

Ghanaian Law Firm N. Dowuona & Company Strengthens ALN's Pan-African Offering For Integrated Legal Services

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ALN, Africa's leading alliance of law firms, is pleased to announce the addition of N. Dowuona & Company, one of Ghana's leading law firms, as its newest member firm. This strategic partnership strengthens ALN's footprint across the continent and enhances its West African presence.

Founded by NanaAma Botchway, N. Dowuona & Company has become a trusted leader in the Ghanaian legal market. The Firm entered the market with a bold ambition to redefine legal practice by leveraging international standards. Starting from scratch, the team has built the Firm with dedication and innovation, transforming it within 10 years into one of Ghana's top law firms. Their shared vision, dynamism, and legal intellect have driven the Firm's growth and set new benchmarks in the country's legal landscape. The Firm is top-ranked in Corporate & M&A, Infrastructure Projects and Banking and Finance. The Firm was also honoured as Law Firm of the Year (2023) by Chambers & Partners at the Chambers Africa Awards and has been shortlisted twice for Law Firm of the Year West Africa, by the African Legal Awards (2023 and 2024). The Firm's exceptional calibre of work and the expertise of its lawyers have earned most of its Partners recognition in legal directories, with NanaAma, who is ranked and recognised as a tier 1 market leader in M&A, banking, finance, and infrastructure projects and top ranked by Chambers Global and the IFLR1000, leading the rankings, alongside other partners Gwendy Miranda Bannerman and Achiaa Akobour Debrah and International Transactions Advisor Alex Calloway, who are also highly regarded.

The Firm boasts extensive expertise across key practice areas and specialist skills in emerging and innovative fields. The team's work is consistently recognised for its depth of knowledge and commitment to delivering comprehensive legal solutions. This strategic partnership reinforces ALN's position as a leading legal, business and advisory solutions provider across West Africa and the African Continent. N. Dowuona & Company now joins ALN Nigeria and ADNA (ALN firms in Algeria, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea and Morocco) enhancing ALN's reach and ability to provide seamless, in-depth legal expertise across Anglophone and Francophone West Africa. This partnership underscores the commitment of ALN and N. Dowuona & Company to support and shape Africa's contribution to the global economy, providing clients with the legal support needed to succeed in a dynamic, evolving

landscape.

The Firm's leadership team is excited about the benefits of this alliance for their exceptional team as well as their clients.

"We are very excited to join this Alliance of outstanding African law firms. It's a natural progression in our firm's growth trajectory," NanaAma Botchway, Managing Partner of N. Dowuona & Company enthused. ***"We can now support our clients across Africa and beyond."***

"At a time when African businesses are becoming increasingly interconnected, this move ensures our clients will have seamless access to exceptional legal support across the continent," notes Gwendy Bannerman, head of disputes.

Achiaa Akobour Debrah, who leads the banking and finance practice, adds: ***"We have always worked to give our lawyers the best on-the-job training, and we're excited to build on this foundation by collaborating with like-minded firms across the continent."***

Alex Calloway, International Transaction Adviser -- UK Counsel at the Firm, emphasises the significance of this expansion: ***"Joining ALN is a fantastic platform for us to support our clients seamlessly across multiple African jurisdictions. After many years of advising on international transactions, I've seen firsthand how crucial seamless legal support can be. Joining forces with leading firms across Africa allows us to offer clients comprehensive coverage while maintaining the deep local expertise they count on us for."***

1. Dowuona & Company's decision to join the ALN will enhance ALN's capabilities and standing in the market. It also builds on the solid foundation the Alliance has developed over the years for its pan-African offering. ALN continues to offer a unique blend of global skills, expertise and local know-how, based on collaboration between leading African law firms.

"We are delighted to welcome on board the leading law firm in Ghana," comments Gbenga Oyeboode, Chairman of ALN. ***"Adding N. Dowuona & Company's expertise enhances our pan-African alliance, offering clients the unique advantage of local insight and global reach to succeed in an ever-evolving market. Together, we empower our clients to achieve their commercial goals with ALN's hallmark of intellectual rigour, agility, and cross-border capabilities."***

Joining ALN provides N. Dowuona & Company access to ALN's extensive alliance of legal resources, practice groups, and a wide-ranging client base spanning multiple sectors and industries. This partnership further empowers N. Dowuona & Company to leverage ALN's collaborative approach, ensuring clients benefit from a broad spectrum of legal services delivered by top-tier legal

professionals across the continent.

"We are confident that N. Dowuona & Company's joining ALN will strengthen and expand our services for clients in Ghana and across Africa. We are also deeply grateful to our clients and stakeholders, whose ongoing support has fuelled our growth. As the exclusive ALN firm in Ghana, N. Dowuona & Company will leverage the alliance's integrated approach to help clients seamlessly navigate business across the Continent," comments Karim Anjarwalla, ALN Board Director and Senior Partner, ALN Kenya.

1. Dowuona & Company's addition marks an important step forward in ALN's strategy to build a cohesive pan-African alliance of leading law firms. By combining local expertise with regional perspectives, ALN continues strengthening its commitment to delivering high-quality legal, business and advisory solutions that respond to Africa's unique challenges and opportunities.

About ALN

ALN is an integrated alliance of the preeminent full-service corporate law firms in 15 African countries: Algeria, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. ALN also has a regional office in Dubai, UAE, which serves as a gateway to the Gulf region and beyond.

Together, ALN firms provide clients with seamless practical and business-focused legal, advisory and transactional services across Africa. The Alliance specialises in blending deep local knowledge and reach with sector-specific expertise, to successfully guide clients in navigating locally and across borders.

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About N. Dowuona & Company

Founded in 2011, N. Dowuona & Company has rapidly established itself among Ghana's elite corporate law firms. Named Ghana Law Firm of the Year 2023 by Chambers and ranked Band 1 for corporate/commercial work, the Firm is praised for combining "broad international experience with a deep knowledge of the Ghanaian regulatory regime" (Legal 500). The Firm regularly advises on Ghana's most significant corporate transactions, serving as trusted counsel to international

businesses, development finance institutions and leading Ghanaian corporates.

1. Dowuona & Company prioritises understanding and anticipating clients' specific requirements, tailoring its services accordingly. The Firm remains attuned to innovations in business as well as local and global political and economic developments, ensuring that these factors are carefully considered in providing sound legal advice.