

Biography

My name is Adebayo Benedict Soares. I am a law graduate of Lagos State University, Nigeria and a licenced practicing lawyer in Nigeria.

I am also a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), and I recently completed an MSc in Economic Crime and International Criminal Justice at the University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom.

In 2014, I joined the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, Nigeria (EFCC) as a Legal officer and Prosecutor. Since then, I have participated in, and led the prosecution of numerous economic and financial crime cases such as fraud, money laundering, corruption, bribery, and cybercrime which resulted in convictions and recovery of criminal assets.

As a prosecutor, I have also participated in numerous economic and financial crime investigations within the Zonal Commands of the EFCC where I have served.

In 2022, I secured the conviction of a serial and notorious investment fraudster who disappeared after swindling unsuspecting Nigerian victims of hundreds of millions of Naira in the late 1980's and early 1990's. In the same year, I also secured one of two landmark full-trial cybercrime convictions under the Nigerian Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention Etc) Act, 2015 in the EFCC.

Currently, I am the Deputy in the Legal and Prosecution Department of the Uyo Zonal Command of the EFCC. My duties include the supervision of the Legal and Prosecution Department in the absence of my superior.

I have a strong passion for tackling financially motivated economic crimes, and I am also an enthusiast for International Criminal Justice.