amazon.com/author/chinuaasuzu.

# Experience

**The Write House**

Dean, November 2012–present

* I consult on and teach academic legal writing, brief-writing, business writing, contract drafting, judicial writing, legislative drafting, and litigation drafting.
* I draft and review legislative bills.
* I organize lectures, seminars, and workshops on various law and law-related subjects taught by eminent experts.

**Assizes Lawfirm**

Partner, February 1990–present

* I lead a team of lawyers who advise on business relations and transactions, resolve conflicts, and draft documents.
* I advise on, prepare, and review documents for arbitration, litigation, and mediation.

**Tax Appeal Tribunal**

Commissioner, October 2010–June 2016

* I was among a panel of tax judges who adjudicated tax disputes.

# Education

* 1988–1989, BL, Nigerian Law School
* 1985–1988, LLB, University of Ibadan, Nigeria
* 1980–1984, BA (History), University of Nigeria, Nsukka

# WRITTEN WORK

**Books** (available on amazon.com/author/chinuaasuzu)

* *Brief-Writing Masterclass*, Partridge, 2017.
* *Fair Hearing in Nigeria*, Malthouse, 2010.
* *Judicial Writing: A Benchmark for the Bench*, Partridge, 2016.
* *Learned Writing*, Partridge, 2019.

**Forthcoming Book**

* ***Legislative Drafting*** (research nearing completion/to be published early 2022)

**Seminars and Papers**

* ‘The African Act of Union’ (with Olisa Agbakoba SAN, *THISDAY* 21 & 28 Aug 2001)
* ‘The Governance Scorecard–A Review of Democratic Governance in Nigeria,’ 2nd ed., May 2001 (with Odili G. Okonkwo, a HURILAWS project).
* ‘The Governance Scorecard 2002–A Review of Democratic Governance in Nigeria,’ 3rd ed., May 2002 (with Odili G. Okonkwo, a HURILAWS project).
* ‘*Idowu*: The Nigerian Supreme Court erred,’ ssrn.com/abstract=1934382.
* ‘**Remember Lot’s Wife …** Interpreting Tax Statutes,’ a presentation at the National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS), Abuja, 21 May 2015.
* ‘Police and Torture in Nigeria,’ a presentation at the Training for Law Enforcement Agencies on Human Rights Standards and Practices, Legal Research Initiative, Lagos Airport Hotel, 4 August 2011, ssrn.com/abstract=1935017
* ‘Ruling and Judgment Writing: Challenges for Tribunal Members with Legal and Non-Legal Backgrounds,’ a presentation at the training for members of the Land Use Charge Assessment Appeal Tribunal, 28 September 2011.

**Memorandum to National Assembly**

‘Sexual Offences and Public Nudity: Why Neither Bill Should be Passed,’ a memorandum to

the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, Public Hearing, Senate

Hearing Room 1, National Assembly, Abuja, Wednesday 9 July 2008

**Memoranda to Lagos State House of Assembly**

* Memorandum on the Tenancy Bill 2010
* Memorandum on the Administration of Criminal Justice Bill 2010
* Memorandum on Criminal Law 2010

**Researched, Reviewed, or Drafted Several Bills for presentation to the National Assembly of the Federal Government of Nigeria** (Under the Auspices of Legislative Solicitors and the Nigerian Bar Association)

**Researched and Drafted Delegated Legislation for the Nigerian Judiciary and Judicature** (Collaborative Work with Olisa Agbakoba SAN):

* Fundamental Rights (Enforcement Procedure) Rules 2010
* Federal High Court (AMCON) Practice Direction 2013
* Court of Appeal (Fast Track) Practice Direction 2014