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The Passion for Law and Learning

A Lawyer's Drive to Master the Legislative Process.



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Edu-uwem Sebastine Etim, a passionate and dedicated legal professional from Akwa Ibom State, is embarking on an exciting journey to deepen her understanding of Nigeria's legislative processes. As a lawyer, Edu-uwem has always been committed to enhancing her legal skills, and her decision to participate in the Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre (PLAC) Legislative Internship is a clear reflection of her desire to continue learning. Through this internship, she hopes to gain a hands-on understanding of how the laws she works with are crafted, debated, and enacted—a vital step in her career progression.

Edu-uwem's enthusiasm for learning has always driven her professional growth. "I have an aptitude for learning new things, and this internship offers a great opportunity to gain new

knowledge," she said. For her, understanding the legislative process is crucial, not only for her work as a legal practitioner but also for how she navigates her career path. "This hands-on experience with legislative processes will enable me to understand how laws are interpreted and applied," she added. By working with legislative committees, Edu-uwem believes she will gain valuable insight into how laws are created, giving her a deeper understanding of the legal framework she deals with daily.

Edu-uwem credits her boss, Mr. Ekemenudem, for inspiring her to pursue this opportunity. "He always encourages me to improve my professional skills and take advantage of opportunities for growth," she explained. With five years of experience in a litigation-based law firm, Edu-uwem has seen firsthand how

important it is to keep learning and developing her legal knowledge. Her spouse has also been a pillar of support in her professional journey, always motivating her to pursue her goals and become the best version of herself. “He pushes me to achieve my potential and pursue opportunities that will help me grow professionally,” she shared.

As a lawyer, communication is at the heart of Edu-uwem’s work. “The law and the practice of law rely heavily on the ability to communicate effectively, and this internship will help me refine that skill,” she said. Through the PLAC internship, she hopes to work alongside professionals from diverse fields, collaborate on important projects, and build her leadership abilities. These skills will not only enhance her current legal practice but also support her long-term goal of one day becoming a judge. “I aspire to the bench, and this program will help me better understand how the law works, which is crucial for interpreting and applying it effectively,” she said.

In addition to honing her communication and leadership skills, Edu-uwem is eager to develop her ability to multitask—an essential skill in the legal profession. “I know that multitasking is a skill I will develop further, and this internship will give me the opportunity to strengthen my leadership skills,” she explained. The practical experience she will gain through the PLAC internship will provide her with invaluable tools for managing multiple tasks and

responsibilities, ultimately making her a more effective and efficient legal professional.

Edu-uwem sees this internship as a vital stepping stone in her career, offering her the chance to gain a deeper understanding of Nigeria’s legislative processes. By learning how laws are made and how policies are shaped, she will be better equipped to navigate the complexities of the legal system and advocate for her clients.



This program will help me professionally by giving me a better understanding of the law and how to relate with people,

she emphasized.

As Edu-uwem embarks on this exciting new chapter, she is filled with anticipation for the opportunities ahead. Her commitment to continuous learning, supported by her mentors and her spouse, will guide her as she navigates the PLAC Legislative Internship and her future in the legal profession. With her sights set on the bench and her passion for law driving her forward, Edu-uwem Sebastine Etim is on a path toward making a significant impact in Nigeria’s legal and legislative landscape.





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