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Year of call: 2015

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Scarlett Milligan is a sought-after junior barrister who is regularly praised for being skilled beyond her level of call, for her diligence and commitment to her cases, and for her "meticulous" approach to case preparation and analysis. She has a broad practice in public law, inquests and inquiries, and in civil claims for negligence, breaches of the Human Rights Act 1998, and other tortious wrongdoing.

She is recognised in the leading legal directories in the areas of administrative law and human rights, inquests and public inquiries, and personal injury.

In all areas of her practice she maintains a balance in acting for both claimants and defendants, with her clients encompassing individuals, organisations, government, and foreign states.

She is Junior Counsel to the Crown (Attorney General's B Panel, appointed September 2023 following three years as a C Panellist in 2020-2023).

Scarlett has experience of large-scale litigation, being led, and acting as sole counsel. Clients repeatedly laud her attention to detail and meticulousness, as a result of which she is often instructed as sole counsel in significant cases which are high profile, high value, and have complex legal and/or factual backdrops.

Areas of expertise

Administrative and Public

Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury

Civil Liberties and Human Rights

Inquests and Inquiries

Regulatory and Disciplinary

Professional Negligence

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Scarlett is a rising star in the field of inquests and inquiries, frequently appearing against opponents of far more senior call in important and complicated cases. She has vast experience in this area, and her achievements have been repeatedly recognised in the leading legal directories, where she is currently ranked as a leading junior (Chambers and Partners, 2024) and a 'Tier 1 Rising Star' (The Legal 500, 2024).

Public Inquiries

Scarlett has been instructed in a number of the most significant public inquiries in recent years, typically acting for high profile Core Participants. She acts on behalf of victims and their families in the Infected Blood Inquiry, and previously acted for the Department of Health and Social Care in the Covid-19 Inquiry. She also has extensive experience of acting as Counsel to the Inquiry, having acted as Junior Counsel to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.

Her extensive inquiry experience includes:

- Swiftly identifying the key issues likely to be raised during an inquiry, and advising on the same
- Amassing large volumes of disclosure by creating strategic, targeted systems of review, in line with the inquiry's key issues
- Creating disclosure systems for those with extensive and/or archived documentation
- Managing teams of paralegals and junior barristers (having once led a team of 50 individuals while operating under significant time pressure)
- Preparing witnesses for giving evidence to an inquiry
- Assisting with the cross examination of high-profile individuals
- Handling sensitive and highly confidential information, and advising on how to engage with disclosure obligations in relation thereto
- Drafting extensive and complicated analyses
- Advising on civil litigation connected to a public inquiry (whether brought prior to, during, or after a public inquiry).

Scarlett is generally recognised as an in-demand and leading junior in the public inquiries field. Her experience lends itself to acting for: Core Participants; individuals or bodies who do not have Core Participant status but are nonetheless seeking advice or representation in relation to a public inquiry; or for an inquiry itself. Scarlett is also able to act in judicial review challenges brought in connection with the work of a public inquiry.

Inquests

Her inquest experience covers a broad range of factual and legal scenarios, typically in which Article 2 is engaged and juries are empanelled, including:

- Police misconduct and/or negligence;
- Deaths in state custody;
- Self-inflicted deaths;
- Defective products;
- Health and safety issues, including building construction; and
- Clinical negligence

Her strong civil liability practice means she is ideally suited for clients who require advice on inquest proceedings as well as any connected civil proceedings which may arise following a death. Notable ongoing cases in this field include:

- Representing the family of Jack Bristow, who died at work when he was hit by a large tree during Storm Eunice
- Representing the family of Matthew Boorman, who was murdered by his neighbour. The murderer gave the police advance notice of his intentions
- Representing the family of Michaela Hall, who was murdered by her partner following an extensive history of domestic abuse involving a number of state agencies

Scarlett's public law practice includes judicial review and statutory review challenges to coronial decisions. She acted as sole counsel in HM Senior Coroner for South London v HM Assistant Coroner for South London [2022] EWHC 1388 (Admin), in which the Divisional Court clarified the ambit of the High Court's powers following an amendment to s.13 of the Coroners' Act 1988. She is currently acting for the Chief Coroner in a judicial review challenge which takes issue with the accuracy of one of his Guidance Sheets.

Recommendations

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- *"She is a confident advocate with an eye for detail"* – Chambers and Partners 2024
- *"Scarlett is a highly skilled advocate and she is compassionate with the families she represents"* – Chambers and Partners 2024
- *"Scarlett is a very intelligent and thorough barrister who possesses commercial awareness, which enables her to get deals done on favourable terms"* – Chambers and Partners 2024
- *"She is very thorough and got to grips with complex points really quickly, providing clear and user-*

friendly advice” – Chambers and Partners 2024

- *“Scarlett is fantastic with advocacy but also has an amazing manner with bereaved clients and guides them through the process with a sensitive touch.”* – Chambers and Partners 2023
- *“Highly analytical, thorough and she has excellent attention to detail. She has a superb ability to bring together a lot of complex information to form succinct arguments.”* – The Legal 500, 2023
- *“Scarlett is simply superb! Amazing advocate, great personality with clients and just an absolute pleasure to work with.”* – The Legal 500 2023
- *“...has a growing presence in the inquests and inquiries sphere, where she acts for a wide range of clients. Among other prominent matters she is notable for having been instructed as counsel to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.”* – Chambers and Partners 2022
- *“Extremely conscientious, thorough, and always prepares meticulously. She provides unwavering support to the silks and senior juniors on the inquiry, and has a remarkable capacity to digest huge volumes of material very quickly, and always with a sharp analytical focus.”* – The Legal 500 2022

Memberships

- Young Public Law Lawyers’ Group (YPLG), Co-Chair Constitutional and Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)
- Constitutional and Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)
- Health and Safety Lawyers’ Association (HSLA)
- Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA)

Qualifications

Education

- University College London: LLB
- BPP Law School, London: BPTC

Scholarships and Prizes

- Inner Temple Pegasus Scholar (2022)
- Inner Temple Princess Royal Scholar (2015-2016)
- UCL Flesch Bursary (2011-2014)
- UCL Santander Scholarship (2011)
- RGS Bursary (2009-2011)

Additional Information

Appointments

- August 2023 to date: Junior Counsel to the Crown – Attorney General’s B Panel
- July 2023 to date: Co-Chair of Young Public Law Lawyers’ Group
- August 2020 to August 2023: Junior Counsel to the Crown – Attorney General’s C Panel (Civil)
- March 2018 to date: Member of the Governing Board of the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne

Publications

- *"A Practical Guide to the Law of Driverless Cars"*– Glassbrook, Northey and Milligan, Law Brief Publishing, November 2019.

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