



## **Mr Olufemi Awodele**

Qualifications: LLB (Hons), LLM (Masters), PG Dip in Law, BL.

Call: 2002, Gray's Inn

Call: 2013, Nigerian Bar

Public Access Qualified: Femi is licensed to receive instructions directly from the public and corporations.

Allied with his practice of law in the UK courts, Femi has expanded the ambits of his work beyond these shores. He is presently involved with the Ministry of Petroleum Resources in Nigeria, where he has advised on Environmental Law in relation to the remediation of Hydrocarbon polluted areas of the Niger Delta. This follows the recommendations of the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), and also involves organisations such as Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Ecological Fund and the IOCs (International Oil Companies).

Prior to commencing practice, Femi worked in the Commercial Disputes Group of a major International Law Firm where he dealt with high value complex matters with a multi-jurisdictional element for numerous corporate client structures. This laid a foundation for handling high value commercial contracts and disputes. He was also responsible for editing the firm's Newsletter in the areas of Intellectual Property, Copyright, Defamation and Media law.

Additionally, Femi was a legal adviser at Toynbee Hall Legal Advice Centre, advising in the areas of Contract, Employment, Housing, and Immigration Law. He was also a Duty Advocate at Willesden County Court, representing clients in possession proceedings involving disputes between mortgagors and mortgagees, and multifarious disputes between tenants and private and social landlords.

Femi presently has a mixed practice of criminal and civil law, dealing with complex contractual disputes in the latter. He has also developed an International Practice, details of which are below.

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## **Civil/Commercial**

Having acquired the experience of working in the Commercial Disputes Group of a major international law firm, Femi advises and deals with complex commercial and contractual cases between individuals and companies.

### ***Notable Cases:***

Fiote Ltd v Manna Capital Partners (Instructed on behalf of a third party seeking to vary the terms of an International Freezing injunction; Investment of hedge funds and shares, Freezing Injunction to the tune of £360,000)

Mercy Derinto v Joanne Kim Rolls (as Trustee in Bankruptcy)

Saad Khedher v Arik International (Conflict of Laws, Breach of Contract, Wrongful Dismissal)

Ososanya v Oladeji/ Monnix Ltd v Ososanya (Appeared for the Claimant; Commercial Transaction involving the importation of Goods from China)

## **Criminal**

Femi appears in the Crown Court, Magistrates Court and the Court of Appeal. He has an exclusively defence practice spanning the full range of criminal conduct, including Sexual Assault, Grievous Bodily Harm, Identity Fraud, Possession of Drugs, Criminal damage, and various kinds of offences under the Theft Act, such as robbery, burglary and handling stolen goods. Having had a brief prosecutorial stint, Femi has developed the knack for understanding and anticipating the opponents' perspective.

### ***Notable Cases:***

R V Adebimbo Seun (Conspiracy to Defraud) Alleged £7 Million Pounds Mortgage Fraud

R V Matthew Aboderin (Alleged Joint Enterprise; To commit Robbery (London Riots))

R V Jonson Veedu (Sexual Assault)

R V Dapo Soyemi (Fire Arms, Fraud)

R v Qinglin Meng (Court of Appeal)

R V Muti Alsalam

R v Akposheri Irie (ABH)

R v Michael Sims and 9 others (Football Fans charged with Racially Aggravated Chanting)

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R v Harrison Robinson (Appeal to the Crown Court [Attempted Kidnap and Assault])

R v Roman Strelchuk and Others (Conspiracy to Commit Fraud by placing Metal plates in cash machines)

## **Employment**

Femi gets instructed to appear at Employment Tribunals for both sides in cases involving Unfair Dismissal, Constructive Dismissal, Wrongful Dismissal, Disability Discrimination and Race Discrimination.

### *Notable Cases:*

Daniel Skoczylas London General Transport Services Ltd

S Skyers v Transport for London (Appeared for the Claimant; Race Discrimination, Unfair Dismissal, Victimisation)

M Brewah v ICTS UK Ltd (Appeared for the Claimant; Race Discrimination, Unfair Deduction of Wages)

Gawda v Edo Restaurant (Appeared for the Respondent; Unfair Dismissal, Wrongful Dismissal and Race Discrimination)

## **Family**

Femi has handled many disputes in the family courts, some with multi-jurisdictional facets. These include complex divorce proceedings in the High Court, involving delicate issues such as Contact, Non-Molestation Orders, Ancillary Relief, Restraining Orders, etc.

### *Notable Cases:*

Catherine McQueen v Kameron Segal at The PRFD (FDR, Cross Border Contact Dispute, Multi-Jurisdictional issues with Related and Extant proceedings in the US)

Mohammed Rahman v Danielle Cox (Contact Dispute, Non-Molestation Order)

## **Immigration**

Femi has represented numerous clients at different stages of the Immigration Process. Femi's Immigration practice encompasses all areas of immigration including First and Upper Tier tribunals, and judicial review in the High Court.

### *Notable Cases:*

Simone Canzius v Secretary of State for the Home Department (Judicial Review at the High Court)

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Hans Husson v Secretary of State for the Home Department (Judicial Review at the High Court)

Muntaha Sayyah + others v Secretary of State for the Home Department; ( Appeal against the deportation of a Syrian woman who was the target of “honour killing”.

J C v Secretary of State for the Home Department (Appeal against the Deportation of a Gay African man)

### **Overseas courts**

Femi has been admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

He has established Chronicles Chambers, Chambers of Olufemi Awodele in the Central Business District Area of Abuja in Nigeria. This is a vibrant set of Chambers in the heart of Nigeria’s Capital. Chronicles Chambers has a working synergy and a strategic alliance with Great James Street Chambers. To this effect, Femi has developed an International Practice in the areas of Commercial Law, Property Law, Law of Contract, Election Petitions and the Enforcement of Fundamental Human Rights.

### **Further International Dimension**

Femi has further developed a keenness for Cross-Border International Disputes arising from monies owed to indigenous African firms by established Western Companies.

**Memberships:** Employment Law Bar Association, Criminal Bar Association, Housing Law Practitioners Association, British Nigerian Law Forum, Human Rights Lawyers Association, Commonwealth Lawyers Association.

**Languages:** Yoruba, Kalabari

**Other Interests:** Music, Mad about Manchester United, Basketball, Fitness. Femi also holds a Green Belt in Wado -Ryu Karate and loves the Arts.

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