

# NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED LEGAL STUDIES

Announces it's

## INTENSIVE COURSE IN ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR)

1<sup>ST</sup> - 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2011

Alternative Dispute Resolution ADR has in recent years, gained widespread recognition and approval among judges, lawyers and the general public. Rule 15 (3) (d) of the new 2007 Rules of Professional Conduct for legal Practitioners, now mandates lawyers to inform their clients of the option of ADR mechanisms before resorting to or continuing litigation on behalf of their clients. The rising preference for ADR can be explained by the increasing caseload of conventional courts that result in inordinate delays, the awareness that ADR is quite cheaper than litigation, a preference for confidentiality, and the desire of some parties to have greater control over the selection of the individual or individuals who will decide their dispute. The success rate of ADR methods in speedy and amicable resolution of various kinds of disputes makes it even more compelling.

The Intensive Course, which will be anchored by seasoned ADR professionals, will be highly interactive. Participants will be engaged in role plays simulated from live disputes. Topics to be covered include: ADR spectrum, conflict analysis, negotiation, communication skills, proposal development and presentation, mediation skills, co-mediation approaches, drafting settlement agreements, law and practice of arbitration, ADR and the criminal justice system, etc.

### Target Participants

The Course is designed to impart negotiation, mediation and arbitration skills to private legal practitioners (particularly those in commercial law and civil and criminal law practice); lawyers in banks, insurance companies, mortgage institutions and regulatory agencies; company secretaries; academics; labour unionists; legal advisers; judges; magistrates; state counsel; law officers in government agencies; administrative officers in various government ministries and parastatals; law enforcement officials; administrative officers in private organizations and companies and any person interested in ADR.

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2011

**Venue:** Ignatius Ayua Lecture Theatre, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of Lagos Campus, Akoka- Yaba, Lagos.

**Course Fee:** ₦ 75, 000.00 payable in bank draft to: The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (This covers course materials, lunch and coffee/tea only)

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