



Mr Julius Nkafu FCIArb

Call: 2006

Julius Nkafu was called to the English Bar at the Inner Temple in 2014 and called to the Cameroon Bar in 2006. He was enrolled as a solicitor of the supreme court of E&W in 2002. He obtained his first degree in law (premier degre en droit public) in the University of Yaoundé Cameroon, CPE, LLM at the London Guildhall University, PGCE at the University of Greenwich and PGC in Transnational Oil & Gas and Energy Law, University of Derby.

He started his legal Career in 1995 at MHQ Solicitors in the Docklands. He set up Julius & Co solicitors in 2006 and in 2010 became a partner at Julliz Solicitors LLP.

Julius is extremely hard working and will always try to find a solution to any matter that he is instructed on. Having practised as a solicitor for many years Julius understands the pressures solicitors can be under at times. He is able to accept instructions at very short notice and attend solicitor's offices for conferences.

Before joining the Bar, Julius was instructed by other solicitors by way of Agency to represent clients in court, presenting their cases and arguments. Julius has been invited to present papers and speak at some very high level events abroad organised by governments and the private sector dealing with energy and other matters.

His experience in Alternative Disputes Resolution – Mediation and Arbitration makes him good at advising on the best ways of resolving disputes effectively in the most costs effective way.

Julius has been an elected member (Councillor) in the London borough of Hackney and a member of the Cabinet for crime and Community safety over 12 years and understands the law making process and the reasoning behind various laws. During this period, he chaired various committees and groups including the first Recommendation 61 (Macpherson report) monitoring group in the United Kingdom.

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Julius was one of three lawyers in a team of 12 international observers appointed by the Commonwealth to observe and write a report on the Zambian General Elections which took place on the 11 of August 2016 and also the Presidential Elections of Sierra Leone of March 2018. This involved a detailed look at electoral laws and other relevant laws of the country to see to what extent the laws were complied with and to write a report with recommendations.

His specialist areas include:

- **Energy Law:** Julius has represented and continues to represent energy companies in Africa on matters ranging from initial start-ups of operations to dispute resolution. This includes the oil and gas sector, mining and renewable energy. Julius works with city firms in London and Cameroon to deliver on some of the cases in Cameroon in particular. Julius, having been called to the Cameroon Bar and practises there too, is to represent foreign investors in the OHADA region of Africa.
- **Employment law:** Julius has represented both claimants and respondents in the Employment tribunals and appeals. He has also represented a good number of commonwealth service men in the British Army in discrimination claims against the MoD.
- **Civil and commercial litigation:** Julius has represented many clients on a variety of issues leading to litigation.
- **Immigration:** Julius has represented a large number of clients across the UK in making initial applications, appealing and seeking judicial review.
- **Family:** Julius has represented clients on divorce matters, contact/residence and ancillary relief matters.
- **Mediation and arbitration:** Julius is a co-founder of JCS mediation a mediation company and has advised on arbitration clauses and participated in arbitration involving big companies in the Oil and Gas Industry.
- **Regulatory work:** Julius has represented Nurses before the NMC and dealt with appeals before the county court. As a result of his substantial previous experience as a solicitor, Julius will be interested in representing Solicitors, Doctors and Nurses before their respective regulatory bodies.

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ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION

Mediation

I am a keen supporter and promoter of Alternative Dispute resolution and in 2009 I together with a colleague set up a successful mediation company in London called JCS Mediation. We did cases across the United Kingdom. I fully understand the spirit behind mediation and how to effectively conduct on from start to finish in both civil and commercial disputes. I do Continuous professional Development (CPD) in mediation.

Arbitration

Julius Nkafu is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in London. He is a practising Barrister in England and Wales, and Cameroon. His arbitration practice spans the globe. He has advised and assisted many clients in courts and tribunals in a variety of commercial and civil disputes. Julius has been involved in lengthy very complex arbitration cases in Africa and the United Kingdom. He has worked alone but also as part of a team with a major London based law firm. Julius understands arbitrations under the LCIA, ICC, UNCITRAL and OHADA rules, as well as ad-hoc arrangements. Julius is fluent in English and French and a member of a number of professional associations, including the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) and the Association for the Promotion of Arbitration in Africa (APAA).

LITIGATION

Julius is authorised to conduct litigation. He has many years of experience in litigation and fully understands the financial and other costs of litigation. He can seek resolution by negotiation where appropriate. He provides sound and robust support and advice when and where litigation is absolutely necessary.

LECTURES

Arbitration:

Frequently gives lectures on OHADA and OHADA Arbitration rules
Forum Shopping
Protectionism and the future of Arbitration

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Immigration:

UK Immigration Policies and brain drain from Africa
UK Immigration rules and policies
Welcoming the stranger (immigration and society)

Julius Nkafu, Chairman of the Cameroon Business Council

(UK) panellist, trade mission to Cameroon by British investors, 8th December 2015.

Association of the Promotion of Arbitration in Africa

Julius is an active member of APAA (Association of the Promotion of Arbitration in Africa) With the headquarters in Yaounde, Cameroon. The association promotes arbitration by arranging and running conferences, colloquium, creating and providing internships and trainings on Arbitration and mediation across Africa.

Julius spoke at a breakfast meeting organised by White and Case Solicitors LLP on the 29/06/2016 on Africa. He spoke about OHADA and how it has influenced arbitration in Africa. The opportunities and challenges, mentioning the recently signed agreement between ICC and OHADA as a really positive thing. Julius spoke about the recent Getma International v. Republic of Guinea case and pointed out that the court was correct to set aside the award. He spoke about the work of APAA in promoting arbitration in Africa. Julius said Brexit was a very bad idea but it has both positive and negative consequences for Africa but not for long. It will be business as usual in most of Africa and a small shock to countries whose currencies are pegged to the Euro.

Languages

French and English

Education

LLB, LLM, PGCE, PGC in Transnational oil and gas and Energy law.

Memberships

Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Fellow)
Commonwealth Lawyers Association
Association for the Promotion of Arbitration in Africa (APAA)
International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)
Bar Pro-bono Unit
Member of the Board of Directors of AfAA (African Arbitration Association)

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