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First Semester Examinations 2019/2020 Academic Session
LAW 401 Introduction to Legal Practice I

Time allowed: 2Hours, 30mins

Instructions: Answer four questions in all.

Answer Question 1 and any other two in Section A and answer only one question in Section B.

SECTION A (Answer Question 1 and any other two)

1) Umaru Eri J. (Chairman) L.P.D.C. (Legal Practitioner's Disciplinary Committee) stated in the case of **N.B.A. Vs OHIOMA (2010) NWLR Part 1231 page 461 at 480** as follows;
"The Legal Profession all over the world is regarded as the most honourable and learned profession. The Profession's honour, respect and integrity are sustained by public confidence and trust. The legal profession has no better heritage than credit, fidelity and character".

Explain this statement in relations to the duty which a lawyer owes to the court, his client and fellow lawyers. Support your answer with statutory and judicial authorities.

2) (a) Olumide, Akinwunmi and Omolara are all lawyers. Olumide and Akinwunmi have four years post call experience while Omolara was called to Nigerian Bar in December, 2018. They intend to set up a law firm that specializes in family, land, and banking related matters. Advise them on the appropriate type of law firm, location and name of the organization.

(b) List the various types of law firms from which a lawyer may choose from to carry on Legal Practice?

(c) How are the following judicial officers addressed in a court of law?

- i. A President of the Court of Appeal
- ii. A Chief Magistrate
- iii. The Area Court and Customary Court judges.
- iv. The Head of Court of the Customary Court of Appeal
- v. Grand Kadi of the Sharia Court of Appeal

3) "A Legal Practitioner who has chosen to establish a law firm has chosen to establish a business".

(a) In the light of the above statement state specifically the layout of a typical law firm and also state what categories of support staff that a large corporate law firm headed by a Senior Advocate of Nigeria would require for a successful Legal Practice

(b) What are the challenges of establishing a law firm in Nigeria?

4) (a) What qualities must a lawyer exhibit in the presentation of his case before a judge in any court in Nigeria?

(b) What are the admission requirements of a Law student before he is called to the Nigerian Bar?