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Utibe I. Ikpe Joins the National Bar Association Commercial Law Section's 2023–2024 Executive Committee

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Miami | October 11, 2023 – Meland Budwick, P.A. partner [Utibe I. Ikpe](#) has been appointed to the National Bar Association Commercial Law Section's (NBA-CLS) 2023-2024 Executive Committee.

“The Executive Committee of NBA-CLS is comprised of a dedicated team of extraordinary lawyers committed to advancing diversity and equity in the legal profession as well as creating an impact in our communities to advance justice and belonging,” says Rashida MacMurray-Abdullah, NBA-CLS Chair.

Ikpe has been involved with the NBA since 2018, having served on committees for the BLM internship program and the women's wellness panel. She was recently honored as a recipient of the 40 under 40 Nation's Best Advocates Award during the NBA's 98th Annual Convention on August 2, 2023.

In addition to her work with the NBA, Ikpe is the Second Vice-Chair of the Florida Bar Business Law Section's Business Litigation Committee and the founder of “1960,” an informal networking community for Nigerian business lawyers. Ikpe has experience representing large and small businesses in complicated litigation disputes, including, among others, shareholder disputes, data privacy matters, and trade secret litigation. Ikpe provides invaluable strategic guidance to business clients, and she has wide-ranging experience, having litigated matters in state court, federal court, and arbitration.

About NBA-CLS



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The NBA-CLS aims to bring outside counsel members together with in-house counsel who seek to increase the diversity of their outside counsel ranks, and it provides networking and educational forums for NBA-CLS members. The NBA-CLS is also committed to serving the community and expanding the pipeline of African Americans entering the legal profession. For more information visit www.nbacls.com.

About Meland Budwick

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