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PRACTICE OVERVIEW

Practice

Ikeni is a tenant at Kings Chambers Partners, with 5+ years PQE, practising in Commercial Chancery, Commercial and Residential Property, Regulatory Public Law, and Personal Injury. He is regularly instructed to draft pleadings, advise, and appear in possession claims. He is an experienced personal injury lawyer who has regularly appeared in Fast Track trials, Small Claims, Stage 3s, credit hire claims, infant settlements, and interim applications. He has assisted in a range of cases involving chancery, public, commercial, EU, competition, and sports law: advising and drafting for matters in the Court of Justice of the European Union, Court of Appeal, High Court, and Employment Tribunal. Ikeni also has advocacy experience in the Crown and Magistrates Courts. He is client-friendly, costs conscious, able to grasp the interests involved in a dispute, and always willing to discuss issues of law, strategy, and/or procedure.

Other experience

Before coming to the bar, Ikeni completed an internship at a Tier 1 (Chambers and Partners) commercial firm in Southern Africa. He acted as research assistant in EU law at the University of Oxford and organised two conferences for the International Journal of Constitutional Law. He also worked on human rights projects: visiting East Timor to assess the progress of the truth and reconciliation process and Special Court; conducting preliminary research for the Human Dignity Trust; and assisting in drafting standard operating procedures for the police in Sierra Leone. He has volunteered as an experienced representative with the Free Representation Unit as well as Oxfam's Lawyers Against Poverty.

Extracurricular

In his spare time, Ikeni plays canoe polo and surf kayaks. He is also an avid swimmer.

COMMERCIAL CHANCERY

Ikeni has a particular interest in Commercial Chancery matters. His own cases have involved:

- giving pre-action advice in a claim for breach of confidence and breach of the GDPR by a private hire firm. Drafted the response to the letter of claim.
- advising in a claim for breach of bailment in respect of personal property under a hire purchase agreement, including on the equitable rescission of gifts and negotiation/litigation strategy.
- appearing in a claim for breach of a recruitment contract.
- resisting a claim for loss of use of a company vehicle on the basis of illegality founded on a breach of directors' duties.
- resisting a claim for breach of an implied duty to exercise due diligence in selecting approved repairers under a policy of insurance.
- resisting a claim for credit hire on the basis of misrepresentation.
- acting for the debtor in a bankruptcy petition brought by the Financial Conduct Authority.

His experience in the area includes assisting more senior barristers with the following:

- a skeleton to strike out a claim for deceit, inducement, unlawful means conspiracy, and dishonest assistance in relation to a \$15m foreign direct investment deal in Brazil. The matter raised points on *res judicata*, in respect of a prior arbitration, and conflict of laws. He also drafted the defence.
- a note on the law of partnerships with advice on the effects and procedural implications of admissions made by individual partners in a construction dispute.
- advice in a claim for breaches of a carrier contract and carrier agency contract in respect of the loss of goods during carriage on account of fraud.
- a skeleton for an application for relief from sanctions and permission to amend the pleadings in a claim for breach of terms implied under the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982 in respect of a landscape gardening contract.
- advice on the proposed sale of goodwill in an investment management practice including on negotiation strategy and the merits of the initial agreement proposed.
- advice on amending a Part 20 claim, including on piercing the corporate veil and equitable tracing, in a claim to recover partnership property. He drafted an application and skeleton to strike out the claim.
- pre-action advice:
 - on breach of a commercial contract for the installation of an air conditioning system in Qatar;
 - to a prominent musician on a potential claim for breach of copyright and passing off in relation to material he recorded as a session musician;
 - to a major commercial company on the legality of its employment practices under the Blacklisting Regulations and Data Protection Act; and
- on an application to annul a decision by the European Medicines Agency to disclose documents under the EU Transparency Regulation on the basis of commercial sensitivity.
- particulars in a claim for an account and inquiry into an option to purchase shares, damages for unfair dismissal for making a protected disclosure, and payment in lieu of notice under the employment contract of a senior investment banking executive in the Chancery Division.
- particulars for breach of equitable and contractual duties of confidentiality, and breach of the Copyright and Rights in Database Regulations.

- a defence and counterclaim in a claim of breach of contract and fiduciary duty by a football executive.

PROPERTY

Ikeni's experience in property matters includes:

- regularly representing clients in residential possession proceedings.
- representing the trustees of residential property on the breakdown of a beneficiary's marriage in a claim for possession. The claim raised TOLATA, *res judicata*, the effects of possession and occupation orders in parallel proceedings, and the Family Law Act 1996.
- advice in respect of commercial property, on a potential claim for rent-arrears, dilapidations, and possession, including on venue, the effect thereof on enforcement, forfeiture, surrender, the effects of the proposed defendant's insolvency, waiver, and the moratorium under the Coronavirus Act 2020, Commercial Rent Arrears Recovery, ('**CRAR**'), and *res judicata* in respect of bringing multiple claims.
- drafting particulars and advising in a claim for residential property premised on nuisance as well as numerous breaches of the terms of the lease.
- particulars for a claim for possession of commercial premises on the basis of breach of the terms of the licence.
- a warrant and information for the purposes of a warrant application by a sewerage undertaker under the Water Industry Act 1991.
- a defence to a claim for possession of residential property raising an issue over whether joint and several liability arose under a covenant in the lease.
- resisted recovery of rental charges for commercial premises in an RTA on the basis of remoteness.

His experience has included assisting more senior barristers with drafting:

- advice on *quantum* in a professional negligence claim for damages on the basis of an exponentially increasing rent review clause in the long lease for residential premises.

PERSONAL INJURY AND INSURANCE

Ikeni has substantial experience acting in Personal Injury and related insurance matters for both claimants and defendants in his own right. His experience includes:

- establishing a claim for personal injury incurred on a construction site in an independent contractor claim under s.2(4)(b) of the Occupiers Liability Act 1957 and common law negligence.
- establishing and resisting Fast Track claims for personal injury in relation to an RTA. He has frequently negotiated quantum.
- drafted a skeleton argument in an employer's liability claim, which induced the defendant to settle. He negotiated on behalf of the claimant.

- represented the insurer in negotiating on, and subsequently successfully resisting, the claim for credit hire charges.
- resisted a claim for breach of an implied duty to exercise due diligence in selecting approved repairers under the claimant's policy of insurance.
- established negligence in an RTA in on the basis of *res ipsa loquitur*. He drafted a skeleton.
- avoided a finding of fundamental dishonesty in a Fast Track claim where the claimant might otherwise have been unable to continue trade as a driving instructor.
- established a claim for personal injury sustained while undertaking manual handling at work in a Fast Track trial.
- applied for pre-action disclosure in a holiday sickness claim.

Additionally, Ikeni has assisted with:

- advice in a Multi-track fatal injury claim arising from a holiday in Costa Rica, including on jurisdiction, agency, and the Package Travel, Package Tours, and Package Holiday Regulations 1992.

QUALIFICATIONS, MEMBERSHIPS AND APPOINTMENTS

Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL), Keble College, University of Oxford

Bar Vocational Course (BVC), College of Law, Store Street

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), University of Wales, Swansea

- First Class Hons.
- 4th of 233
- 83% for Dissertation

CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLICATIONS

Lewis & Taylor, Sports Law and Practice (BPL 2014)

Updated EU competition law elements in the chapter on Financial Regulation in Sport, (assisted Adam Lewis QC).

Vaughan and A. Robertson (eds.), The Law of the EU (OUP 2012)

Assisted in editing the chapter on the institutions of the EU, (assisted Prof Pavlos Eleftheriadis (ed.)).