

PROFILE OF
MR JADEGOKE ADEBONAJO BADEJO, KJW, LL.M, B.L, S.A.N, FCI Arb

JADEGOKE ADEBONAJO BADEJO was born on **6th March, 1959** at the Wesley Guild Hospital, Ilesa when his father was Headmaster at **Otapete Methodist Primary School**. His Parents, **Late Revd Jacob Adesoga Badejo** and **Late Mrs. Grace Folorunsho Badejo** are of **Ijebu-Igbo, Ogun State origin**.

He attended the following Schools; Methodist Primary School, Ijana, Imesi Ile, Osun State 1964 to 1967, Wesley Primary School, Igan, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State 1968 to 1969. For Secondary Education, he attended: Molusi College, Ijebu-Igbo, Ogun State 1970 to 1972 and Methodist High School, Ilesa, Osun State 1972 to 1974. He attended the University of Ile-Ife (Now Obafemi Awolowo University) Ile-Ife, Osun State, 1975 to 1979 for his first degree, Nigerian Law School, Victoria Island, Lagos 1979 to 1980 and University of Lagos, Akoka, 1981 to 1982 for B.L (HONS) and LL.M respectively. He bagged many academic laurels and professional attainments via; First Grade in the School Certificate Examinations. A University Scholar based on Academic performance. Graduated in Law with Honours at 20, earned a distinction at Master Level, and was called to the Nigerian Bar at 21. Notary Public since 1989. Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Nigeria) since 2001 and became a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Nigeria) in 2014. He is Legal Adviser and Company Secretary to many blue chip companies and prominent individuals in and out of Nigeria. He attained the Rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria in 2010 - a mark of excellence in the Legal Profession. He appeared and handled landmark cases in the Superior Courts.

His work career saw him through the following institutions and establishments; He taught *History* and *Social Studies* at the **United Modern School, Ilesa between 1974 and 1975. He worked as Pupil Counsel at the Director Public Prosecutor's Office, Lagos State between 1980 and 1981. Junior Counsel, and later Head of Chambers and Deputy Principal Partner at Burke & Company, Solicitors from 1982 to November 1987. He has been Practising Law under the name and style of Bonajo Badejo & Co from November 1987 to date.**

In the practice of Law, he is motivated by the desire to build a brand and extend services to the weak and lowly placed in order to ensure an egalitarian society. He became a **Notary Public in 1989** and has acted as Legal Consultant and Company Secretary to many blue chip companies and orthodox religious bodies in Nigeria. He is widely regarded in Legal Circles as a dogged litigation Counsel, with a niche for taking up difficult and complex cases at the High Court, Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court. He was a Lead Counsel and Team Member in the celebrated case of **Honda V Globe** which traversed all the Courts on the dispute on distribution of Honda Cars in Nigeria. He was also the lead and sole adviser in the acquisition and eventual privatization of Federal Government Shares in the **Volkswagen of Nigeria**. From 1978 to the present he has delivered several

papers mainly in the Nigerian domestic forum with the aim of sharing his experience and initiating a discourse that will proffer solutions to the educational, religious, social and political issues addressed.

This astute great achiever and dedicated Christian held and still holds many positions of responsibilities in the Church. He was **Secretary, Building Committee, Olorunda Methodist Church**, Aguda for 12 years. **Legal Adviser, Ijebu Diocese. Legal Adviser, Conference**, 2001 to 2007 and was the **Secretary of the Constitution Drafting Committee** which worked on the 2006 Constitution of the Church. Currently, he is the **Lay President of the Archdiocese of Lagos; Chairman of the Committee on the Book of Resolutions; Chairman of MCN Properties and Investment Company Limited; Chairman of the Constitution Review Committee set up to review the 2006 Constitution of Methodist Church Nigeria; Member of Finance and Strategic Planning Committee; Member of Conference Property Development Committee; Member of Committee on Wesley Estate Ibafo/Mowe. Secretary of Torchbearer Society, Methodist Church, Ijebu-Igbo. President, Young Men Christian Association (YMCA), Methodist Church, Festival Town** and is also acting in advisory capacity and playing membership roles in organizations and societies too numerous to mention. He has been an Accredited **Lay Preacher** since 1999. This humble child of God has presented many papers at different Methodist fora and was worthily recognized by the Church and honoured with the rank of **Knight of John Wesley on 9th January, 2005.**

Sir Jadegoke Adebajo Badejo has a cherished credo which motivates him in life. He believes that the gracious presence and hand of God is the driving force behind his personality. He is ever so grateful to God for his achievements and to his Parents for the advantage of early education and for bringing him up under strict discipline in the noblest tradition of Methodist Church. His abiding credo is to continue to strive for excellence, God helping him. It is **'Bonajo's** fervent desire to continue to grow as a strong believer in service to the Church and humanity in general and to remain a Christian indeed, a believer, a philanthropist, a man of order, a personality of honour and an ardent supporter of the Christian faith.

He is a devoted husband and a loving father.

ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ALMIGHTY.