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Background

Tope Adeyemi is a barrister and arbitrator at 33 Bedford Row Chambers where she is a member of the International Arbitration and Regulatory Law Practice Groups. She is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Ciarb) and has broad experience in the field of commercial arbitration, regulation, sport and financial disputes.

Qualifications

- International Dispute Resolution LLM, QMUL, 2025
- Certificate in Safeguarding in Sports, High Speed Training, 2026
- Specialist Certification in Arbitration in Sports Disputes, LSBA, 2025
- Certificate in Sports Dispute Resolution, Strathmore University, 2025
- Writing Awards Course (WAWA), Delos Dispute Resolution Centre, 2024
- Fellow Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), 2020
- B.L Nigerian Law School, 2019
- Called to the Bar of England & Wales, Middle Temple, 2008
- Bar Vocational Course, BPP Law School, 2007
- BA (Hons) LLB Law, Brunel University, 2004

Professional Experience

Barrister, 33 Bedford Row Chambers (May 2021 – Present)

- Arbitrator with expertise in commercial disputes, sports disputes and banking regulations.
- Barrister providing services in a range of regulatory and professional disciplinary matters.

Adjudicator, Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) (Apr 2018 – Present)

- Member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) resolution panel.
- Member of the Communication and Internet Services Adjudication Scheme panel (CISAS).
- Appointed as sole adjudicator to resolve disputes concerning the provision of surveying and telecommunication services. Produced over 100 binding "final decisions".

Ombudsman Manager, Financial Ombudsman Service (Jan 2017 – July 2019)

- Responsible for the resolution of complex financial disputes.
- Worked on banking, credit, mortgages, PPI, insurance, investments and pension disputes.
- Managed a team of 5 financial investigators.

Financial Ombudsman, Financial Ombudsman Service (Apr 2014 – Jan 2017)

- Independent final decision maker on banking disputes.
- Produced over 200 binding "final decisions" following the conclusion of investigations.

Professional Conduct Committee Member, The Bar Standards Board (Jan 2013 – Mar 2017)

- Barrister member of the Committee.
- Responsible for preparing reports on complaints to the Committee.
- Provided initial advice on evidence, made recommendation on whether the concerns should be pursued and drafted charges where appropriate.

Committee Member, The Bar Standards Board (Jan 2012 – Mar 2017)

- Barrister member of the Equality & Diversity Committee and Education & Training Committee.
- Worked on projects including the modernisation of barrister training and retention of women at the Bar.

Barrister, 25 Bedford Row (Oct 2010 – Nov 2011)

- Defended clients in relation to the full spectrum of criminal offences.

Barrister, 3 Temple Gardens (Oct 2009 – Oct 2010)

- Completed a twelve-month pupillage.
- Advocate; defended clients in a range of civil and criminal disputes.

Lecturer, The Open University (Jun 2009 – Dec 2013)

- Part – time lecturer on the LLB Law Degree course.
- Taught a range of subjects including evidence and contract law.

International tracing caseworker, The British Red Cross (July 2008 – June 2009)

- Caseworker working to reconnect family members separated by conflict and disaster.

Arbitration experience

- Arbitrator in over 25 proceedings under various arbitration rules which include ICC, LCIA, CIARB, ABTA and Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Act 2022.

Appointments

- Vice Chair, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales' Appeals Committee (ICAEW) November 2023- Present
- Chair, London Branch Committee, Ciarb, April 2024 – May 2025
- Barrister, Attorney General's List of Specialist Regulatory Advocates, Feb 2025 – Present
- Honorary Secretary, London Branch Committee, Ciarb, April 2023 – April 2024
- Pro Bono Counsel, UEFA, July 2026 – Present
- Pro Bono Counsel, Aquatics Integrity Unit, May 2026 -Present
- Legal Adviser, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), Jun 2022 – Present
- Barrister Member, Bar Council's Appointments Service Panel, 2021 – Present
- Panel Member, Practice Assurance Committee, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), Nov 2020 – Present
- Trustee, AMICUS – ALJ (death penalty defense charity), July 2007 – Dec 2023

Arbitral panel membership

- Arbitrator, Lusaka International Arbitration Centre (LIAC), May 2026 - Present
- Arbitrator, Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), July 2025 - Present

- Arbitrator, Private Arbitration Court (PAC), Nov 2024 – Present
- Arbitrator, Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), Nov 2023 – Present
- Arbitrator, Kigali International Arbitration Centre (KIAC), Feb 2023 – Present
- Arbitrator, Court of Arbitration for Art (CAfA), Jan 2023 – Present
- Arbitrator, Consumer Code for Online Dispute Resolution (CCODR), May 2022 – Present
- Arbitrator, Travel Arbitration Scheme (ABTA) May 2021 – Present
- Arbitrator, Business Scheme, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Ciarb) Nov 2020 - Present

Academic Appointments

- Course director, Ciarb Applied Arbitration for Fellows (AAF Course), March 2025 - 2026
- Tutor, Ciarb Arbitration Accelerator Course – August 2025

Publications

- Author, Chapter 32, "Minister of Public Works", in *England and Wales Court Judgments on Arbitration: Shaping English Arbitration Law and Practice* (Brill Nijhoff, 2026).
- 'Embracing Equity for Effective Dispute Resolution', *The Resolver*, Vol. 2023, Issue 1 (Ciarb Quarterly Magazine, Spring 2023).
- 'Guerrilla Tactics in International Arbitration', *Ciarb YMG Journal* 2017.

Awards

- Leading Junior (UK Bar), Legal 500.
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- South Eastern Circuit Florida Advocacy Course Scholarship, 2011.
- International Bar Association Scholar, 2008
- Middle Temple Benefactors Scholar, 2006