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Current Position

2013- present Visiting Professor University of Rome, Italy
2017-present President and CEO, The Peace Institute
2018-present Senior Visiting Scholar, Wellesley Centers for Women
2020- Present Reader (Radcliffe Institute) Harvard University

Education

July 2021 University of Oxford, United Kingdom, MSt. Women Studies
June 2004 Washington College of Law, American University, LLM in International Studies
(USA)
1998 Jos University (Jos Nigeria) M.A. in International Law and Diplomacy
1989 Nigeria Law School (Lagos) Nigeria, B.L.
1987 Jos University (Jos, Nigeria), L.L.B.

Other Education (selected)

2004 Certificate in Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Washington College
of Law, American University (USA)
2003-2004 Certificate in Gender and Law, Washington College of Law, American
University (USA)
2004 Certificate of Merit, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, (USA)
2004 Global Development and Social Justice Certificate, Institute of
International Education (Atlanta, Georgia, USA)
2000 Certificate, Academy of American and International Law (Dallas, TX, USA)

Teaching Experience (selected)

2013- present University of Rome, Italy
2024 Bocconi University, Milan, Italy
2022 Emmanuel College (Boston, MA)
2021, 2011 University of Pennsylvania Law School (Philadelphia, PA)
2010-2013,
2015, 2019 Harvard University, Diversity School (Cambridge, MA)
2010 Carl von Ossietzky University (Oldenburg, Germany)
2009 Stonehill College (Easton, MA)
2008 William and Mary Law School (Williamsburg, VA)
2006 St. Louis University Law School (St. Louis, MO)
2004-2005 &
2001-2002 University of Abuja Law School (Abuja, Nigeria)

¹ <https://www.google.com/#q=hauwa+ibrahim-->
<https://hds.harvard.edu/news/topic-tags/hauwa-ibrahim>
<https://www.frontlinedefenders.org/en/profile/hauwa-ibrahim>
<http://thepeaceinstitute.global>

Various years at Yale University, American University, Harvard Law School, Laval University (Canada) Turin University (Italy), University of Malaysia (Malaysia).

Commencement Speaker (selected)

2019	University of Rome, Italy
2018	Clark University, USA
2009	University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law, USA

Fellowships (selected)

2016-2017	Senior Fellow WANA Institute, Majlis El-Hassan, Amman, Jordan
2016	Summer Fellow, Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University USA
2014	Summer Fellow, Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University USA
2009-2010	Visiting Human Rights Program/Islamic Legal Studies, Harvard Law School/Harvard University USA
2008-2009	Radcliffe Fellowship Program, Harvard University
2005-2006	World Fellows Program, Yale University USA
2003-2004	Washington College of Law, American University USA

Publications (selected)

Ibrahim H. (2024) United Nations Rule of Law and Access to Justice Initiatives: Strengthening Social Cohesion through Participation and Advancement of Human Rights among Youth, Women, and Men Vulnerable to Radicalization. UniversItalia.

Ibrahim H. (2019) Women, Islam, and the Law. In: Yacob-Haliso O., Falola T. (Eds) The Palgrave Handbook of African Women's Studies. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham.

https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-77030-7_137-1

Ibrahim, H. (2016). Gender and the Judiciary in Africa: From Obscurity to Parity? Routledge.

Ibrahim, H. (2012). Practicing Shariah Law: Seven Strategies For Achieving Justice in Shariah Courts. American Bar Association. (Best Seller on Amazon)

Ibrahim, H. (2000-2002). Nigerian Bar Association News magazines and Journals.

Writings by H. Ibrahim (selected)

2021	https://educeleb.com/editing-the-code-of-violence-in-northern-nigeria/
2011	Harvard University, Threshold of great opportunities: Girls' education in Northern Nigeria.
2009	European Parliament: The role of women in Somalia.
2004	The American Bar Association's Annual Meeting, on Receipt of the Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award.
2004	Religion, Culture and Traditions as Factors of Discrimination and Inequality.
2004	The Institute of International Education, Exceptionally Exceptional Year.
2003	The Rule of Law – The Case of Amina Lawal
2003	Feminism: How Global? Another Perspective
2003	What is Equality? Equality, Special Treatment, and Social Transformation

1997 Law as an Instrument of Transition to Civil Rule. University of Jos, Nigeria, M.A. Thesis
1987 The Legal Framework of the Nigerian Police Force. University of Jos, Nigeria, LL.B. Thesis

Legal Employment (selected)

2017-present The Peace Institute Inc., President & CEO
1996-present Aries Law Firm (Abuja, Nigeria) Founder and Senior Partner
Defended over 150 Shariah-related cases, including the defense of Amina Lawal and Safiya Hussaini (two women sentenced to death by Stoning)
Commercial law practice and registration of Companies
Human Rights Defender in Arusha before the International Criminal Court (ICC), Tanzania; Paris, France; Kabul, Afghanistan; Amman, Jordan, etc. (Pro-Bono)

Testimonies

June 24, 2014. United State Senate:

With Barbara Boxer, Chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy, and Global Women's Issues to address violence against women for the Senate to pass the International Violence Against Women Act (IVAWA) and ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

July 10, 2014. United States House of Representatives Foreign Affairs:

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights on: Instability in Northern Nigeria and the Ongoing Threat of the Boko Haram.

Judicial Commission and Panels in Nigeria

2018 Appointed by Acting President Prof. Yemi Osinbajo (SAN), to the Presidential Investigation Panel to Review Compliance of the Armed Forces with Human Rights Obligations and Rules of Engagement.

2014 Appointed by President Goodluck Jonathan of Nigeria, Presidential Fact-Finding on kidnapped Chibok girls (Committee member). Experienced high-visibility in crisis-filled environment; Managed crisis and conflict relief throughout on the issue, in Northeastern Nigeria; Worked towards mitigating local and international outcry as a result of the kidnapping.

2005 Appointed by President Obasanjo of Nigeria to the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into the alleged killing of six Nigerians by the Nigerian Police Force in Abuja.

1998-2000 United Nations Development Plan: Consultant, Field research on widowhood practices in Nigeria and their effect on children.

Nigerian Ministry of Justice

1989-1996. Principal State Counsel, Served as Prosecutor, Civil Litigator and Legal Drafter; Counsel in a number of commercial cases; incorporation of companies; and perfection of deeds

Pro-Bono and Consulting Work (selected)

2023 International Consultant for Human Rights, Lawyer in Residence, in Dushanbe, Tajikistan

2017- Present Harvard University Radcliffe Institute Fellowship, Reader of applications for Professors and other coming for the Institute year long program.

2010-present American Bar Association: African Initiative (Board Member)

2008-present Student Body Associations at Harvard University, MIT, Boston University, University of Rome, Tor Vergata, and Jubilee United Model School, Amman Jordan.

2000-2008 European Union Commission in Nigeria; Consulted on the implementation of Shariah Law in Nigeria.

1999-2003 BAOBAB for Women's Rights; Consulted with the Lagos-based NGO on women's protection under Muslim Law.

1998-2006 Lawyers Without Borders (Canada and France); Consulted on Shariah Law implementation issues.

1998-2000 United Nations Development Program; Consulted on widowhood practices in Nigeria and effect on children.

1995-1998 Development Exchange Center (Bauchi, Nigeria); Micro-credit work, supported by the Ford Foundation -Director.

Other activity Consulted by a number of civil society organizations, NGOs, and individuals on issues of human rights education, both in Nigeria and Internationally.

Honors, Prizes, and Awards (selected)

2022 The Women Bar Association of Massachusetts Highest Award.

2019 The Vanguard Award, Howard University.

2018 Top Women of Law Award, USA.

2018 Honorary Doctor of Laws, Clark University (Worcester, MA)

2010 Honorary Doctor of Philosophy, Carl von Ossietzky University (Oldenburg, Germany)

2006 Honorary Doctorate in Human Letters, Godwin University (E. Hartford, CT)

2017 "Value" Award for Advocacy Without Boarders Recipient from the Consell de l'Advocacia Catalana, Barcelona, Spain

2015 Jubilee Model United Nations [JMUN12], Amman, Jordan

2014 Global Connections For Women Foundation, New York City

2012 Nigerian Lawyers in the United States, Merit Award, New York City

2008 The Marshall-Wythe Medallion Awarded by William & Mary Law School

2008	United Nations Millennium Development Goal Torch Bearer, (Appointed by the Danish Government)
2007	EU Biogas for a Better Life: An African Initiative, EU Ambassador (Appointed by the Dutch Government)
2007	The City of Toulouse, France Gold Medal
2006	Bar Association of Paris, France, Honorary Member
2006	The City of Paris, France Honorary Citizen
2006	Nigerian Lawyers Association Distinguished Speaker Award
2005	Sakharov Price for Freedom of Thought, Awarded by the European Union Parliament
2005	Republic of Italy Human Rights Award, Cavaliere al Merito della Repubblica Italiana
2005	Eleanor Roosevelt's Global Women's Rights Award, Awarded by the Feminist Majority Foundation
2005	WODEF Nigeria Rare Gem Award
2004	Second Congress Against the Death Penalty Abolition Award, Canada
2004	Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award Awarded by the American Bar Association, Commission on Women in the Profession
2004	Pushing The Envelope Award, Awarded by Tahirih Justice Center
2004	Award of Excellence in Law and Women's Empowerment, Awarded by the Network of Young Nigerian Professionals (NiPRO)
2008-present	Ambassador: Biogas for better life: An African Initiative to 30 African Countries
n.d.	World President Organization (WPO) and Young President Organization (YPO)—Resource Person in about a dozen Countries

Positions Held in Nigeria (selection)

Present	Patron of a number of Youth Organization
1992	Sarauniya (Queen) of Yamaltu District (100,000+ people), Traditional Council Member (first woman).
1989-present	Nigerian Bar Association, member
2000-2002	National Publicity Secretary
1989-2005	National privatization committee secretary
1998-2000	Conference planning secretary
1984-1985	University of Jos, Treasurer and Acting Vice President
1982-1987	National Union of Bauchi State Students, Member

Other International Positions (selected)

2013-2018	Nigeria in Diaspora Organization (Americas) NIDOA, Board of Directors, Secretary
2000-present	International Bar Association, Member
2000-present	Pan African Lawyers Union, Member
2000-2005	Human Rights Institute Council, Member
2000-2002	Pan African Lawyers Union, Secretary
	American Bar Association
	Chartered Institute of Arbitration, London
	International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA)

Languages

English, Italian, Kanuri, Tera, and Hausa (native).

References

Lord Peter Goldsmith QC)
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