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The President, Nigerian Bar Association,  
NBA House,  
Plot 1101 Muhammadu Buhari Way,  
Central Business District,  
Abuja, F.C.T.

Dear Sir,

**RE: PETITION AGAINST MR ADESINA OGUNLANA,  
MR YINKA FAROUNBI AND MRS DERIN KAPPO, ALL  
MEMBERS OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION, IKEJA  
BRANCH, OVERFRAUDULENT CONVERSION OF FUNDS  
BELONGING TO THE NBA, IKEJA BRANCH AND GROSS  
ABUSE OF OFFICE**

We are solicitors and concerned members of the NBA, Ikeja Branch, and have been compelled to write in respect of the subject matter, above.

For the purpose of clarity, Mr. Adesina Ogunlana, is the current /outgoing chairman of the Ikeja Branch of the NBA. Mr. Yinka Farounbi, was the immediate past chairman of the Branch, between 2014 and 2016.

Derin Kappo (Mrs.), was the immediate past treasurer during the Yinka Farounbi era, but not a member of the current Executive.

Our complaints against the trio are as follows;

**ILLEGAL OPERATION OF THE NBA IKEJA BRANCH ACCOUNT  
DOMICILEDAT WEMA BANK, OBA AKRAN AVENUE BRANCH, IKEJA**

The NBA Ikeja Branch operates an account with WEMA BANK ACCOUNT- NO. 012 036 7393, and same is domiciled at the Oba Akran Avenue Branch, Ikeja, Lagos.

By the provisions of the NBA Uniform Bye Law, 2015, see Article 13(3) and (4), these accounts are to be jointly operated by the Chairman and

Treasurer, and where the Treasurer is not available, the Chairman signs with the Secretary. These are checks introduced in the Bye Law in order to checkmate wanton excesses of the signatories to the account, and therefore minimize fraud and eliminate abuse.

We most humbly draw your attention to the provisions of Article 13(6), (7), (8) and (9), which have been deliberately and fraudulently violated in order to facilitate the consistent fleecing of the Branch funds.

Furthermore sir, we must register our extreme displeasure that despite several appeals by the Secretary, Muna Esegine, Esq., Treasurer, Thelma Coco-Bassey, Esq. and several well-meaning members of the Branch, the current Chairman, Adesina Ogunlana, in collusion with the Former Chairman, Yinka Farounbi, and former Treasurer, have refused to effect a change of signatories to the said account, and have fraudulently and without any legal or moral justification, depleted the accounts of the Branch, in utter violation of the extant provisions of our Bye-Law.

Furthermore, we have it on good authority that the practice has been for the former chairman and former treasurer, to transfer funds without authorization to the personal account of Adesina Ogunlana at First BankPlc, who now disburses same at will, without recourse to both the Executive Committee, the General Meeting and the succinct provisions of the Bye-Law.

## **2. MONTHLY DEDUCTIONS IN THE GUISE OF PROVIDING REFRESHMENTS AT THE GENERAL MEETING**

The practice of the Branch providing meals and refreshments during the Monthly meetings was introduced by Monday Ubani Esq., during his tenure as Chairman of the NBA, Ikeja Branch, between 2014 – 2016. During the said period, individuals elected to host and sponsor the meals served during meetings.

We have just confirmed that secret and unauthorized withdrawals are being made from the accounts of the Branch, in support of these hosting without any authorization by the General Meeting as encapsulated in our extant laws.

These withdrawals are unauthorized and questionably done and should be accounted for. Please see Article 13 of the Uniform Bye-Law, which



specifically forbids such expenditures, having not been discussed, approved or authorized at the General Meeting.

It is crystal clear that it is only the Chairman and a few former officers of our Branch, that know how much is in our Branch coffers as at today, how much the meals cost, who prepares same and how the withdrawals from our accounts are effected.

The Treasurer, the Financial Secretary and the Secretary of the NBA Ikeja Branch, do not have the slightest inkling as to how the funds are being administered. This is a criminal aberration designed to facilitate the fraud being perpetrated on the Branch.

### **3. THE BRANCH CHEQUE BOOKLETS AND OTHER PROPERTIES**

In order to amplify the magnitude of the criminal breaches being perpetrated against the Branch, we refer specifically to the provisions of Article 7(5), dealing with the powers of the Treasurer, and same provides as follows;

5(a) "To promptly pay all monies collected by him or the financial secretary from members of the Branch or from any person or body to the Branch's Bankers".

(b) "To keep in safe custody, the bank tellers, cheque books and all other documents relating to the Branch's bank accounts, and maintain an accurate and up to date statement of all monies received or paid out by him and the authorization for such payments.

Furthermore sir, we wish to draw your attention to the fact that in pursuit of these criminal dealings, the former Chairman, YinkaFarounbi, Chairman, Adesina Ogunlana, and the former Treasurer, DerinKappo, have conspired and refused despite several entreaties and protestations, to release the tellers, cheque booklets and all other bank-related documents to the Treasurer.

They have till date, hidden all relevant bank-related documents, belonging to the Branch, away from those constitutionally empowered to have custody of same. This is a deliberate criminal infraction.

#### **4. FRAUDULENT WITHDRAWAL OF CASH FROM THE BRANCH ACCOUNTS BY THE FORMER TREASURER, MRS DERIN KAPPO**

We have it on good authority also, that the former Treasurer, Derin Kappo, despite not being a member of the current Executive of the Ikeja Branch of the NBA, still makes withdrawals from the NBA Ikeja Branch Account. The practice now appears to be for her to make withdrawals and hand same over to the Chairman.

We are seriously at a loss why funds from the Branch accounts are being dissipated and disbursed into personal accounts without the knowledge of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer and other members of the Executive in utter violation of the provisions of our Bye- Law.

#### **5. SEIZURE OF BRANCH PROPERTIES BY THE CHAIRMAN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PAST EXECUTIVES.**

The Uniform Bye-Law made adequate provisions concerning the custody of the properties of the Branch, mandating the Secretary to be in full control of all Branch properties. We refer specifically to Article 7(3)(h), which provides as follows;

"To be responsible for the general management of the Secretariat of the Branch and to keep an inventory of all the properties of the Branch".

The general management of the secretariat is the responsibility of the Secretary but the Chairman and these other fellows have hijacked the properties of the Branch and are now using same as personal properties, travelling all over the country for their private engagements that do not have any relationship with the business and activities of the Branch.

Furthermore, we suspect that one of the Branch vehicles has been sold by Mr. Adesina Ogunlana.

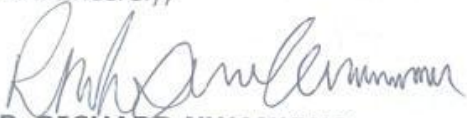
We therefore urge you sir, to use your good offices and investigate these fraudulent activities against the Branch, and ensure that anyone found culpable shall be prosecuted, and in addition, be made to refund all monies criminally withdrawn from the accounts of the Branch.

We thank you in advance for your circumspection.

Thank you.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

  
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