

SPECIAL REPORT ON THE NATIONAL HONOUR ON SENATOR OLADIPO ODUJINRIN AND PRINCE ADEYEMI ADEFULU

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Prince Adeyemi Adefulu

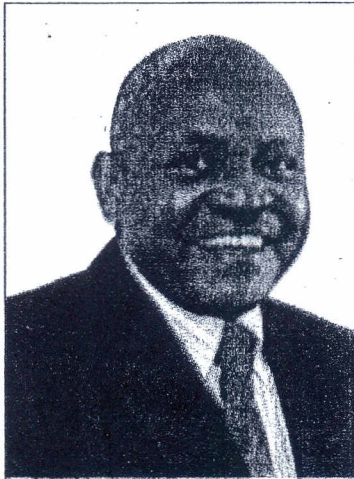
PRINCE Adeyemi Adefulu was born in 1946 in Ogun State. He was educated at the University of Lagos where he obtained his LL.B (Hon) degree in 1971 and the Nigerian Law School where he graduated in 1972 as a distinguished recipient of the best graduating student prize.

Prince Adefulu began his professional career in Law at the firm of Gani Fawhinmi & Co. in 1972 before he co-founded in the same year the commercial law firm of Odujinrin & Adefulu with Senator Oladipo Odujinrin thus establishing one of the oldest striving law partnership in Nigeria.

Having acquired valuable leadership experience and exposure in his University days, as the President of the Students Union and Vice President of National Union of Nigerian Students, Prince Adeyemi Adefulu went on to serve as a Commissioner in Ogun State Ministries of Health and Social Welfare; forestry and Water Resources; and Local Government between 1979 and 1983.

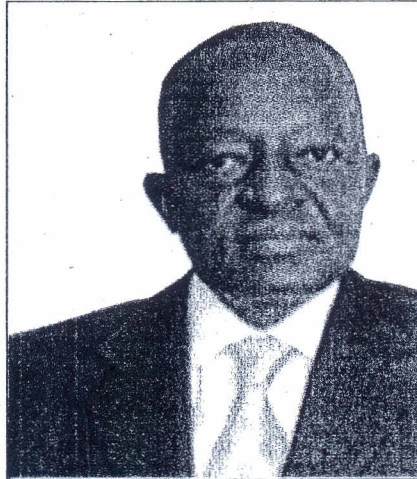
Over the years, Prince Adefulu as a consummate strategist had made remarkable impact in the private sector, by serving at a time on the board of Gateway Bank Plc (which merged with Intercontinental Bank Plc). Indeed, his quests to further contribute to the growth and development of judicial administration through research and publications that resulted in the birth of Odade Publishers – a specialist publishing firm of which he is currently the Chief Executive Officer of active legal practice and business.

In the past 36 years, Prince Adefulu have been actively involved in legal practice and business. He has served as top executive officers of notable



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organizations as Nigerian and International Bar Associations; member and past President of many professional bodies such as University of Lagos Alumni Association Past Chairman Ikeja Round Table; Member, Nigerian Delegation to the World Health Organisation (WHO) Summit 1981; Chairman, FotoQuick Nigeria Limited; Member, Judicial Commission of Inquiry for Investigation into the Management of Nigerian Airways Ltd (2000) Prince Adefulu has widely traveled as a lawyer and has distinguished himself in legal practice in the areas of general litigation, Aviation, dispute resolution, arbitration, insurance, employee/employer-relations and government relations, it is no doubt he is a man who is committed to social service and as he has been a Gold Medal Award by the Council of the University of Lagos and recently the Order of the Federal Government Award of Member of the Federal Republic (MFR).



• Senator Odujinrin

Senator Oladipo Odujinrin

SENATOR Oladipo Odujinrin had his legal training, first at the University of Lagos where he obtained his LL.B degree in 1969, with the best result in his class thereafter in 1970, he was also at the Nigerian law school, where he obtained his BL. He later attended the prestigious Harvard Law School Cambridge Massachusetts, in the U.S.A as Rockefeller scholar obtaining the LL.M degree in 1971.

Oladipo Odujinrin did a stint at the chambers of Chris Ogunbanjo & Co. before he mooted the idea of a legal partnership with Prince Adeyemi Adefulu. The duo founded Odujinrin & Adefulu law firm in 1972. Today, this law firm has become perhaps the oldest and longest existing law partnership in Nigeria. Having been exposed to politics in his University days as Secretary General of the National Union of Nigerian Students (NUNS), Oladipo went on to be elected as a Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in the

Second Republic.

Senator Odujinrin is indeed an achiever as exemplified by his remarkable achievements with over 36 years experience in law practice and business while he is considered to be one of the few authorities with specialist skills in commercial projects; corporate finance; joint ventures, energy law, banking, international trade and personal solicitorship. Oladipo also served on the board of several companies, government and non-governmental organizations, which include the chairmanship of Abplast Products Plc, Odade Publishers and one time President of the Nigerian British Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

As a member of reputable organizations and governmental panels such as the Nigerian and International Bar Associations, the Consultative Assembly on the Review of the Nigerian Company Law (1988), World Peace through the Law Centre, President, University of Lagos Alumni Association, Senator Oladipo Odujinrin had had award studded educational professional career. For instance, he was a recipient of the German Scholarship, Best student in the freshman year (1967); a Dean's prize for Best Graduating Student in Single subject (1969), Rockefeller Scholarship at Harvard Law School (1970), University Lagos, Faculty of Law's Distinguished Alumnus Award for Outstanding Achievement in Society (1987) and Notary Public for Nigeria (1976). The latest honour is the MFR conferred on him by the Federal Governments. Senator Odujinrin is happily married with children.