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- Chambers and Partners 2024

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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

Administrative and Public

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"Scarlett is simply superb! Amazing advocate, great personality with clients and just an absolute pleasure to work with." The Legal 500, Rising Star (2023)

Scarlett regularly acts for Claimants and Defendants in judicial review challenges in a number of factual settings. Owing to her ability to digest large swathes of information and to formulate creative grounds of challenge and response, she is highly regarded both as sole counsel and as junior counsel.

She has particular experience in judicial review challenges in the following contexts:

- Prisons and the Parole Board (Scarlett regularly represents the SSJ in a number of challenges pertaining to high-profile prisoners; she acted in Bailey v SSJ [2023] EWHC 555 (Admin), led by James Strachan KC)
- Inquests, including statutory challenges under s.13 of the Coroners' Act 1988. Scarlett is currently acting for the Chief Coroner in a judicial review challenge which disputes the legal accuracy of one of his Guidance Sheets
- Modern slavery and trafficking (acted in ATLEU v SSJ, led by Galina Ward KC)
- Regulatory and disciplinary decision making
- Financial services (acting in the forthcoming Court of Appeal case of Options v FOS regarding SIPP due diligence duties, led by James Strachan KC). Before coming to the Bar, Scarlett worked as a paralegal for Macfarlanes LLP, acting in a FCA Skilled Persons review into the mis-selling of interest rate hedging products
- Taxation and deduction challenges under Article 1 Protocol 1 ECHR

Scarlett feels strongly about the importance of public law challenges in our legal system, whether in holding the state to account or properly defending the state's ability to implement its democratic mandate to make policy and manage resources while adhering to the duty of candour. Candour allegations have formed an important part of a number of challenges in which she is involved, as have a number of other procedural quirks involving remedies and costs.

Since July 2023, Scarlett has co-chaired the Young Public Lawyers' Group (YPLG) and is committed to making both the YPLG and the public law field accessible to all.

Recommendations

- *"Scarlett is exceptionally bright. She has a meticulous approach to getting to the bottom of very complex issues, and provides advice that is both legally and commercially sound."* – The Legal 500 2024
- *"A confident, impressive and dedicated barrister who leaves no stone unturned."* – The Legal 500 2024
- *"She is excellent with clients and clearly really cares about her work. Someone that will definitely*

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- *“Her knowledge and experience far exceeds her years. Scarlett is equal parts passionate and pragmatic and is the complete package.” – Chambers and Partners 2024*
- *“Scarlett has excellent attention to detail, and she is able to assimilate quickly in complex situations.” – Chambers and Partners 2024*
- *“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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