

Modupe Smith

General Information

Modupe is an experienced practitioner with a wide variety of experience which will be of great value to her clients both lay and professional. Her background has consisted of being a professional legal lecturer, undertaking further education with a Masters, working at a multi-national bank and practising at the Bar.

Banking – Financial Regulations

Modupe worked at a large multi-national Bank in their Compliance department for two years which added to her financial regulatory knowledge as she dealt with issues which fell under two regulatory regimes; the Prudential Regulatory Authority and the Financial Conduct Authority. She has had to take this knowledge and apply it to HR issues as she was their liaison for a year. She was promoted within a year of being in the organisation which is evidence of how she is able to take on new challenges and new areas of law and regulation, become familiar with them and apply them to the commercial world in a practical way. All of this experience allows her to utilise her legal knowledge in a practical way to best assist her clients. This, coupled with her advocacy experience, puts her in a unique position.

Criminal Bar

She practised at the Criminal Bar for four years in a well-renowned set of Chambers. She appeared in courts across England and Wales from the Magistrates' to the Central Criminal Court. She has experience of interim hearings as well as trial advocacy. Being a Criminal practitioner required her to be in court everyday which means that she is well able to appear and represent her clients in a variety of courts.

Bar Professional Training Course Lecturer

She left the Bar to teach the Bar Professional Training Course at the University of Law. She taught Criminal Litigation and Sentencing, Advocacy and International Commercial Practice for 10 years. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer and became a Fellow of the Higher Education Authority. She had to research and teach law and procedure to students who were often unfamiliar with the workings of court. She had to be able to answer questions in sessions, create assessments in those areas of law and assist students in a practical way to be able to go on to become useful and well-versed pupils.

She took on an area of law in which she had not practised and was quickly able to grasp the law and procedure. The pass rate within her groups was very good and she is proud to say that she played a part in that.

Her leadership skills were identified and she was promoted to Criminal Team Leader with a team of eight members of staff. She had to deal with workload issues, interviewing staff and attending meetings with senior managers to put forward the views of her team. She moved on to a joint teaching and course designer role for Criminal Litigation and Sentencing, Professional Ethics and International Commercial Practice. She had to prepare course sessions for students and present them to colleagues in order for them to be able to teach it. This has allowed her to develop her barrister skills of being able to explain complex ideas in an easy to understand way as well as time management skills.

Further Education - Masters

She has a Masters in International Economic and Finance Law which she undertook whilst working full time. Her dissertation was a comparison of Ethics in the banking industry with the Legal industry. She looked at traditional Codes of Conduct in financial institutions as well as Sharia based codes of conduct. This required a significant amount of research into the financial regulations underpinning how banking staff should behave. It was an introduction to the legal aspects of banking as well as giving her a

valuable insight into the commercial workings of these institutions. Her extended academic learning involved her having to understand complex and unfamiliar areas of law as well as translate them to others.

Public Access Accredited

Modupe is accredited to undertake public access work

Conferences

Modupe is able to have conferences at solicitors' offices or alternatively at 160 Fleet Street, London, EC4 2DQ.

Personal Details

She was in the work choir for two years and sung modern and classical music including a piece dating back to Henry VIII. She also enjoys swimming and completed the Swimathon in 2018 for Cancer Research UK.

Areas of Law

She is highly adept in dealing with a wide range of civil and commercial matters, including but not limited to the following areas of practice:

- Banking and Financial Services
- Contract
- Contracts (Sale of Goods and Consumer Rights Acts)
- Travel, Package Travel, Holidays and Tours
- Dangerous Dogs Act Claims
- Education
- Employment
- Information, Data and Defamation Law
- Landlord & Tenant
- Regulatory Law
- Road Traffic Accidents & Personal Injury
- Flight Delay

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