Tope Adeyemi

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Qualifications

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, 2020, Admitted to the Nigerian Bar, 2019, Admitted to the Bar of England and Wales, 2008 Middle Temple Benefactors Scholar, 2008 Bar Vocational Course, BPP Law School, 2007 LLB Law Degree, Brunel University, 2004

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 and has broad experience in the field of commercial arbitration, with a focus on regulation and financial disputes.

Dual qualified, Tope is admitted to the bars of England & Wales and Nigeria. She is regularly appointed as arbitrator in international and domestic arbitrations and has over 10 years' experience in dispute resolution more widely, gained through extensive appointments as an adjudicator and financial ombudsman (financial ombudsman service).

Tope is the current Honorary Secretary of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators London Branch Committee. She is also Legal Adviser to the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), advising its various committees on the law. Between 2009 and 2014 she was an Associate Lecturer in Law with the Open University. In 2023, Tope was appointed Vice Chair of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales' Appeals Committee (ICAEW).

Selected presentations and articles

- Co organiser, 'The work of Independent Arbitrators' Ciarb London Branch, 2024
- Facilitator, 'Let's Discuss Cultural Intelligence' Ciarb, 2023
- Co-organiser, 'The work of sole practitioners & small firms', Ciarb London Branch, 2024.
- Speaker and organiser, 'International Arbitration in Ghana -Trends and Opportunities', Ciarb London Branch, 2023
- Speaker and organiser, 'Arbitral Award Writing', Ciarb London Branch, 2023
- Organiser, 'Ciarb & LCIA 20th Annual Joint Seminar: Cryptocurrency and Finance Arbitrations', 2023
- Article, 'Embracing equity for effective dispute resolution', The Resolver, Volume 2023, Issue 1

Tope Adeyemi London Branch Election Statement

My aim in seeking re-election is to further the interests of London Branch Members and extend the branch's influence. I will focus on three areas to achieve this: capacity building, diversity and inclusion and thought leadership.

Capacity building - I am committed to ensuring members derive real value from their London Branch membership, gaining knowledge (at no extra cost) that will equip them with additional skills to build their practices. To this end, I will work on delivering high quality, skills-based events, during which participants can deepen their understanding around the business side of ADR work. I possess a track record of successfully coordinating such events and in the last 18 months I have co -organised seminars and webinars on topics ranging from award writing, delivering arbitral counsel services as a sole practitioner, to succeeding as a full – time arbitrator.

Fostering diversity and Inclusion - Commitment to fostering inclusion and diversity must not wane. I have always sought to involve a diverse range of individuals in all the committee events I am part of. I will continue to do this, but I also hope in the coming year to work collaboratively with others to develop specific initiatives, leveraging the learning I have obtained through working directly with the Young Arbitral Women's Practitioner's Group, the Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge and the Bar Council's Equality and Diversity Committee.

Thought leadership - The ADR sector is dynamic and evolving, current significant topics include the Arbitration Act 1996, the use of AI in decision making and the monetisation of awards. I hope to facilitate greater contributions of London Branch members views to these types of conversations through regularly showcasing their knowledge and ideas on the branches' platforms, namely the website, LinkedIn and were possible the Ciarb's publications. Such exposure will raise the profile of the contributors and the branch. It is also hoped it will be of benefit to the wider arbitration community.

If elected for another term, I pledge to give my very best to the Committee. I will offer my experience, connections and energy with the aim of promoting the interests of members and elevating the London Branch's reputation further.