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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.

Regulatory crime

Tagbo Ilozue is a member of the 3PB Crime Team and the Public and Regulatory Group. He has a strong foundation in general crime, having dedicated roughly half his first two years of practice to defending and prosecuting in every area of crime, appearing regularly in the Magistrates', Youth and Crown Courts. He has been instructed as trial counsel for offences including GBH with intent, possession with intent to supply class A drugs, and arranging the commission of sexual activity with a child. He has also appeared before the Court of Appeal in an appeal against sentence during which his submissions were described by the bench as "impressive".

Tagbo now specialises in regulatory crime and in the related matters that fall within the civil jurisdiction of the magistrates' court and the tribunals. He has a particular interest in health and safety cases, but he welcomes instructions to advise and represent prosecutors, defendants, applicants, and respondents in all areas of regulatory law. He is a member of both the Criminal Bar Association and the Health and Safety Lawyers' Association.

Selected recent instructions include:

- **M v R: Conduct endangering ships, structures or individuals**

Advising the MCA on evidence and next steps in relation to an intended prosecution for an offence under s.58 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995.

- **B v C: Appeal against a civil penalty notice**

Representing the applicant landlord in his appeal to the First Tier Tribunal against a penalty imposed by the local authority for alleged breach of the Electrical Safety Regulations.

- **M v S: Breach of the COLREGs**

Representing the MCA in the prosecution of a master accused of failing to comply with the COLREGs while navigating his vessel off the coast of the Isle of Wight (in the Crown Court at Newport).

- **N v W: Depositing/transferring controlled waste in breach of the Environmental Protection Act**

Representing the defendant at Merthyr Tydfil Magistrates' Court and advising him in relation to prospects, procedure, and

the merits of an out-of-court resolution of the case.

- **M v W: Failure to comply with the Blue Code**

Representing the MCA in the prosecution of a vessel owner accused of failing to comply with the relevant safety regulations when taking his vessel across the Atlantic (in the Crown Court at Southampton).

- **R v E: Confiscation Order Enforcement Hearing**

Representing the defendant in resisting activation of a term of custody following default on payments due under a confiscation order; at Weston-Super-Mare Magistrates' Court.

- **N v H: Being in control of unlicensed HMOs**

Representing the prosecuting local authority in a 3-day trial at Nottingham Magistrates' Court.

- **L v C: Appeal against a noise abatement notice**

Advising the appellant landlords on the prospects of success and representing them at Cambridge Magistrates' Court.

- **G v A: Application to extend pre-charge bail**

Representing the respondent defendant in resisting the application, heard at Tameside Magistrates' Court.

- **P v M: Exceeding the speed limit in Poole Harbour**

Representing the prosecuting harbour authority in a plea and sentencing hearing at Poole Magistrates Court.

- **P v R: Exceeding the speed limit in Poole Harbour**

Advising the prosecuting harbour authority on evidence and prospects.

- **S v Q: Failure to pay business rates**

Advising the defendant on the prospects of successfully resisting a liability order.

- **B v B: Committal application – unpaid council tax liability orders**

Representing the prosecuting local authority in an application for committal to prison for failure to pay nearly ten years of council tax debts.

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