ELECTORAL COMMITTEE OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

27 May, 2022

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Dear Sir,

2022 ELECTIONS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE NBA – RESOLUTION OF PETITION DATED 2 MAY 2022

We refer to the above subject, your petition dated 2 May 2022 and the response to the petition received from Mr. Yakubu Chonoko Maikyau, SAN, FCIArb ("the Respondent") dated 12 May 2022. In the referenced petition, you requested that the ECNBA disqualifies the Respondent from contesting for the office of the **President** of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA).

Please be informed that the ECNBA has considered the petition and the response to same. It is the ECNBA's position that it has no jurisdiction over the complaint, as the subject matter of the petition is pending before the Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Committee ("LPDC") the competent statutory body for adjudication. Furthermore, the power of the ECNBA to disqualify a person who wishes to contest for an office shall only <u>crystallizes</u> after a conviction of crime by a court of competent jurisdiction or if the candidate is found guilty of misconduct or professional impropriety by the LPDC by virtue of Part VII(e) and (f) Second Schedule of the Constitution.

Consequently, your petition fails.

Yours faithfully,

Ayodele Akintunde, SAN, C.Arb Chairman, ECNBA Mabel Ekeke Secretary, ECNBA

CC:

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