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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

Civil Liberties and Human Rights

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

Scarlett's expansive public law and civil liability practice, acting for both claimants and defendants, has given her both a broad and deep understanding of the pertinent issues in all manner of civil liberties and human rights claims. Her experience encompasses the full breadth of the ECHR articles and advising on Strasbourg case law and proceedings. As a result, she is often instructed as sole counsel in high-value and/or high-profile litigation concerning breaches of human rights.

She has a particular expertise in claims arising from fatal accidents, homicides, physical and domestic abuse, sexual abuse and harassment, torture and mistreatment, and psychiatric injury. Her experience of claims in a clinical context has involved loss of life (Article 2), inhumane and degrading treatment (Article 3), and loss of private life or bodily integrity (Article 8).

Scarlett takes a great interest in all cases which concern mental health, domestic abuse, and the mistreatment of minority or vulnerable groups, as these are issues which are close to her heart. In 2021 Scarlett ran a marathon for MIND, the mental health charity.

Notable ongoing cases in this field include:

- 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
- Acting for a minor who alleges a failure by the local authority and police to protect her from rape and sexual trafficking
- Defending claims for alleged sexual abuse in the military
- Acting for prisoners alleging torture and racial discrimination
- Defending a number of high-profile and policy challenges to MoJ/SSJ decisions brought by indefinitely detained prisoners in reliance on Articles 5 and 8 (both procedurally and substantively)

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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