

Herbert Anyiam

General Information

Herbert was called to the Bar of England & Wales in 1996 at Lincoln's Inn, having previously been called to the Nigerian Bar in 1991. He transferred to be a solicitor in England and Wales in 1998 and practised extensively as a solicitor for more than 15 years before returning to the Bar in 2017. He is approved by the Bar Council to accept direct public access instructions. He is happy to speak with solicitors and potential direct access clients at no initial cost, to diagnose their queries and how he can assist. Herbert specialises in the areas of work set out below.

Administrative and Public Law, with a focus on identifying and challenging unlawful decisions/acts and omissions of public bodies by way of judicial review and appeals to the Court of Appeal, in the following areas:

- Local Authority Community Care assessments.
- Immigration, Nationality, Asylum, Human Rights and EU immigration law.
- Challenging licencing decisions by Local Authorities, Transport for London, DVLA, etc.
- DWP Welfare Benefit decisions.
- Challenging sanctions, contract notices and other unlawful decisions of the Legal Aid Agency against solicitors.
- Challenging public law and human rights issues in the criminal justice and prison systems.

Professional Regulatory and Disciplinary matters

- Advising/assisting solicitors in regulatory investigations and disciplinary action by SRA.
- Representation before the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal and the High Court.
- Advising/assisting medical and other professionals in dealing with regulatory investigations and disciplinary action by regulators.

Family (Children Public Law) and Court of Protection

- Representing parents in contested care and adoption proceedings initiated by local authorities.
- Representing parents contesting applications for Female Genital Mutilation Protection Orders (FGMPO) by Local Authorities.
- Advising and representing parents in international child abduction proceedings.
- Advising and representing clients before the Court of Protection.

Employment Rights:

- Providing advice and assistance to clients on contentious and non-contentious employment matters including discrimination, victimisation and harassment; unfair and wrongful dismissals; breach of contract; unlawful wage deductions; disputes arising from redundancies and TUPE; whistleblowing.
- Providing advice and drafting settlement agreements.
- Representing clients in Employment Tribunals.

Public International Law with emphasis on:

- International Maritime Regulatory Compliance, including disputes relating to Port and Flag State Control.
- Representing clients in maritime regulatory enforcement actions and defending criminal prosecutions by the Maritime and Coast Guard Agency.
- Disputes arising from nationality and registration of vessels.
- Maritime Security and Piracy.
- Law of the Sea.
- International Administrative law.

International Arbitration:

- International dispute resolution services.
- International Investment Disputes.

Privately funded Criminal Law

Experience

Citizens Advice Bureaux Service - 1993 to 1996

Herbert worked as an adviser advising and representing clients at more than 250 Tribunal hearings including Social Security Appeal Tribunals, Disability Appeals Tribunals, Medical Appeal Tribunals, Housing Benefit & Council Tax Review Boards, and Employment Tribunals, as well as assisting clients to seek redress for maladministration by public bodies.

Adviser/Solicitor at Plumstead Law Centre - 1996 to 1999

Herbert advised and represented clients in more than 200 appeals before various Tribunals and the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board as well as acting for clients in judicial review proceedings, appeals to the Court of Appeal and assisting clients with complaints of maladministration to various ombudsman schemes.

Work as a solicitor

As a solicitor, Herbert conducted and supervised complex casework in various areas of law including Criminal Appeals & Reviews, Prison Law, Community Care, Welfare Rights and Immigration. He was an accredited senior caseworker and supervisor under the Law Society's Immigration & Asylum Accreditation Scheme. He has versatile and extensive experience in advising and representing clients in civil and criminal proceedings as well as complex proceedings in the High Court, Crown Court and Court of Appeal. He has represented hundreds of clients before the First-Tier and Upper Tribunals in areas including Social Security, Immigration and Employment Tribunals, Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal, as well as representing prisoners at Adjudication and Parole Board hearings.

Herbert is highly proficient in conducting judicial review proceedings with an impressive portfolio in successfully obtaining emergency injunctions (in deserving cases) to stop or prevent unlawful acts or omissions of public bodies including Local Authorities, the Home Office and other public bodies. He has conducted several judicial review claims against public bodies, most of which have been settled by consent before court hearings.

Herbert is also versed in challenging decisions of public bodies which involve the application of public international law instruments, with a specialisation in public international maritime law.

EDUCATION / TRAINING

University of Lagos, LLB (Hons) 1990

Nigeria Law School, Bar Finals 1991

Bar Finals (England & Wales) 1996

Law Society's Qualified Lawyers Transfer Test (QLTT) 1998

Membership of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators 2012

IMO International Maritime Law Institute, Malta, LLM 2012

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS / MEMBERSHIPS

Barrister of England & Wales, Lincoln's Inn

Barrister & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria

Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Member of the Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers

Member IMO Rota of Expert Consultants

Supporting Member London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA)

Personal Interests

Herbert enjoys reading articles on current and national affairs and listening to jazz music in his spare time. Gardening is also one of his passions.

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