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FROM THE HERITAGE DESK

Bridging Continents with Courage

In a world where borders may define nations but never ambition, Femi Gbede stands where cultures and systems meet, advancing a vision where African excellence holds its rightful place on the global stage. From structuring complex cross-border deals to defending high-stakes claims, he brings clarity, purpose, and a truly international perspective to every matter.

A proud son of Ìjẹ̀bù land who never missed Ojúde Ọba as a child, that cultural grounding continues to inform his global outlook and deep commitment to representing Africa on the world stage.

Through every strategy crafted and every young professional mentored, he shapes what genuine global influence looks like. Full Blooded Ìjẹ̀bù.

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ABOUT

Femi Gbede is a New York – based lawyer, entrepreneur, and Co-founding Partner of GAB Sterling LLP, a law firm known for connecting legal systems across borders, particularly between Africa and the West. Widely recognized for his work and the impact of his practice, Femi has received multiple awards for legal excellence and leadership.

His career reflects both technical brilliance and cross-cultural fluency, spanning corporate transactions, disputes, and U.S. immigration matters with equal depth. A proud son of Ijebu land, Femi never missed Ojude Oba as a child, a tradition that shaped his pride, identity, and early understanding of culture as both heritage and responsibility.

Today, that same cultural grounding continues to inform his global outlook and his deep commitment to representing Africa on the world stage.

Beyond the law, **Femi is a mentor, founder of the Femi Gbede Scholarship, and a relentless advocate for the next generation of African talent.**

THE JOURNEY

Femi's story is one of movement rather than destination, across places, industries, and ideas. His legal path has taken him across borders and industries, shaped by work experience at top-tier global Wall Street firms and enriched by his international exposure.

Along the way, he recognized a gap and an opportunity: to build a practice that not only serves clients but also reshapes how African legal talent is seen and valued globally. That vision led him, alongside two like-minded partners, to co-found GAB Sterling LLP, a firm rooted in excellence, purpose, and cross-border collaboration.

Today, Femi brings a truly international perspective to his work, combining global insight with deep local grounding to help clients navigate law, business, and borders with confidence.



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VISION AND LEGACY

Femi envisions a world where African lawyers don't just seek inclusion but lead institutions, shape policy, and rewrite the global rulebook.

Through his cross-border practice and his role at the Africa Arbitration Academy, he is helping to shape a legal culture where African voices are not exceptions, but an essential part of the conversation.

Whether working with individuals, businesses, or institutions, his mission remains the same: to ensure that excellence has no passport.

BUSINESS & CULTURAL IMPACT

Femi's practice reflects a modern view of law: it should open doors, not close them. He treats legal expertise as a tool for creating opportunities and expanding what's possible.

From guiding entrepreneurs and safeguarding rights, to helping institutions navigate complex terrain, his work is about more than solving problems : it's about enabling growth. The results are evident in his legal work, but the cultural influence he is building is only starting to take shape. He doesn't just advocate for clients, he embodies possibility.

Through every strategy crafted, every young professional he mentors, and every country he visits, he continues to shape what genuine global influence looks like: always moving the standard forward.



**"When we showcase our culture
with pride, we shape how the world
sees us."**

- Femi Gbede

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THE CALL

Ojude Oba taught me identity; the world taught me influence.

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