

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LEGAL PRACTITIONER ACT, CAP L11, LFN 2004,
TO ADD CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITY TO THE CATEGORY TO PERSONS TO BE
QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION OF SENIOR ADVOCATE OF NIGERIA AND
FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2021

Sponsored by Hon. Francis Ejiroghene Waive

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria as follows:

1 1. The Legal Practitioner Act (hereinafter referred to as the Amendment of
2 "Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill! Legal Act

3 2. Section 5 sub section 2 of the Principal Act is amended as Amendment of
4 follows: Section 5

5 "(2) A person shall not be conferred with the rank of Senior
6 Advocate of Nigeria unless he has been qualified to practise as a legal
7 practitioner in Nigeria for not less than ten years and has employed not less
8 than 10 young lawyers (1-5 years post call) on payroll and has achieved
9 distinction in the legal profession in such manner as the Committee may,
10 from time to time, determine".

11 3. Section 8 sub section 2 paragraph (e) is amended as follows:

12 "(e) Legal Practitioner of 1-5 years post call is hereby exempted
13 from the payment of practising fee and is entitled to practise in any court of
14 law in Nigeria within the time range, provided his call to bar certificate
15 shows that he is less than 5 years at the Bar".

16 4. This Bill may be cited as the Legal Practitioner Act Citation
17 (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seek to amend the Legal Practitioner Act 1990, to add certain responsibility to the category to persons to be qualified for the position of senior advocate of Nigeria and also exempt lawyers who are 1-5 years post call from payment of practising fee.