REMARKS BY ATTORNEY GENERAL AND COMMISSIONER FOR JUSTICE OF KWARA STATE, KAMALDEEEN AJIBADE ESQ AT THE 2013 BAR RETREAT OF NBA, ILORIN BRACH HELD AT ARMTI ALONG AJASE-IPO ROAD, KWARA STATE

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I consider it a singular privilege and honour to be invited to make a remark at this bar retreat of the Ilorin Branch of NBA. I give all the Glory and adoration to the Almighty God for His continued Benevolence on each and every member of this vibrant and prestigious branch. I also congratulate the executives of the branch for their sagacity and tenacity of purpose in keeping on with the tradition of having some time out of our extremely tight schedules to come together in a relaxed, albeit serious, atmosphere to ruminate on the activities of the bar, the practitioners, our State and the Nation as a whole.

The retreat this year with the theme: **"Developing a Millennial Lawyer"** is coming at a very significant and important time. It is not in dispute that this biennial programme of the branch has assumed an institutionalized status with the previously held retreats and hopefully the present one, recording huge success.

The retreat is put together to re-orientate and sensitise members of the legal profession in this branch of what is expected of us in the discharge of our noble profession and to take concerned view of identified socio economic issues that are on the front burner in the Country. I therefore have no doubt in my mind that members will benefit tremendously from the discussions of the carefully selected and invited discussants.

Let me use this opportunity to remind us that as Ministers in the Temple of Justice we have hardous duties and responsibilities placed on our respective and collective shoulders. We must strive to

hold these burdens with the professional dexterity and solemn sobriety via best ethical and behavioural practice.

It is instructive to state that the practice of law is a dynamic one and as millennial lawyers we must strive to keep with the trends in our callings. We must ensure that our conduct in and out of court does not pollute the stream of justice. In other words, we must ensure that conduct capable of perverting the course of justice is averted like a plague.

Furthermore, we should desist from employing time wasting strategies in court, a practice which is antithetical to the time honoured saying that "justice delayed is justice denied". Let us at all times adopt the best legal practice and keep in tune with the modern trends in legal research and rendering legal services as well as expanding the frontiers of our legal horizon.

Again, due to our role in the society and close involvement in the administration of justice, lawyers are subject to special decorum, standards, regulations and liabilities sometimes called legal ethics or professional responsibility. I am certain that the linedup programmes of this retreat spanning four days will be multi-faceted and beneficial in this regard.

I therefore thank the organizing committee for a well packaged retreat and urge us all to make judicious and meaningful use, to the fullest, of this relaxed, serene and conducive environment.

Distinguished gentlemen, I thank you all for your kind attention and I wish us fruitful retreat. God bless.