

Dr Nii Armah Josiah-Aryeh was born in 1958 at Jamestown in Accra. From Accra High School and Achimota School, he read English, Modern History and Law at University of Ghana and was active in student politics. He was called to the Bar in 1983. In April 1984 he left for the UK on self-financed postgraduate education, where he obtained LLM (LSE), Certificate in Law Teaching (UC, London) and PhD (SOAS). He returned to Ghana in January 1998 as a private legal practitioner and Lecturer at his alma mater. His weekly Upper-Cut articles for the mass-selling Daily Graphic established him as an incisive thinker on national affairs. In 2000 he unsuccessfully stood for parliament but went on to become General Secretary of the main opposition NDC at arguably the most turbulent period of competitive democratic politics in Ghana's history. Shortly after 2004 elections he was suspended from the General Secretary position following allegations of intended defection for monetary gains. The allegations have since proven to be false and he remains an NDC member. In the last 3 years he has produced legal texts - Ghana Law of Wills, Property Law of Ghana, Islamic Customary Law in Ghana, and co-edited Ghana Law Since Independence, published by his Faculty of Law as part of Ghana's Golden Jubilee celebrations. However, it is his present work, *INSIDE GHANA'S DEMOCRACY* that provides the most profound insight into Dr Josiah-Aryeh's thoughts on politics and his role at the heart of Ghana's emerging democratic institutions. It is a story of passion, selflessness, nostalgia, enthusiasm and betrayal. Yet Dr Josiah-Aryeh remains optimistic for both democracy in Ghana and the NDC's own prospects. This book is a must for all who want insight into the covert forces behind Ghanaian politics as well as the dangers of semi-developed party politics.