



# Dr Tagbo Ilozue

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## Overview

Tagbo Ilozue accepts instructions across a broad range of Chambers' specialisms, with a particular interest in regulatory crime, inquests, personal injury, professional negligence, professional discipline, and public law.

He brings to his practice as a barrister the knowledge and experience that he gained working as a doctor in a variety of medical and surgical specialities. Before leaving his medical career, he completed the membership exams of both the Royal College of Surgeons and the Royal College of Physicians. He also holds a doctorate in Developmental Biology and a bachelor's degree in Philosophy & Psychology.

## Clinical Negligence

Tagbo Ilozue is a member of the 3PB Clinical Negligence Group and the Professional Negligence Bar Association.

Before he came to the bar, Tagbo worked for a number of years in emergency medicine, acute medicine and a range of surgical specialities in numerous hospitals across the country. He gained familiarity with multiple clinical fields, and extensive experience in treating patients and working alongside healthcare practitioners. He thereby gained an invaluable insight into the key matters lying at the heart of clinical negligence disputes.

While working as junior doctor Tagbo achieved the rare distinction of completing the membership exams for both the Royal College of Surgeons and the Royal College of Physicians. His experience of research in a developmental biology laboratory, while working towards his PhD, enhanced his capacity for forensic analysis and ingrained a meticulous attention to detail that has translated into his legal practice.

Tagbo acts for both claimants and defendants. His practice to date has been primarily in clinical negligence; however, he has also advised in relation to solicitors' negligence claims. The experience he has acquired translates directly to professional negligence generally and he is keen to develop his practice to include professional negligence claims in additional fields, particularly proceedings against lawyers.

His recent work includes:

- Advising a corporate claimant on the prospects of success of a claim against its previous solicitors for losses sustained after a commercial tenancy agreement fell through.
- Advising a defendant on merits and quantum, and drafting the letter of response, in relation to a proposed claim for allegedly unnecessary hip revision surgery.
- Advising a defendant regarding pre-action steps, and drafting the letter of instruction for the liability and causation expert, in a proposed claim for allegedly negligent hip replacement surgery.

- Advising a defendant in relation to pre-action steps in a proposed claim for an alleged failure to obtain informed consent prior to a haemorrhoidectomy.
- Advising a claimant on the merits of a claim for perinatal injury due to the delayed diagnosis of breech presentation.
- Advising a claimant on expert evidence in relation to a delayed diagnosis of hip dysplasia after birth.
- Advising a defendant on quantum, on the amendments that needed to be made to the expert evidence, and on settlement offers in relation to a claim arising from the peri-operative management of anticoagulation therapy.
- Advising a claimant on the merits of a claim in relation to the delayed diagnosis of an ectopic pregnancy.
- Advising a claimant on the prospects of success and evidence required for a proposed claim against her previous solicitor due to the excess costs and unfavourable outcome alleged to have been incurred in an employment dispute.

## **Academic qualifications**

- Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL), University of Law – Distinction
- PhD, Developmental Biology, Queens' College, University of Cambridge
- Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MB BChir), Queens' College, University of Cambridge
- MA Philosophy and Psychology, Magdalen College, University of Oxford – 2:1

## **Scholarships**

- Everard Ver Heyden Foundation Prize (for results in the BPTC) City Law School
- Winner of the City Law School Senior Moot, 2019

## **Professional qualifications & appointments**

- BPTC, City Law School – Outstanding (7th in a year of over 400 students)
- Membership of the Royal College of Physicians (MRCP)
- Membership of the Royal College of Surgeons (MRCS, expired in July 2019)

## **Professional bodies**

- Administrative Law Bar Association
- Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers
- Criminal Bar Association
- Health and Safety Lawyers' Association
- Personal Injuries Bar Association
- Professional Negligence Bar Association
- Western Circuit