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NBA ELECTIONS 2018: WE CONTESTED AGAINST CORRUPTION, RIGGING & A SKEWED PROCESS

My colleagues of the Nigerian Bar Association, especially my friends of the FUTURE-BAR, and our young lawyers all over the Country, I write to thank you from my heart for your great and indelible efforts for your support.

You sacrificed so much to alter the destiny and fate of the legal profession and our Nation Nigeria. Regrettably the outcome of our efforts has not been pleasant. I plead with you not to lose hope. With the kind of passion you have and expressed in various actions recently to create a bar of our dream, our destiny is still in your hands. Keep moving on the task of SETTING-A-NEW-BAR. The Bar is yours. It is your right to have the kind of Bar you desire. It is also your responsibility.

Just note that though we could not effectively commence the journey to reform and transform the Bar now, time is still on your side to make that difference in your life time.

Though a winner has emerged from this present contest, remember that we contested against corruption, massive vote buying, vote capture, rigging and a skewed process. These reasons make a challenge of the result important but because of my long and selfless commitment to regenerating the Bar, and the need not create tension in our legal profession I shall not contest it.

But do not surrender to a dirty system and fall of our profession. Continue to do your best to help clean it up and SET-A-NEW-Bar that would be relevant to all.

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