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“Utterly, utterly brilliant...” Chambers and Partners 2021

A highly experienced and versatile advocate, Lisa has a broad public law practice, with a particular focus on human rights, asylum, immigration and nationality, and cases involving national security issues. She represents clients before a wide range of courts and tribunals, including the Supreme Court and the European Court of Human Rights, as well as specialist tribunals such as the Investigatory Powers Tribunal and Special Immigration Appeals Commission. Prior to taking silk, Lisa was on the Attorney-General’s A Panel of counsel and she continues to provide advice and representation to a range of Government Departments and agencies as well as local authorities and other public bodies. Her private client work ranges from the provision of strategic support to corporations in negotiating business immigration issues to advising and representing families and individuals in judicial review and appeal proceedings. She is ranked as a leading silk in each of her specialist practice areas by both The Legal 500 and Chambers, whose immigration section names her as a “Star Individual”. Lisa was a member of the Independent Human Rights Act Review panel and regularly lectures and contributes to publications in her areas of expertise.

Areas of expertise

Administrative and Public

Immigration and Business Immigration

Civil Liberties and Human Rights

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*“An outstanding lawyer who really has the trust and respect of the judiciary”*The Legal 500 2022

Lisa has extensive experience in this field, having appeared in a number of the leading cases concerning the interplay between immigration, asylum and human rights law, domestically and in Strasbourg, as well as cases concerning civil liberties and human rights in areas as diverse as election law and police powers of search and seizure. She was a member of the Independent Human Rights Act Review Panel, which reported in 2021, following a detailed programme of consultation and analysis.

Cases of note:

- ***Coughlan v Minister for the Cabinet Office* [2022] 1 WLR 2389** - Supreme Court considers judicial review challenge to electoral pilot schemes for voter identification.

Judgment

- ***AM (Zimbabwe) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2021] AC 633*** - Supreme Court decision on deportation of foreign criminals with serious medical conditions, describing the issue as “one of the most controversial questions which the law of human rights can generate”.

Judgment

- ***R (ota Terra Services) v National Crime Agency [2020] 1 WLR 1149*** - Divisional Court considers applicability of closed material procedure in judicial review challenge to search and seizure warrant

Judgment

- ***R (MK) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2020] 4 WLR 37*** - High Court considers judicial review challenge, including on discrimination grounds, to the system for determining asylum claims by unaccompanied children

Judgment

Education

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- LLB (Hons) 1989

Additional Information

Languages

- Conversational Italian and French

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