



Olaniwun Ajayi wins **BIG** at the African Legal Awards 2023



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Legal giant, **Olaniwun Ajayi**, captured the spotlight at the 10th annual African Legal Awards (AFLA) ceremony, which took place on Friday, September 1st, 2023, in Johannesburg, South Africa. At this prestigious event, Olaniwun Ajayi earned a triumphant trifecta of honors, securing its position as a powerhouse in the African legal landscape. The firm was celebrated as the Largest Law Firm in Nigeria and West Africa, crowned as the West African Law Firm of the Year (Large Practice), and awarded the pinnacle accolade of African Law Firm of the Year.

The African Legal Awards, an annual tradition recognizes remarkable achievements and showcases outstanding legal talent across the African continent. The AFLA is organized by Law.com International in collaboration with the Africa Legal and Corporate Counsel Association of South Africa (CCASA). Remarkably, the 10th edition of this event witnessed unprecedented participation, with 560 submissions pouring in from 22 African nations, all vying for a select number of coveted award categories.



Olaniwun Ajayi's impressive trio of accolades attest to the firm's status as a continent-wide leader not only 'in the realm of legal services but also in terms of growth and strategic vision', as aptly articulated by the organizers.

Established over six decades ago with offices in the core cities of Nigeria, London and Cameroon (recently launched in July 2023 to cater for the 17 African countries within the OHADA region), Olaniwun Ajayi has continually adapted to the evolving landscape, emerging as one of the preeminent pan-African legal practices on the continent.

Olaniwun Ajayi stands as the unwavering paragon of adaptability and evolution. The firm has propelled itself to the forefront of pan-African legal practices, from its days as a sole proprietorship to becoming Nigeria's first limited partnership in 1994, Olaniwun Ajayi has remained committed to shaping the continent's legal landscape with an unyielding spirit.

As Olaniwun Ajayi continues its transformative era in legal practice, it exemplifies innovation whether in the financial system supporting the CBN in its drive for financial system stability with the banking sector consolidation and restructuring, being at the heart of the origin of electronic payments in the Nigerian Fintech space with its advisory to Valucard, to advisory, this year, on the restructuring of NNPC into Africa's largest Oil Corporation and financing for the largest single train oil refinery in the world, the future promises even grander achievements as the firm pushes the boundaries of excellence, sets new benchmarks, and etches its name indelibly into the annals of legal history.

Olaniwun Ajayi's pledge to excellence, innovation, and sustainability not only secures these celebrated titles but also renews its solemn promise to continually deliver unparalleled legal services, leaving an indelible mark on Africa's legal tapestry for countless decades to come. Olaniwun Ajayi doesn't just shape history; it makes it, and the future has never looked brighter for this formidable legal institution.