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# Statement of Capabilities

# History

Robert Smith & Adelaide Law was established in November 2015 with the focus of providing cutting edge legal solutions and to create a new identity for the legal profession in Ghana.

Prior to the establishment of the firm, the founding Partner undertook a study of some of the most successful law firms in history, such as White & Case, Sherman & Sterling and Meyer Brown to ascertain the factors which have contributed to the longevity, success and growth of these firms.

It started its operations from Unit 8, Avenue Lincoln, Ridge before moving to the Labone Coffee Shop Premises in Labone. In January 2017, the firm acquired a unit within the Octagon Building and has been operating from there since.

The firm started with a staff strength of 2 persons and within 6 months of its operations, had seen the number increase to 7.

The aim of the founding Partners, is to create a law firm which will outlive its founders and be the reference for sustained legal practice in Ghana and beyond.



# Mission

To provide real time and practical solutions to legal and business situations

# Vision

To be a preferred choice for the provision of legal services

# Core Values

- Confidentiality
- Honesty
- Transparency
- Excellence
- Diligence

# What we do

- Proactive Contracting
- Strategic Transactional Advisers
- Creating legal value and competitive advantage for businesses
- Dispute Resolution

# Practice Area

- Company Practice and Corporate Governance
- Construction and Real Estate Law
- Commercial Law
- Investment Advice
- Dispute Resolution



# Our Team



## BOBBY BANSON ESQ.

Managing Partner.

Bobby Banson has been described as a very dynamic and result oriented legal practitioner. Having learnt his trade from well-established Practitioners from Bentsi Enchil, Lesta & Ankomah (Accra), Dadson & Associates (Kumasi) and Minkah-Premo & Co (Accra), he has gained experiences in wide areas of legal practice including Corporate, Investment, Real Estate and Dispute Resolution. A product of Adisadel College, Mr. Banson furthered his education at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi-Ghana for his LLB before proceeding to the Ghana School of Law in Accra-Ghana for his BL where he graduated as the best student in Law of Taxation. He has attended courses at the Harvard University, as well as the Africa International Legal Awareness (AILA) Conferences. As a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIARB), Mr. Banson has spoken at various conferences organized by CIARB across the globe and AILA and participated extensively in SOAS conferences on Arbitration in Africa. He is the Founding Partner of Robert Smith & Adelaide Law, which is a boutique law firm located in Central Business District of Accra, Ghana. He heads the firm's practice areas focusing on Alternative Dispute Resolution, Investment Advice and Corporate Governance. He has acted as Counsel in both Domestic and International Arbitration matters. He has provided legal services to several multinational Companies doing business across the West African sub region. He teaches at the Ghana School of Law and has several legal articles published to his name.

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## ANTOINETTE WINNIE ESSILFIE ESQ.

Prior to joining Smith & Adelaide law, Antoinette was an associate at N.Dowuona & Company where she gained vast experience in areas of Corporate and Commercial Transactions. She has been involved in the incorporation and liquidation of various domestic and international companies and has drafted legal opinions advising on several legal issues ranging from corporate, conflict of laws and energy matters as well as performing Due Diligence on domestic Corporate Bodies. She also has experience in Dispute Resolution.

She has a certificate from the Leitner Centre in Fordham University on Human Rights during their summer course in Ghana in 2014 and also has a keen interest in intellectual Property Law and Energy and Natural Resources.

She is adept in communication, research and inter-personal relations.

### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (Bachelor of Law)  
Ghana School of Law (Barrister at Law)

### ASSOCIATIONS

Ghana Bar Association

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## KWAME APPIAH ODURO

Kwame Appiah, is one who aspires to be a world class professional in any particular field he finds himself, always challenged with the zeal and ambition to be the best out of the lot. He aspires to become one of the best legal practitioners and as such determined to under study and learn from the best.

Having attended Mfantshipim school, Mr. Appiah then proceeded to study Political Science and Economics at the Univeristy of Ghana Legon, after completion moved into the area of entrepreneurship to set up a company.

After some years, He decided to go ahead and pursue his long awaited dream of becoming a legal practitioner and as such enrolled in the University of London Laws Degree programme to attain his LLB. Mr. Appiah believes that in every profession, you need to be able to write down your goals, create a plan for achieving them, and refusing to stop until you reach your intended destination.

Kwame has interest in Commercial Transactions and Commercial Litigation.

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# MERCY AMA ASARE KORANG ESQ

Ama is an associate lawyer at Smith and Adelaide Law with a practice focused on the areas of corporate and commercial transactions, property law, intellectual property, litigation and ADR. Her work experience ranges from advising international clients on the legal aspects and the risks in investing in Ghana as well as local participation in the business ventures to advising clients on their intellectual property rights and the negotiation of contracts.

Prior to joining Smith and Adelaide Law, Ama practiced with Kulendi@Law as a pupil where she acquired a considerable knowledge and experience in the field of litigation and alternative dispute resolution. Ama aspires to set herself apart as a lawyer by focusing her practice tailored to the needs of her clients in the ever – growing and changing demands of their respective industries. She is a member of the Ghana Bar Association and holds a Postgraduate Degree in Law (LLB) and a Qualifying Certificate from the Ghana School of Law.

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## JEDIDIAH WILLIAMS YARTEY

Jedidiah has been described by many, as a hardworking and dedicated young man with an uncommon capacity and passion for excellence.

Jedidiah gained admission to the University of Ghana in 2007 to read Political Science with Psychology. With the desire for greater heights and inner satisfaction, Jedidiah resolved to pursue a degree in law. He applied to read law at the University of Cape Coast (UCC), where he graduated with First Class Honours in LLB. While in UCC, he received the Magna and Summa Cum Laude Track Awards in the 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 academic years respectively.

Jedidiah gained admission to the Ghana School of Law, to read the professional law program where he successfully passed. He has interest in Commercial/Trade law, Transport law, Mergers & Acquisitions and International Arbitration. Jedidiah has taken part in drafting several due diligence reports for corporate bodies and has gained a lot of experience in corporate affairs.

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## BEATRICE QUAYNOR

She can be described as a very enthusiastic, dynamic and intelligent young lady with a passion for excellence and success in every endeavour she undertakes. She has vast knowledge in the area of public relations, journalism and hospitality. This, she gained after having successfully completed a degree programme in communications studies. Having worked with the electronic and print media and the hospitality industry, Beatrice has tons of experience in media work, training, interpersonal relations and public relation. She also studied at Alliance Française and then to université Lumière Lyon2 where she gained a written and spoken knowledge of the French language.

In pursuit of her childhood dreams of becoming a lawyer in commerce, communication, hospitality and construction, she enrolled at the Ghana Institute of management and Public Administration where she read law. Having successfully gained her LLB she was further admitted into the Ghana School of law

She is currently an intern at Smith and Adelaide Law where she hopes to gain tons of experience in law practice while looking forward to a start in the exciting world of legal practice to enable her realize her lifetime ambition of becoming a successful lawyer.

She has certificates in construction law which she acquired after taking part in construction law seminars organized by WABER.

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## JOHN KOFI NTESEFUL

Mr. John Kofi Ntseful is an experienced Court Clerk and currently heads the Compliance Unit of the firm. He lives with his family in Accra.



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## FESTUS VAN DARKO

Festus Darko is a hard working young man with the eye for details and deadlines.

He received his education from IPMC, which a leading computing science and engineering educational institute in Ghana. He is currently furthering his education at the Accra Technical University.

Mr. Darko previously worked with Federal Express Ghana Ltd and joined the firm as its first Office Manager charged with the responsibility of managing the day to do day affairs in the office.

He is fluent in English and a few Ghanaian Languages.



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