

Femi Adekoya

Year of call: **2021**
Degree: **BA Law (Cambridge, Double First Class), LLM (University of Pennsylvania Law School, Distinction), BPTC (City, Outstanding)**



Femi accepts instructions in all areas of Chambers' practice. Recent highlights of Femi's experience include assisting with the following significant cases:

- the Prime Minister's successful defence in a claim brought by the FDA challenging the Prime Minister's decision that the conduct of the Home Secretary did not breach the Ministerial Code
- a multi-jurisdictional fraud claim brought against 17 separate defendants for damages of more than USD \$1 billion
- the UK Government's representation in the European Court of Human Rights on the issue of whether the Convention provides a right to repatriation from war zones
- successfully acting for a child Afghan refugee in a family reunion case
- the Volkswagen AG class action arising out of what is often described as "Dieselgate"
- challenging EU sanctions against Hosni Mubarak, the former President of Egypt, and his family resulting in the de-listing of the family

From October 2022 to February 2023, Femi undertook a secondment with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, where he sat in the sanctions team and provided advice to FCDO staff on UN and UK domestic sanctions.

Prior to undertaking his pupillage with Blackstone Chambers, Femi was Judicial Assistant to Lord Justice Haddon-Cave for the Court of Appeal of England and Wales. Femi has also worked on climate change for the United Nations Global Compact in New York, and in the Enforcement team of the Financial Conduct Authority.

While studying for the Bar, Femi was a Legal Assistant to Stephen Hockman QC at Six Pump Court (focusing on environmental and regulatory law) and represented claimants before the First-tier Tribunal (Social Security and Child Support) as a volunteer for the Free Representation Unit.

EXPERIENCE

Commercial

Femi accepts instructions in all areas of commercial law.

Cases

Advice on supplier dispute

April 2024

Advised a large commercial retailer on a contractual dispute with its supplier.

Re. fraudulent misrepresentation claim

Advising in a proposed claim against a large private hospital for fraudulent misrepresentation and setting aside a settlement agreement (assisting Victoria Windle QC).

Re claim for trademark infringement

Advised claimant in a High Court trademarks claim (assisting Fraser Campbell).

Suppipat & Ors v Narongdej & Ors

[2021]

Acted for the Claimants in a multi-jurisdictional fraud claim against 17 separate defendants, for damages of more than \$1 billion. Assisted in a worldwide freezing order application and advised on issues of limitation, characterisation of loss and conflict of laws (assisting Victoria Windle QC).

Global Plastic v Inivos

[2021]

Acting for the Claimant in a breach of contract/quantum meruit claim arising from the supply and purchase of PPE equipment during the COVID-19 pandemic (assisting Victoria Windle QC).

Re LCIA Arbitration

Acted for the claimants in a procedural hearing in an ongoing LCIA Arbitration where the claimants seek to recover the costs of defending proceedings brought in New York in breach of an arbitration agreement (assisting Fraser Campbell).

A v B (LCIA Arbitration)

[2021]

Acting for the proposed claimant in a prospective arbitration under the LCIA Rules 2020 regarding the termination of a multimillion-dollar License, Supply and Marketing Agreement for a chemotherapy drug (assisting Victoria Windle QC).

Re Manufacturing Business

Acted for the petitioner in an unfair prejudice claim against five respondents where it is alleged that the respondents transferred away the company's most valuable asset without the petitioner's consent and at an undervalue (assisting Fraser Campbell).

Re International Sports Body

Acted for the defendant in an ongoing High Court claim for breach of a joint venture agreement (assisting Fraser Campbell).

Jones v McCarthy

Successfully acted for the claimant in a claim for breach of an asset swap agreement and breach of fiduciary duties (assisting Fraser Campbell).

Shield v Shield

Successfully acted for the defendant in a claim for breach of an oral indemnity agreement (assisting Fraser Campbell).

Civil Fraud, Asset Recovery & Injunctive Relief

Femi accepts instructions in all areas of civil fraud.

Cases

[Worldwide Freezing Order]

Successfully acted to secure the discharge of a Worldwide Freezing Order against two companies (with Fraser Campbell).

Frontier Estates Limited v Ford and others

Acted for multiple defendants in a civil fraud case where it is alleged that the defendants dishonestly conspired with a former employee of the claimant in order to purchase valuable properties which should have been available for purchase by the claimant (assisting Fraser Campbell).

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Advising in a proposed claim against a large private hospital for fraudulent misrepresentation and setting aside a settlement agreement (assisting Victoria Windle QC).

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Public & Regulatory

Femi accepts instructions in all areas of public & regulatory law.

Cases

Proposed judicial review

Acted for the Secretary of State in a proposed judicial review of alleged failure to comply with his data protection obligations in relation to a high-profile scheme (assisting Fraser Campbell).

Russia Today v Ofcom

[2021] EWCA Civ 1534

For Russia Today in the Court of Appeal considering the application of Ofcom's impartiality rules to major news events such as the Salisbury poisoning and the war in Syria (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Scott and Lewis v The Secretary of State for Transport and others

Acted for the Secretary of State for Transport and the Traffic Commissioner for the East of England in an appeal against a decision of the Traffic Commissioner which found that the claimants were not of good repute in relation to an application under the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Act 1995 (assisting Fraser Campbell).

Proposed judicial review of the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency

(2021)

Advised the MHRA in a proposed judicial review of its alleged failure to properly categorise a biomedical research company under domestic and EU law (assisting Fraser Campbell).

Good Law Project Ltd v The Prime Minister

[2022] EWHC 298 (Admin)

For the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Health in a judicial review of appointments to positions critical to the government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Competition

Femi accepts instructions in all areas of EU & competition law.

Cases

Lenovo v Ericsson

[2024] EWHC 846 (Ch)

Acting for Lenovo in successfully resisting Ericsson's applications contesting the Court's jurisdiction and seeking a strike out of elements of Lenovo's claim.

Lenovo Group Ltd & Ors v InterDigital Technology Corporation & Ors

[2024] EWHC 596 (Ch)

Acting for Lenovo in the first instance of a FRAND interim regime being considered by the Court.

Various Claimants v Volkswagen AG and Others

Advising on public and EU law issues arising in complex High Court group litigation involving allegations of unfair trading, breach of statutory duty, and deceit (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Civil Liberties & Human Rights

Femi accepts instructions in all areas of civil liberties & human rights law.

Cases

R(JS) v SSHD

Successfully acted for an Afghan national who was granted asylum in the UK as a child in a family reunion case (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Sport

Femi accepts instructions in all areas of Chambers' arbitration practice.

Cases

International Tennis Federation

2023

Acted (unled) for the International Tennis Federation in proceedings under the 2023 ITF Davis Cup Regulations against the Estonian Tennis Federation and the Iranian Tennis Federation, challenging decisions of the ITF Davis Cup Committee on where Davis Cup World Group play-off ties should be held.

The Football Association Premier League Ltd v Manchester City Football Club Ltd

Acting for the Premier League in ongoing proceedings under Section W of the PL Rules concerning alleged breaches of those rules by Manchester City FC since the 2009/2010 season. The published charges include (i) failing to provide true and fair financial information in particular with respect to sponsorship revenue, operating costs and related parties; (ii) breach of financial fair play regulations; (iii) breach of profit and sustainability regulations and (iv) breach of duties to cooperate with and assist the Premier League in its investigations. Femi forms part of a team from Blackstone for the Premier League, led by Andrew Hunter KC, Adam Lewis KC and Tom Weisselberg KC.

[Club] v Premier League

Representing the Premier League (unled) in a dispute under the Premier League's Rules before an independent Commission.

Public International Law

Femi accepts instructions in all areas of public international law.

Cases

Couso Permuy v Spain

For the UK Government appearing in the European Court of Human Rights on the issue of whether the Convention provides a right to repatriation from war zones (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

MGN Limited v the United Kingdom

Application before the European Court of Human Rights concerning the compatibility of the UK litigation costs regime with the right to freedom of expression under Article 10 ECHR (assisting Jason Pobjoy)

Sanctions

Femi accepts instructions in all areas of sanction law.

Cases

Mazepin v SSFCA

Acting for the Foreign Office in the one of the first court review challenges to a UK decision to sanction an individual pursuant to the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018.

Mubarak and Others v EU Council

For the late former President of Egypt, President of Egypt, Mohamed Hosni Elsayed Mubarak, and members of his family successfully annulling sanctions imposed in 2018, 2019 and 2020 (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Employment

Femi accepts instructions in all areas of Chambers' arbitration practice.

Cases

[Oil and Gas company] v [individual]

Acted for the defendant individual in applications for injunctions in respect of restrictive covenants (assisting Craig Rajgopaul).

[Individual] v [Global Investment Company]

Acted (unled) for an individual in a direct sex discrimination and harassment claim against her former employee, a member of the FTSE 100.

Data Protection, Freedom of Information & Privacy

Femi accepts instructions in all matters relating to data protection, freedom of information, and privacy.

Cases

Williams v ICO

For the Cabinet Office in response to appeal against the ICO's holding that the Cabinet Office was entitled to engage exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Proposed judicial review

Acted for the Secretary of State in a proposed judicial review of alleged failure to comply with his data protection obligations in relation to a high-profile scheme (assisting Fraser Campbell).

Immigration

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Arbitration

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Intellectual Property

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Telecommunications

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Media & Entertainment

Femi accepts instructions in all areas of Media & Entertainment.

Cases

Advice on a performance dispute

April 2024

Advising a music venue on a contractual dispute with an artist.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Education

Gray's Inn, 2019

- 2019 Baroness Hale Scholarship
- 2019 Residential Scholarship

City Law School, 2019 Academic Excellence Scholar

University of Pennsylvania Law School, 2018-2019 Thouron Scholar

University of Cambridge, 2018 Lucas-Smith Memorial Prize for Law

Queens' College, 2017 – 2018 Exhibition Scholar

Publications

- March 2020 Predictive Analytics and International Human Rights Law, City Law Review
- January 2020 National Security Impacts of Climate Change on NATO, University of Pennsylvania Journal of International Law
- Fall 2018 Unpacking Identity Politics and Hybridity, Global Affairs Review Penn Law

Professional Experience

- 3 October 2020 – Present Court of Appeal of England and Wales, Judicial Assistant to Lord Justice Haddon-Cave
- 29 June 2020 – 4 September 2020 Financial Conduct Authority, Internship
- November – December 2019 6 Pump Court, Legal Assistant to Stephen Hockman QC
- June – September 2019 United Nations Global Compact, Climate and Integrity Intern

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