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EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

CEDR Mediator (Investor – State Disputes) 2017;
Chartered Arbitrator, 2007;
Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, 2005 - 2013;
Accredited Mediator, Academy of Experts (Q.D.R.), Qualified Dispute Resolver, 1998;
Admitted to Bar of England & Wales (Lincoln's Inn), 1996;
Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK, 1994;
Notary Public for Nigeria, 1991;
Admitted to Nigerian Bar, 1982.
LL.B (Hons), B.L., LL.M, FCI Arb, Q.D.R.

LANGUAGES

English.

September 4, 2017

PRESENT POSITION

Barrister, Chartered Arbitrator, Adjudicator, Accredited Mediator & Expert Determiner.
Visiting Professor at the Centre for International Legal Studies (CILS) Salzburg.
CEDR Mediator (Investor – State Disputes).

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Intellectual property - franchising, licensing, copyright infringement and trademark infringement;
Communications, IT, Internet Disputes including Domain Name Disputes;
International trade - breach of contract – Distribution agreements and Entertainment contracts;
Sports and Entertainment Disputes;
Arbitration - domestic - international commercial arbitration.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Member:

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in London;
London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA);
International Chamber of Commerce UK (ICC) Arbitration & Intellectual Property Sections;
Intellectual Property Bar Association (www.ipbar.co.uk);
British Literary Artistic & Copyright Association (BLACA);
International Bar Association (Arbitration and Mediation Committees);
The Academy of Experts, Grays Inn London.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Has had over 30 years experience acting as external counsel in intellectual property generally, advising corporate bodies, publishers, performers and authors in respect of their rights as regards trademark and copyright agreements and disputes in Nigeria and has also vetted and drafted copyright and trademark agreements on behalf of clients. As Counsel in the UK has advised and represented parties involved in Copyright, Trademark and Domain Name matters.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Attended: i) WIPO Workshop on Intellectual Property Disputes and Domain Name Disputes held in Singapore in November 2005; (ii) WIPO Advanced Workshop on Domain Name Dispute Resolution – Update on Practice and Precedents held in Geneva, November 19-20, 2006; (iii) Conference on Domain Name Dispute Resolution and ODR held in Beijing, October 26, 2007; (iv) WIPO Advanced Workshop on Domain Name Dispute Resolution – Update on Practices and Precedents, Geneva October 13-14, 2009.

Issued several decisions relating to trademark infringement arising from Domain Name disputes.

In July 2011, was invited by the Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Centre in Hong Kong to deliver a paper in Seoul on the Proposed Objection Procedures of the New GLTD program at an international seminar on Domain Name Dispute Resolution.

Currently listed on:

- 1) WIPO Domain Name Dispute Resolution Panel;
 - 2) The Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Panel in Hong Kong;
 - 3) The Domain Name Dispute Resolution Panel of the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration;
 - 4) The HKIAC Intellectual Property Arbitration Panel;
 - 5) The SIAC Intellectual Property Arbitration Panel.
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MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Case Note on WIPO Administrative Panel Decision: LCIA, ICC, SIAC, SCC, & (AAA/ICDR) -v- ICSID Lawyers LLC, WIPO Case No. D2013 - 0685. Published in the 2014 Comparative Law Year book of International Business by Kluwer Vol.36;
 Handbook on Arbitration in Africa – A Practitioner’s Guide – Overview for the Gambia: Published by Kluwer Law international in 2013;
 The Validity of Customary Law Arbitration in Nigeria - A Case for its Integration; Published in the 1996 Comparative Law Year book of International Business By Kluwer Vol. 18.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Has acted as a barrister and solicitor in over 600 cases in the court of first instance and appellate courts from July 1982 to the present time in Nigeria and the UK.

The subject matter of the relevant court cases concerned are copyright infringement in the area of publishing (8), trademark infringement for manufacturing companies (5), interpreting of publishing agreement (1), breach of publishing, distributing, licensing and franchise agreements (8).

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN ARBITRATION/MEDIATION

Has attended various Arbitration and Mediation Training events conducted by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in London and other Arbitral institutions since 1989 culminating in the qualification as a Chartered Arbitrator, 2007. Has, however undergone more focused Arbitration training specific to Intellectual Property disputes conducted mostly by WIPO in Geneva and in Beijing and London as follows:

Attended extensive Mediation training with the Academy of Experts in 1998 leading up to the award of the nominals Q.D.R. (Qualified Dispute Resolver);
 WIPO Workshop for Arbitrators, Geneva, October 25-26, 2004;
 WIPO Workshop on Arbitration of Intellectual Property Disputes & Domain Name Disputes, Singapore, November 10-11, 2005;
 One Day Training as an Expert Determiner conducted by the Academy of Experts in Gray’s Inn London, February 2009;
 Workshop for Mediators in Intellectual Property Disputes, Geneva, , May 28-29, 2009;
 7 Day Advanced Mediator Retreat (AMR) training, Italy, September 2010;
 WIPO Arbitration Workshop Geneva, October 13-14, 2011;
 ICC Institute Masterclass for Arbitrators, Paris - June 4-6, 2012;
 ICSID, CEDR, ENERGY Charter & IMI (3 day) Mediator Training in (Investor – State Disputes), Washington D.C., June 2017.

EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION/MEDIA

As a Chartered Arbitrator, has issued well over 300 awards and decisions as a Sole Arbitrator or Adjudicator covering a large number of Commercial disputes in the UK. Some of those decisions have related to Domain Name, Property, Communications, and Entertainment disputes etc. Has also advised and represented parties involved in domestic and International Arbitrations particularly an International Arbitration concerning a Telecommunications and Broadcasting contract valued in excess of 20 million US Dollars which came up before the L.C.I.A. in London. Appointed by WIPO to deliver arbitration training course in Copyright and Related Rights Issues for the Botswana Copyright Arbitration Panel in Gaborone in August 2012.

Currently listed on the following Panels of Arbitration.

Domestic Panels:

The Panel of Chartered Arbitrators of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK;

Sports Resolution UK Commercial Arbitration Panel;
The UK Patents Office Panel of Mediation Providers;
The Adjudication Panel of the Communication & Internet Services Adjudication Scheme (CISAS) of CIARB UK (www.cisas.org.uk); 2005 – 2013;
The IP & Electronic Media Panel of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK. (www.communications-adr.com); 2004- 2011;
The Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Panel in Hong Kong;
The Domain Name Dispute Resolution Panel of the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration.

International Panels:

The Panel of Neutrals, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Arbitration and Mediation Center, Geneva, Switzerland;
Working Group on WIPO Expedited Arbitration & Mediation for Film & Media;
The Court of Arbitration for Sports, (CAS) Lausanne;
The Panel of Arbitrators for WIPO Expedited Arbitration for AGICOA;
The Panel of International Neutrals for The Lagos Court of Arbitration (LCA);
The Panel of Arbitrators, Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC);
The Panel of Arbitrators, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC);
The Panel of Arbitrators, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC).

EXPERIENCE IN MEDIATION

Has acted as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator, adjudicator, chairman of tribunal, chairman of appeal tribunal, mediator, co-mediator, conciliator, single panelist, co-panelist and counsel in a substantial number of arbitral and other ADR proceedings under the Rules of the ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, WIPO DIAC, CIARB, City Disputes Panel in London, Court annexed schemes, Cost-controlled schemes and ad-hoc, in the UK, UAE, Nigeria and Hong-Kong. The cases involve a large variety of disputes including international trade commodities, property, copyright trademark infringement, collection of royalties, publishing agreements, licensing, confidentiality, recording contracts, advertising and broadcasting rights, intellectual property, telecommunications, entertainment and sports.

Became a member of the defunct ADR Committee of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in 2001 and eventually the chairman from January 2005 until August 2005. Was nominated by the Department of Constitutional Affairs in the UK, to promote the use of Mediation in the Bedford and Luton County Courts during the National Mediation Awareness week in May 2005. In 2006, was one of the Mediators who acted as a Judge during the Mediation competition for Universities conducted by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in Paris in February 2006.

At various times appointed tutor, trainer and accreditation assessor in Commercial Mediation for the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators for various branches in the UK, Ireland, Greece, Turkey, the U.A.E. Qatar, Mauritius and Zambia.

ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE**SUMMARY TABLE**

Type	Administering Institution		Role			
	Name	Number of Arbitrations	Presiding Arbitrator	Sole Arbitrator	Co-arbitrator/Expert-Determiner	Counsel/Expert
International Arbitrations	AAA					
	ICC	5			2	3
	LCIA	6	1		3	2
	Ad Hoc	3		1	2	
	Others:	62	3	57	2	
Number of cases: sub-total		76	4	58	9	5
Domestic Arbitrations						
		69	7	58	4	
Number of cases: sub-total		69	7	58	4	
TOTAL		145	11	116	13	5

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE**SUMMARY TABLE**

Type	Administering Institution		Role	
	Name	Number of Mediations	Mediator	Counsel
International Mediations				
	Ad Hoc	1	1	
	Others:	1	1	
Number of cases: sub-total		2	2	
Domestic Mediations				
		310	311	1
Number of cases: sub-total		310	311	1
TOTAL		312	313	1