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Abdulkarim A. Kana was the Dean of the Faculty of Law Nasarawa State University, Keffi-Nigeria. He holds a Ph.D in Law from the prestigious University of Jos, Nigeria. He was appointed a Notary Public by the Chief Justice of Nigeria in the year 2012. He was elected the President of the Nigerian Association of Law Teachers (NALT) in the year 2015. He was also elected the First Vice Chairman of the Nigeria Bar Association, Keffi Branch. His research areas are Criminal Law, law of evidence, International Law and jurisprudence. His research is specifically on corruption, economic financial crimes. He is among the pioneer staff of the Faculty of Law Nasarawa State University in the year 2002. He is the author of many peer-reviewed publications and books. He was a member of Nigeria's Council of Legal Education and for many years now the Counsel to the National Judicial Council of Nigeria. His book Corruption, Development and the Law in Nigeria was published in the year 2014. In 2003, he founded Kana & Co, a Law Firm with offices in Keffi and Abuja Nigeria and about 15 lawyers currently engaged in active law practice spanning all areas of law with an interesting focus on pro bono and community service. Dr. Kana currently serves as a member of the Nasarawa State Executive Council and has briefly acted as Attorney-General of the State. He also currently serves as Member of National Council on Water of Nigeria and the National Council on Power of Nigeria. As the Dean, he pioneered the Faculty's graduate programme and establishing one of the most robust Postgraduate programme in Africa (nsuklaw.edu.ng/postgraduate brochure).

CURRICULUM VITAE

OF

ABDULKARIM ABUBAKAR KANA

Ph.D, M.Phil, LL.M, BL, LL.B (Hons)

SOLICITOR AND ADVOCATE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NIGERIA

AND NOTARY PUBLIC

A. PERSONAL DATA

Surname: Abubakar

Other Names: Abdulkarim Kana

Sex, Nationality: Male, Nigerian

Date of Birth: 19th October 1974

Place of Birth: Obi- then Benue Plateau State, present day Nasarawa State, Nigeria

Sate of Origin: Nasarawa, Nigeria

Local Government of Origin: Kokona

Marital Status: Married to Aisha and blessed with four lovely daughters Maryam, Amina, Khadija and Aisha.

Present Status: 1. **Rank:** Associate Professor;

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B. INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED

Baptist Primary School, Keffi (Pre-Primary School)-	1978
Ansarruddeen Primary School, West of Mines Jos-	1979
Central Primary School, Nasarawa-	1980-1982
S.D.A LEA Primary School, Laranto, Jos-	1982 to 1983
LGEA Primary School, Gwong, Jos-	1983
Abduzanga Primary School, Keffi-	1983- 1985
Township Primary School, Jos-	1985-1986
Federal Government Collage, Sokoto-	1986- 1988
Federal Government Collage, Jos-	1988- 1992
University of Jos-	1992- 1999
Nigerian Law School-	1999-2000
Korporate Computer Institute-	2001
National Youth Service-	2001- 2002
University of Jos-	2002- 2004

University of Jos-	2006- 2012
American University Washington College of Law (AUWCL)	2015

C. QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED

Primary School Leaving Certificate-	1986
Senior School Certificate of Education (SSCE)-	1992
Bachelors of Law (LL.B Hons)-	1999
Barrister at Law (BL) (Called to Bar Nigerian Law School)-	2001
Certificate in Computer Application (CCA)-	2001
Master of Laws (LL.M)-	2004
Masters in Philosophy (M.Phil) -	2011
Doctor of Law (Ph.D)-	2012
Notary Public	2012
Certificate in Anti-Corruption and Human Rights	2015

D. POST CALL WORKING EXPERIENCE

Junior Counsel – Solomon Umoh and Co, Jos-	2001 (January to May 2001)
Legal Officer/ In-house Solicitor (NYSC) Lion Bank Plc, Jos-	2001-2002
Legal Officer/ In-house Solicitor (Temporary Staff) Lion Bank, Jos-	2002 (May to Sept. 2002)
President - Kana & Co-Progressives Chambers, Keffi –	Founded 1 st October, 2002
Assistant Lecturer- Faculty of Law, Nasarawa State University, Keffi-	2002- 2004
Lecturer II- Faculty of Law- Nasarawa State University, Keffi-	2004- 2006
Lecturer I- Faculty of Law-Nasarawa State University, Keffi-	2006-2009
Senior Lecturer- Faculty of Law-Nasarawa State University, Keffi-	2009-2015
Associate Professor-Faculty of Law-Nasarawa State University, Keffi-	2015-Date

E. ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS/ FUNCTIONS WITH DATES (PRESENT AND PAST)

1. Member, Nasarawa State Executive Council February 2017-Date
2. Member, Nigerian National Council on Power 2017
3. Member, Nigerian National Council on Water 2017
4. Dean of Law, Nasarawa State University, Keffi 2014 to 2017
5. President, Nigeria Association of Law Teachers (NALT) June 2015 to October 2016
6. Member of NEC, Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) 2014 to 2016
7. Member, Council of Legal Education (CLE) 2014 to 2017
8. Member Council of Legal Education Board of Studies to Date August 2015
9. 1st Vice-Chairman, Nigeria Bar Association, Keffi Branch 2014 to 2016
10. Deputy Dean, Faculty of Law, Nasarawa State University 2009 to 2014
11. Member, NSUK Students Disciplinary Committee 2010 to 2017
12. Acting Head of Department of Civil Law 2005-2006
13. Level Coordinator, NSUK Faculty of Law 2004 to 2010
14. Faculty of Law Admissions Officer, NSUK 2010 to 2013
15. Member, Nasarawa State Land Use Allocation Committee 2003 to 2017
16. Member, NSUK Diploma Board 2010 to 2014
17. Member, NSUK Sanitation Committee 2010 to Date
18. Member, NSUK Senate (Faculty Rep) 2013-2014
19. Member, NSUK Ceremonial Committee 2014-2017
20. Member, Senate Committee of Examination Misconduct 2014 to 2017
21. Part of the Coaching crew of the NSUKLAW Team to International Air and Space Law Moot Court Competition in Abu Dhabi UAE, 2013.
22. JUDGE- JESSUP White and Case International Law Moot Court Competition-Washington D.C-USA, Annual- 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014.
23. Board Member- ADA Micro Finance Bank Ltd 2010 to Date

F. HIGHEST LEVEL OF RESEARCH PROJECT, DESERTATION AND THESIS

LL.B (Bachelor of Law) – Project Topic- Corruption in Nigeria-Causes and Solutions, A Criminological Analysis (UniJos).

LL.M (Master of Laws) – Masters Dissertation-Corruption and National Development: An Appraisal of the Nigerian Anti-Corruption Act 2000. (UniJos)

Ph. D (Laws) – Ph.D Thesis- Corruption and Sustainable Development in Nigeria; An Appraisal of the Legal Framework. (UniJos).

G. COURSES TAUGHT IN THE UNIVERSITY

(i) UNDERGRADUATE COURSES (LLB)

1. Legal Methods
2. Introduction to Law
3. Commercial Law
4. Criminal Law
5. Criminology
6. Law of Evidence

(ii) POST-GRADUATE COURSES (LL.M)

1. Comparative Criminal Law
2. Criminology
3. Financial Crimes Investigation
4. Economic Financial Crimes Law
5. International Law and Security

H. LL.M THESIS SUPERVISED (Just a few out of many)

1. IBRAHIM ABDULLAHI: The Legal Framework for the Regulation of Air Pollution in Nigeria. LL.M Thesis submitted to Faculty of Law, Nasarawa State University.
2. AGADA JOHN ELACHI: Plea-Bargaining and the Anti-Corruption Drive: A Comparative Study submitted to Faculty of Law, Nasarawa State University.

I. LLB PROJECT SUPERVISION

SUPERVISED AT LEAST 50 (FIFTY) SO FAR.

J. EXTERNAL EXAMINATION AND MODERATION

- K.** External Examiner; Federal Polytechnic, Nasarawa- 2012 to Date.

L. MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES AND LEARNED SOCIETIES

- i. MEMBER-Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
- ii. MEMBER-Nigerian Association of Law Teachers (NALT)
- iii. MEMBER-International Bar Association (IBA)
- iv. MEMBER-Global Aid for Justice Education (GAJE)
- v. MEMBER-Friends of Jessup (FOJ)- International Law Students' Association (ILSA)
- vi. MEMBER-International Association of Legal Ethics (IALE)
- vii. MEMBER-International Association of Law Schools (IALS)
- viii. MEMBER-African Law Deans Forum (IALS)
- ix. MEMBER-Global Law Deans Forum (IALS)

M. COURSES AND TRAINING ON THE JOB

1. Training Seminar on Corruption, Economic and Financial Crimes (Kaduna) December 2004. (Organised by The African Diaspora Initiative and ABU Zaria)
2. Training Seminar on Legal Drafting organized by the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) Lagos. August 2010.
3. Training on Damages in International Arbitration organised by Juris Conference October 2013, Washington D.C., USA.
4. Training on Incubators and Residency Program, Touro Law School, New York, USA, 2014.
5. ASUU Leadership Training Workshop 2014, Meeting the Challenges of Effective Leadership in the Nigeria University System.
6. Certificate Course in the U.S. & International Anti-Corruption Law Summer Program at American University Washington College of Law, 2015.
7. Training Workshop on Introduction to Legislative Drafting Organised By the Association of Legislative Drafters of Nigeria – 2017.

N. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED

1. International Bar Association Annual Conference. 2008, Madrid Spain.
2. International Bar Association Annual Conference. 2010, Vancouver, Canada.
3. International Bar Association Annual Conference. 2012, Dublin, Ireland.
4. International Air and Space Law Moot Court Competition (Admin Crew) Abu Dhabi 2013. UAE.
5. Judging in the International Law Moot Court Competitions organized by White and Case, JESSUP and ILSA Washington D.C USA. 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2014.
6. Conference on Incubators and Residency Programme April, 2014 organized by TOURO LAW School, New York. USA.
7. Litigation Annual Conference organized by Litigation Committee of the International Bar Association at the New York Athletics Club (NYAL) March, 2012. New York USA.
8. International Conference on Social Science and Law hosted by Nigerian Turkish University, Abuja Nigeria.
9. Conference of the International Association of Law Schools (IALS) Madrid & Segovia, Spain 25th to 27th October, 2015.
10. International Association of Law Schools IALS, African Law Deans' Forum Livingston, Zambia 8-11 May, 2016.
11. International Association of Law School's IALS Meeting UC Hastings San Francisco, 2016.
12. International Association of Law Schools IALS Meeting, African Deans' Forum in Cape Coast, 2017.

O. LOCAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED

1. NALT Conferences at Maiduguri, Lagos, Jos, Ilorin, Port Harcourt, Ado-Ekiti, Keffi etc.
2. All NBA Conferences since 2002 to date.

P. PUBLICATIONS

(a) BOOKS

1. **KANA A. A: Corruption, Development and The Law in Nigeria.** Published by Greenworld Publishers, (Keffi: 2014).
2. NCHI S. I., **KANA A. A** and **YAMUSA S: Nigeria's State House of Assembly: Powers, Functions and Authority.** Published by Greenworld Publishers, (Keffi: 2015).

(b) PUBLISHED ARTICLES IN JOURNALS

1. **KANA A. A: Curbing Corruption in a Democracy: A Long-Term Legal and Extra-Legal Recipe for Nigeria.** Published in the The Advocate Journal of the University of Jos Law Society (2000).

2. **KANA A. A: Regime of International Environmental Law: The Import of Kyoto Protocol**. Published in the Nasarawa State University Law Journal (Vol. 1 Number 1. 2004).
3. **KANA A. A: Interpretation of Code of Conduct for Public Officers**. Published in Nasarawa State University Journal of Administration (December 2006).
4. **KANA A. A: Mergers and Competition**. Published in Law Commentaries (Vol.1 No. 1 March 2009).
5. **KANA A. A: Evolving Crimes Versus Static Legislations: the dilemma of the Nigerian Criminal Justice System**. Published in Criminal Law Section Newsletter of the International Bar Association (IBA) Legal Practice Division Vol 2 Number 1 October 2009.
6. **KANA A.A: Legal Framework for the Regulation of National Parks in Nigeria**. Published in the Nasarawa State University Law Journal (Vol. 4 Number 1. 2011).
7. **KANA A. A: Judicial Discretion and Criminal Sentencing: The State v. Yusuf John Yakubu and a Case for A Mandatory Minimum Sentencing Rule in Nigeria**. Published in the Public and International Law Journal Nasarawa State University, Keffi (Vol. 1 Number 1 June 2013).
8. **KANA A. A: An Overview of International Principles and Domestic Codes of Judicial Ethics and Integrity for Judges and Judicial Staff**. Published in Private and Business Law Journal, Nasarawa State University, Keffi (Vol. 1 No. 1 June 2013).
9. **KANA A. A, SALMANU R.M, YUSUF A. M: Understanding The Criminal Jurisdiction Of The National Industrial Court Of Nigeria: Issues And Challenges**. Published in the University of Maiduguri Law Journal. 2013.
10. **KANA A. A, OKEBUKOLA E.O: The Dynamism of the Nigerian Legislative Process**. Published in the University of Maiduguri Law Journal 2014.

11. KANA A. A: **Perspectives And Limits Of Judicial Discretion In Nigerian Courts.** Published in the Journal of Law, Policy and Globalization (JLPG) Vol. 29, 2014 edition. (INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL).
12. KANA A. A: **Religion, The Law and Nigeria's Challenge of Preserving Nationhood in Nigeria** Published in the Journal of Law, Policy and Globalization (JLPG) Vol. 33, 2015 edition. (INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL).
13. KANA A. A., OKEBUKOLA E.O: **The International Criminal Court and Immunity of Sovereign States.** Published in the IFE JURIS REVIEW 2015.
14. OKEBUKOLA E.O, KANA A. A.: **Executive Orders In Nigeria As Valid Legislative Instruments And Administrative Tools.** Published in the Nnamdi Azikiwe University Journal of International Law and Jurisprudence Vol 3, Sept. 2012.
15. M.M. Gidado (SAN) and KANA A.A.: **Law Making and Multi Ethnic Societies** Published in Nasarawa State University Law Journal April, 2016.
16. M.M. GIDADO (SAN) and KANA A. A.: **The Constitutional Role of The Legislature Viewed From Nigerian Prism** Published in Public and International Law Journal Nasarawa State University, Keffi Vol. II April 2016.
17. A. A. KANA and K.S. Agbonika.; **Cybercrime and The 2015 Cybercrime Act: New Entrants in The Precincts of Nigerian Criminal Legal Jurisprudence** Published in Private and Business Law Journal, Nasarawa State University, Keffi April, 2016.
18. KANA A. A: **Can Law Teachers Practice And Act As Consultants For Free Or For A Fee?** Published in The Nigerian Law Journal Vol. 19, No. 1 2016.
19. A.A. KANA and RILWANU SULEIMAN **Rights To Fair Hearing And To Examine Witnesses In A Criminal Trial: The Need To Review Section 287(1) (A) Of The**

Criminal Procedure Act. Published in the Ahmadu Bello University Zaria Human Rights Review, 2016.

20. M.M. GIDADO and A.A.KANA.: **LAW MAKING IN THE MILITARY ERA** Published in The Journal Compiled in Honour of Honourable Justice Ishaq Bello by Faculty of Law, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, 2016.
21. **KANA A. A., SALMANU R.M, YUSUF A. M: The Principle Of Double Jeopardy V. The Principle Of Condonation: Revisiting The Supreme Court's Decision In Nigerian Army V. Aminun Kano.** Published in the Nnamdi Azikiwe Journal of Law 2017.

C. PAPERS ASSESSED AND ACCEPTED FOR JOURNAL PUBLICATION (LETTERS OF ACCEPTANCE)

1. ZAKARI Y.M., KANA A. A: **The Definition of Criminal Intent in Nigeria: The Concept of "Dolus" to the Rescue.** Accepted for Publication in the Nasarawa Journal of Law.

D. EDITED/ PUBLISHED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

1. KANA A.A: **Impact of Corruption on The Investigation of Intellectual Property Crimes and The Consequences of Same On The Outcome of Judicial Proceedings.** Published in the Compiled Lecture Paper Presentation at the Conference on A Uniform Protocol for the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights Across The ECOWAS States (2007). Edited by Christopher O. Muo Esq.
2. SHISHI M.J, ISA Y.I, KANA A. A: **Globalisation, Democracy and Good Governance in Nigeria The Best Practices.** Published in the Book Globalisation, National Development and the Law Edited by Professor E. Azinge (SAN) (May, 2004). Edited by D.A Guobadia and Epiphany Azinge.
3. KANA A. A, ISA Y.I, ZAKARI M. Y, OKORONKWO S.C.C: **Law and Development: A New Paradigm For Law Teachers.** Published in the compiled proceedings of the 44th Annual Conference of the Nigerian

Association of Law Teachers (July, 2011).
Edited by Bunmi Akaakar Esq.

4. ESSIEN I. J, **KANA A. A.**, OKORONKWO S.C.C, MUSA HABIBA: **Corruption in Nigeria: Dimensions and Implications for National Development**. Published in Corruption and National Development compiled proceedings of the 46th Annual Conference of the Nigerian Association of Law Teachers (April, 2013). Edited by Dr. I. A. Abdulkadir et al.
5. ESSIEN I.J, **KANA A. A**, OKEBUKOLA E.O, YAMUSA S., **Equipping The Nigerian Lawyer For The Challenges of Globalisation Though Interdisciplinary Legal Education** paper presented at the 48th Annual NALT Conference **2015** (Ado-Ekiti). Edited by Ass. Professor E. Smaranda Olarinde.
6. OKEBUKOLA E.O, **KANA A. A.**, ESSIEN I.J., **DOMA H: Developing a Cyber law Curriculum for Nigerian Universities** Paper presented at the 48th Annual NALT Conference 2015 (Ado-Ekiti). Edited by Ass. Professor E. Smaranda Olarinde.
7. ISA Y.I, **KANA A. A:** **Current Issues in the Settlement of Claims in Fire Insurance Industry In Nigeria.** A Paper Presented at the International Conference on Social Science and Law, Africa 7-8th May, **2015**. At Nigeria Turkish Nile University, Abuja, Nigeria. Edited by Prof. Dr. Idris Sani and Dr. Onder Aytac.
8. ISA Y.I, **KANA A. A.:** **Appraisal of the Legality of Debt Recovery Mechanism Adopted by the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation.** A Paper Presented at the International Conference on Social Science and Law, Africa 7-8th May, **2015**. At Nigeria Turkish Nile University, Abuja, Nigeria. Prof. Dr. Idris Sani and Dr. Onder Aytac.
9. OKEBUKOLA E.O, **KANA A. A.:** **Hacking of Social Media Accounts: Avoiding Procrustean Application of Law in Nigeria. A Paper** Presented at the International Conference on Social Science and Law, Africa 7-8th May, **2015**. At Nigeria Turkish Nile University,

Abuja, Nigeria. Prof. Dr. Idris Sani and Dr. Onder Aytac.

10. EMILY I. ALEMIKA, KANA A.A ETAL.: **Analysis of Criminological Theories of Crime and Penological Concept of Punishment.** Published in the Compiled Conference Proceedings of the 49th Conference of the Nigerian Association of Law Teachers Conference. A. A. Kana and Elijah Okebukola.
11. E.O. Okebukola, A.A. KANA and I.J. Essien.: **Is Corruption Mala Prohibita or Mala Inse?** Published in the Compiled Conference Proceedings of the 49th Conference of the Nigerian Association of Law Teachers Conference. A. A. Kana and Elijah Okebukola.

E. INVITED PAPERS AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

12. KANA A. A: **Overview of the Legal Framework of Industrial Relationship in Nigeria.** Paper delivered at the ASUU Zonal Leadership Training Workshop 22nd-30th March, 2014 Benin and Nsukka Branch (AAU Ekpoma) and Ibadan Branch at (OOU Ago-Iwoye).
13. KANA A. A: **Impact Of Election Violence On Sustainable Development.** Paper presented at the Joint Sensitization Workshop towards a peaceful 2015 General Election held in Lafia 21st January, 2015.

F. Editor in Chief of Journals

- i. Nasarawa State University, Law Journal Vol. 6 Number 1. June 2015
- ii. Nasarawa State University LAW COMMENTARIES Vol. 2 Number 1 December, 2014.

Q. RESPONSIBILITIES HELD IN SCHOOL

Class Monitor-Primary School, PRO-M.S.S FGC Jos, Secretary General- M.S.S Unijos, Asst. Sec. Gen- UniJos Law Society (LSS), Coordinator-Jural Court (Moot Court)-UniJos Law Society (LSS), Coordinator- UniJos Law Library, Member-UniJos Law Society Constitution Review Committee, President-UniJos Law Society (LSS), National Vice President and Coordinator of Zone B- Nigerian Law Students Association (NILSA) (National Body), President- Legal Aid CD Group NYSC, Editor in Chief –MCAN Journal.

R. INTERESTS

Research and Teaching, Community Service, Politics, Travelling, Farming, Commerce and Trading.

S. REFEREES AND CONTACTS

1. Professor Yemi Akinseye-George (SAN), Head of Department of Public and International Law, Faculty of Law, Nasarawa State University, Keffi.
2. Professor Maxwell M. Gidado (SAN), Former Dean, Faculty of Law, Nasarawa State University, Keffi.
3. Professor Joash Amuputan (SAN), Former Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Jos.

DECLARATION

I, Abdulkarim Abubakar Kana, declare that the information given above is authentic to the best of my knowledge.

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SIGNATURE

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DATE