

William Okoya

Year of Call: 1989

Practice Summary

William advises and represents both public sector landlords and their tenants. He is listed as a leading barrister in housing in Chambers UK and was a senior legal officer for a local authority and a legal manager for a large scale voluntary transfer RSL prior to practice at the Bar.

Housing management; stock transfer; housing allocation schemes; homelessness; housing benefit; grants and subsidies; right to buy; housing conditions and disrepair; unlawful eviction.

Constitutional and administrative regulation; framework arrangements; powers; judicial review; local government liability; human rights; standards and ethics; best value; finance; grants and subsidies; re-generation; public/private sector arrangements; contracts; procurement; acquisition, disposal and management of housing; environmental health and protection; ant-social behaviour.

Status; powers; regulation; contracts; acquisition, disposal and management of housing; landlord and tenant; leases and tenancy agreements; security of tenure; possession proceedings; rents and service charges; right to buy and right to acquire; housing conditions and disrepair; anti-social behaviour; human rights.

Residential and commercial: rent review; possession proceedings; lease renewal; rents and service charges.

Noteworthy Cases

Allocations

Local Government & Housing

R (Couronne) v Crawley BC [2007] EWCA Civ 1086; [2008] 1 WLR 2762

Watford BC v Simpson (2000) 32 HLR 901, CA

Homelessness

Crawley BC v B (2000) 32 HLR 636, C.A

Cafun v Bromley BC Legal Action January 2001, p27, QBD (Admin Ct)

Bond v Leicester CC [2001] EWCA Civ 1544; [2002] HLR 6

Business Rates

Legal Publications

Author/co-author

Local Government Act 2003 (Current Law annotations)

RSL Finance and Rents 2000

Local Government Act 2000 (Current Law annotations)

HMOs and Management Orders in the housing section of Atkins' Court Forms

Editor

Encyclopaedia of Local Government Finance: Law and Practice (2004-)

Journal of Local Government Law (2000)

Local Government Law Reports (2000)

Encyclopaedia of Local Government Law (1999-)

Housing Law Reports (1999)

Encyclopaedia of Housing Law (1999)

Memberships

- Housing Law Practitioners' Association
- Property Bar Association
- Fellow Chartered Institute of Arbitration

Areas of Expertise

- Administrative Public Law
- Homelessness
- Local Government