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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

Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury

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Scarlett has a broad personal injury and civil liability practice which has strong connections to her work in the fields of inquests, inquiries, and human rights. She acts for both claimants and defendants, and is often instructed as sole counsel in high-value, High Court litigation. As a result, she can confidently handle multi-party cases, multiple experts, claims involving complicated injuries (including brain injuries and psychiatric illness), and complex heads of loss (such as military loss of earnings). She is also experienced in dealing with cost disputes arising from litigation.

She enjoys instructions which present knotty or complicated issues of law, and has experience of advising on applicable law, forum, crown immunity, and state immunity.

Scarlett has particular expertise in civil claims arising from fatal accidents, homicides, physical and domestic abuse, sexual abuse and harassment, torture and mistreatment, psychiatric injury, and secondary victim claims (many of which involve civil claims for breaches of the Human Rights Act 1998). Her clinical negligence experience centres on claims involving loss of life (Article 2), inhumane and degrading treatment (Article 3), and loss of private life or bodily integrity (Article 8). She 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. Scarlett ran a marathon for MIND, the mental health charity, in 2021.

Scarlett's health and safety experience is broad. She has had conduct of civil and criminal litigation involving alleged breaches of health and safety legislation and related allegations of tortious wrongdoing. In particular, she has had conduct as sole counsel of a number of complex claims for asbestos-related disease, and her experience acting as Junior Counsel to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry has provided her with a strong understanding of claims involving health and safety claims in a fire safety or construction context.

Her experience in cases involving contempt of court, the tort of deceit, and civil fraud means she is particularly well placed to deal with the twists and turns of civil litigation, including witness harassment and allegations of fraud which arise mid-proceedings.

Scarlett is in an unusually strong position to advise upon or act in cases which concern technology and automation and their influence upon issues of health and safety in our society. In November 2019, she co-authored *"A Practical Guide to the Law of Driverless Cars"*, personally authoring the chapters on how the areas of negligence, product liability and employers' liability will be impacted by, or require change as a result of, new automated technologies. She has since written articles and delivered lectures in this area, and welcomes instructions or invitations to speak on these issues.

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 fight her corner - a tenacious advocate"* – Chambers and Partners 2024
- *"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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