

## Razak Atunwa LLB(Hons) LLM Pub. Int. Law (Lond) MCI Arb

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### General Information

Razak Atunwa is a seasoned barrister with a rich blend of experience in top-end civil/commercial matters including cases with international dimensions. He has a sound academic background, having obtained his LLB (Hons) (with a first-class in International law) and LLM in Public International law (with Distinction in Law of the Sea). He was called to the Bar in England and Wales in 1994.

### Areas of Practice:

- Civil and Commercial Law
- Contractual and Business Disputes
- Arbitration: Domestic and International
- Aviation: Regulatory, Advisory and Litigation

Razak receives instructions to act for individuals and companies in contractual matters in the High Court and Central London County Court. He also provides comprehensive advice in highly complex civil/commercial matters to assist parties in determining their best cause of action.

Razak is Public Access qualified and has the authorisation to conduct litigation.

Razak is currently handling a number of arbitration cases as counsel for Claimants and Defendants. He is currently counsel in an international arbitration under the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) rules.

He is also currently instructed in cases in relation to enforcement proceedings of foreign Arbitral awards of high value in excess of US\$150million.

Razak enriched his experience when he sojourned into politics in Nigeria, rising from various sub-national positions to become a member of Nigeria's House of Representatives (2015 - 2019). In that Parliament, he was the Chairman of the House Committee on Justice. He also Chaired an Ad-hoc Committee which conducted a Parliamentary inquiry into the largest and most complicated scandal in the oil and gas industry: the Malabu Scandal, involving alleged fraud of \$1.3billion by Government officials and multinational companies. He has recently been instructed in 2024 by an international oil company to recover multimillion dollars compensation from a state oil corporation.

Razak is an aviation enthusiast. He was a leading member of the House Committee on Aviation. His Masters Degree included International Air Law. He spearheaded the establishment of the International Aviation College (IAC), Ilorin, which is a foremost aviation training institute in Nigeria. He supervised compliance with all the ICAO regulatory requirements for an Approved Training Organisation (ATO). He was the Alternate Chairman of IAC between 2008 and 2012. He later trained to become a pilot holding both an ICAO licence issued in Nigeria and an EASA licence issued in the United Kingdom. He covers regulatory compliance, advisory and litigation in the aviation field.

### Bar Associations & Memberships

Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCI Arb)

Member of the Technology and Construction Bar (TEC BAR)

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