

# TOLUPE J. FALOKUN

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Detroit, MI

Assistant Professor, 2024 - Present

- Teaching and researching blockchain and artificial intelligence law, private international law, business & commercial law, and the impact of emerging technologies on international commercial law.
- Courses:
  - Blockchain, Artificial Intelligence, Legal Technology, and the Future of World Legal Systems.
  - Private International Law in the Digital Era.
  - Sales Law.
  - Law of Business Organizations.

Anderson Law, Manhattan, NY

Research Associate, 2024

CLEAR (Nonprofit), Columbia, SC

Legal Intern (Technology Law), 2024

TEMPLARS Law, Lagos, Nigeria

Associate (Corporate, Commercial, and Technology Law), 2019 – 2022

- Corporate law, business/commercial law, technology law, energy & finance law, dispute resolution.
- Core member of cross-border legal teams advising multinational corporations, technology companies, and international financial institutions on digital regulation, data governance, privacy, compliance, and market entry across emerging markets.
- Advised technology, e-commerce, and digital platform companies on cross-border data flows, platform governance, regulatory risk, and evolving privacy frameworks, translating complex legal requirements into practical operational guidance.
- Supported multi-jurisdictional transactions, restructurings, project financings, joint ventures, and M&A matters involving technology, telecommunications, energy, infrastructure, and data-driven businesses, including a global restructuring spanning 20+ countries and major financings such as a USD 629 million deep-sea port project and a USD 260 million gas processing project.

- Contributed to advisory work for international financial institutions, including the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the African Development Bank, on projects supporting innovation and infrastructure in Africa.
- Drafted and negotiated agreements involving technology deployment, data use, software licensing, and cross-border operations.
- Provided corporate governance, regulatory monitoring, and supervision on complex multi-jurisdictional matters.

Justice Development and Peace Commission (JDPC) (Nonprofit), Lagos, Nigeria  
Pro Bono Counsel, 2019

### **Research Experience**

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
Research Associate, 2023 – 2024

### **Other Experience**

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law Conviction Integrity Clinic, Detroit, MI  
Pro Bono Legal Volunteer, 2025

### **EDUCATION**

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

- Master of Laws (LL.M.), 2023
- Deals: Advanced Negotiation & Complex Corporate Dealmaking, Harvard Business School Course
- Legal Innovation Through Design Thinking, Project on Legal Operations for Legal Aid Organizations, Co-Director
- Harvard Law School Student Well-Being Working Group, LLM Representative
- Harvard African Law Students Association, LLM Representative
- Other Courses: Corporations; Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A); Fashion Law; Nonprofits Law.

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London, UK  
Introductory Certificate in Arbitration, 2018

Nigerian Law School, Abuja, Nigeria  
Barrister-at-Law (B.L.), 2018

First Class Honors (Top 1% of 5,891 students nationwide)  
Director-General's Prize for First-Class Graduates

Nigerian Law School Clinic, Team Lead, Best Brief, and Winner of Mock Trial

Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, Nigeria

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), 2017

Second Class Upper Division

Law of Business Associations and Environmental Law, Teaching Assistant

Chancery Journal of Equity Chambers (law review), Pioneer Chairperson

African Finalist, Innovation & Entrepreneurship Global Student Challenge, Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Medical Law Term Paper on Human Cloning and Stem Cell Research, Best Presenter

Best Post-Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination Result, OAU Faculty of Law, Awardee

Government Scholarship for the Best West African Senior School Certificate Result, Awardee

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

New York, United States — Attorney and Counselor-at-Law.

Nigeria — Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria.

### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

- Tolulope J. Falokun, *Intelligent Non-Fungible Tokens and National Security: Navigating the Challenges of Artificial Intelligence and Private International Law*, Belmont Law Review (2026).
- Tolulope J. Falokun, *Blockchain Technology, BRICS Pay Consortium, and the Private International Law Challenges of Decentralized Autonomous Organizations (DAOs)*, Gonzaga Journal of International Law (2026).
- Tolulope J. Falokun, *Artificial Intelligence Meets Blockchain Technology: Industry Self-Regulation as a Solution to Jurisdiction and Choice of Law Issues in Intelligent Non-Fungible Token (iNFT) Transactions*, (forthcoming 2026).
- Tolulope J. Falokun, *Beyond Article VIII: A Functional Connection Approach to Jurisdiction Over Space-Based Cyber Incidents*, (forthcoming 2026).
- Tolulope J. Falokun, *The Convergence of Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain Technology in Creative Entrepreneurship: Intelligent Non-Fungible Tokens (iNFTs) and the Need for a Shift in Intellectual Property Law*, (forthcoming 2026).
- Tolulope J. Falokun, *The Digital Society and the Intellectual Property Law Ramifications of the Convergence of Artificial Intelligence and Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs): An Empirical Socio-Legal Analysis*, (forthcoming 2026).
- Tolulope J. Falokun, [Jurisdiction and Choice of Law in Disputes Relating to Cross-Border NFT Transactions- The Case for Uniform Private International Law Rules](#), 27 VA. J.L. & TECH. 49-99 (2023).
- [Nigeria](#) in Competition in Africa Report 2022 (co-authored) (Baker McKenzie ed., 2022).
- [Cross-Jurisdiction Privacy Project Nigeria Data Guidance](#) in Privacy Laws & Digital Advertising: Multi-Jurisdictional Overview and Implications 385-429 (co-authored) (Interactive Advertising Bureau ed., 2021).

- [\*Liability for Damage Caused by Artificial Intelligence\*](#) (co-authored) Templars (2021).
- *Africa Data Security and Privacy Guide (Nigeria chapter)* (contributor) (Baker McKenzie ed., 2021).
- *Revenue Generation Through Taxation Versus Investment Attraction Through Tax Incentives; In Search of a Balance*, Nigerian Bar Association, (2021) (unpublished).
- *Global Merger Analysis Platform* (Nigeria chapter) (contributor) (Baker McKenzie ed., 2020).
- *An Overview of Competition and Antitrust Regulation in Africa* (Nigeria chapter) (contributor), (Baker McKenzie ed., 2020).
- *International Comparative Legal Guide to Data Protection* (Nigeria chapter) (contributor), (Global Legal Group ed., 2020).
- *International Comparative Legal Guide to Patents* (Nigeria chapter) (contributor), (Global Legal Group ed., 2020).
- *Littler Mendelson Guide to International Employment & Labor Law* (Nigeria chapter) (contributor), (Littler Mendelson P.C. ed., 2020).
- *Using Taxation as a Tool for Environmental Protection in Nigeria: Issues, Prospects & Challenges*, Obafemi Awolowo University, (2017).

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

- Speaker, Center for Industry Self-Regulation (CISR) Research Spotlight, “AI Meets Blockchain: Who Governs Intelligent NFT Transactions?”
- Speaker, Panel on Blockchain and Financial Technology at 2026 Governance of Emerging Technologies and Science Conference, hosted by Beus Center for Law and Society, Arizona State University (ASU) Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.
- Speaker, Panel on Digital Asset Regulation at National Business Law Scholars Conference 2026, hosted by University of Nevada, Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law.
- Reviewer/Commentator/Panelist, New Scholarship in European Law Panel, at Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting 2026, New Orleans. Paper Reviewed: Tosato & Odinet, *Regulating Centralized Stablecoins: Comparing the EU Markets in Crypto-Assets Regulation (MICAR) and the US Guiding and Establishing National Innovation for U.S. Stablecoins Act (GENIUS Act)*, Notre Dame Law Review Reflection (forthcoming 2026).
- Presenter, Workshop on Cybersecurity on Earth and in Space, organized by the Gibbons Institute of Law, Science & Technology and hosted at Seton Hall University School of Law, 2026.
- Moderator, *Human Judgment, Machine Insight: AI's Role in Legal Decision Making*, at Detroit Mercy Law Review Symposium 2026: *From Policy to Practice: Navigating AI in the Legal Profession*.
- Speaker/Panelist, *Blockchain and Beyond* at 2025 Governance of Emerging Technologies and Science Conference, hosted by Beus Center for Law and Society, Arizona State University (ASU) Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.
- Speaker, Gonzaga Journal of International Law Symposium 2025: BRICS+ and the Changing Technological and Financial World Order.

- Speaker/Panelist, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law Cybersecurity Panel 2025. Spoke on the intersection of AI, cybersecurity, and law, and perspectives for future lawyers.
- Presenter, 2026 Three Rivers Intellectual Property and Technology Law Colloquium, hosted by Duquesne University Kline School of Law.
- Presenter, 2026 Works-in-Progress Intellectual Property (WIPIP) Colloquium, hosted by Boston University School of Law.
- Presenter, Second Annual Midwest Legal Scholars' Works-in-Progress Roundtable, hosted by the University of Toledo College of Law (co-hosted with Wayne State Law School).
- Speaker/Panelist, *The New Aesthetic Economy: Law, Tokens & the Global Art Marketplace*, at Law & Entrepreneurship Conference 2025: Building Bridges, Borders, and Global Connections, hosted by the Faculty of Law, University of Windsor, Canada.
- Speaker, Belmont Law Review Symposium 2025: Data, Power and Security: Contemporary Issues in National Security and the Law.
- Presenter, Conflict of Laws Annual Workshop, hosted by University of Oklahoma College of Law, 2025.
- Discussant/Presenter, Consumer Law, Commercial Law, and Bankruptcy Workshop/Roundtable, at Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Conference, Florida, 2025.
- Panel Discussant/Presenter, *State Accountability, Governance and Rights Framework*, at Mid-Atlantic Law & Society Association (MALSA) Conference 2025, hosted by Ramapo College of New Jersey.
- Judge, Canadian & American Transnational Law Moot, University of Windsor Law School and University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, 2025.
- Presenter, Central States Law Schools Association (CSLSA) 2025 Scholarship Conference, hosted by University of Kansas School of Law.

### **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

- University of Detroit Mercy
  - Artificial Intelligence Task Force, 2024- present.
- University of Detroit Mercy School of Law
  - Professional Development Committee, 2024- present.
  - Honor Council, 2024- present.
  - Faculty Recruitment and Hiring Committee, 2024- 2025.

