

## **BRITISH NIGERIA LAW FORUM (BNLF) LEGAL SURGERIES**

The BNLf in conjunction with the Nigerian Chaplaincy has provided free legal advice to members of the Nigerian community and indeed the wider UK community since the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2007. As we celebrate the first anniversary of this initiative we are pleased to say that it has been a resounding success.

This success would not have been achieved without the hard work and dedication of our volunteers and the Chaplaincy. We have had very positive feedback from members of the community who have complimented our members on their professionalism and expressed their gratitude for the assistance we continue to provide. All BNLf members who wish to do so may participate subject to the conditions as laid out in our surgery protocol below.

### **BRITISH NIGERIA LAW FORUM (BNLF)** **PROTOCOL FOR LEGAL SURGERIES**

The Legal Surgeries being run in conjunction with the Nigerian Chaplaincy is an initiative of the British Nigeria Law Forum for the provision of free legal advice to the Nigerian Community. This Protocol governs the provision of that advice by members of BNLf.

- (1) In order to take part in this initiative, the individual lawyer must be (1) fully qualified as a barrister or solicitor in England and Wales, (2) a member of the BNLf, and (3) approved as a member of the “BNLf Legal Surgeries Panel” by the Chair or Vice Chair of the Group;
- (2) In the administration and delivery of Legal Surgeries, Panel Members must at all times conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the highest standards of the profession and uphold the reputation for integrity and quality promoted by the BNLf;
- (3) Panel Members must ensure that they are insured to provide legal advice either in their own right or through their firm or chambers, or that they conduct the surgery in conjunction with a lawyer who is;
- (4) Panel Members must ensure that BNLf “File Summary Sheet” is always completed in respect of each client and handed in at the close of each individual surgery;
- (5) Panel Members must make every endeavour to arrive on time and to meet their duty roster commitments and if unable to do so to inform the Vice Chair of the BNLf (Panel Supervisor) and find a replacement from the panel to take their place for the particular surgery in question;
- (6) Panel Members may receive referrals or queries from the Chaplaincy and must respond adequately and promptly to all such referrals and queries.

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