



Abimbola Badejo



Year of call: 1993

Areas of Practice

Business & Commercial, Family, Local Authorities & Public Law, Property, Landlord & Tenant, Direct Public Access Barristers, Child Abduction

Called to the English Bar 1993

Admitted as a solicitor in England 2007 (Non-Practising)

Called to the Nigerian Bar 2014

Abimbola was called to the Bar in England and Wales on 25th November 1993. He is called to the Nigerian Bar where he was admitted as a Solicitor and Barrister of the Supreme Court of Nigeria on 26th November 2014.

Abimbola returned to independent practice at the Bar in July 2009 having worked in local government and for leading firms of solicitors between 1993 and 2008. His expertise is in the following areas of work:

FAMILY LAW

Abimbola has a growing family law practice encompassing areas such as Private and Public Law Children Act Proceedings, International Child Abduction, Cross Border Adoptions, TOLATA Claims, Financial Remedy Proceedings and Family Law Act Claims.

Abimbola acts on behalf of local authorities, parents and children in Public Law proceedings.

NIGERIAN LAW

Abimbola's Nigerian Law practice includes advice and assistance on aspects of Nigerian Law that impact on litigation in the United Kingdom. He provides expert advice to courts and individuals on Nigerian Succession Law, Nigerian Property Law, Nigerian Family Law and Nigerian Child Rights Law. He has provided written and oral expert evidence in County Court and High Court Proceedings in England. Abimbola gave expert evidence in reported cases of *W v The Secretary of State for the Home Department* [2017] EWHC 1733 (Fam) and [ELO v CLO \(recognition of a Nigerian Adoption](#)

Order][2017] EWHC 3574 (Fam)

Abimbola also advises local authorities in England that are contemplating placing children in Nigeria on aspects of Nigerian Child Rights Law and is currently representing the interests of one authority in proceedings issued in Nigeria to regularise the placement of a child in Nigeria. To read more about Abimbola's international and Nigerian practice click on [Nigerian Lawyer](#)

On the 11th May 2018 Abimbola in conjunction with lawyers based in Nigeria obtained a Guardianship Order in Nigeria in respect of a child placed in Nigeria by the Central Family Court in England. The High Court in Lagos, Nigeria granted a guardianship order to the special guardians who had been appointed to care for a child in care proceedings concluded by the courts in England. The special guardians reside in Nigeria and a Nigerian Guardianship Order was required to regularise the child's placement in Nigeria.

Abimbola's recent notable work in the area of Nigeria Law includes

A v A Family Court at Barnet (August 2018)

Advice on the validity of Nigerian divorce proceedings

A v Secretary of State for the Home Department High Court Family Division (September 2018)

Advice of the validity of a Nigerian adoption.

O v N Family Court Croydon (October 2018)

Advice on the validity of a Nigerian Marriage.

U v Secretary of State for the Home Department (December 2019)

Advice on the validity of a Nigerian Adoption

S v S Family Court Romford (January 2019)

Advice on effect on the effect of a customary divorce

PROPERTY, LANDLORD AND TENANT LAW

Abimbola has a keen interest in property and landlord and tenant law. He has acted in real property law disputes and in landlord and tenants cases such as lease renewals, forfeiture claims and claims for possession on various grounds. In terms of real property law Abimbola has acted in mortgage possession claims and claims involving trusts of land.

PROFESSIONAL REGULATIONS

Abimbola has considerable experience of professional regulation work and has seen the work from the perspective of the regulator and the professional. Between 1st January 2003 and 31st December 2012, Abimbola was member of the Disciplinary and Regulatory Committees of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. He was appointed Deputy Chairman in 2007 and served in that capacity until December 2012. Abimbola regularly represents Accountants and other professionals

facing regulatory or disciplinary proceeding before their professional bodies.

GENERAL COMMON LAW

Abimbola values and enjoys his role as a general common lawyer. He advises and represents clients mainly in contractual disputes.

NOTABLE CASES

Hounslow LBC v Cumar [2012] EWCA Civ 1426

Camden LBC v Stafford [2012] EWCA Civ 839; [2012] 4 All E.R. 180; [2012] H.L.R. 39; [2012] 26 E.G. 97 (C.S.); [2012] 2 P. & C.R. DG13; Times, September 6, 2012;

R. (on the application of Gebremariam) v Westminster City Council [2009] EWHC2254 (Admin)

Islington LBC v Reeves [1997] C.L.Y. 2715

LANGUAGES

Yoruba

APPOINTMENTS, MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Committee Member Disciplinary and Regulatory Committees of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (2003-2007)

Deputy Chairman of the Disciplinary and Regulatory Committees of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (2007-2012)

Membership Secretary British Nigeria Law Forum (2010-2017)

Vice Chair British Nigeria Law Forum 2015-2017

Abimbola is qualified to accept cases under the [Direct Public Access to Barristers](#) scheme.



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