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Lisa has a broad public law practice, with a particular focus on human rights, asylum, immigration, and cases involving national security issues.

An experienced and versatile advocate, Lisa advises and represents a wide range of clients, including Government Departments and agencies, public bodies and private individuals. She has extensive experience of a wide range of courts and tribunals including the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court and has represented the UK before the European Court of Human Rights on a number of occasions, including before the Grand Chamber. Much of her private client work involves advising individuals and corporations on complex immigration-related issues.

Recent notable work includes advising the Children’s Commissioner for England on the potential impact of Brexit on children’s rights, representing the National Crime Agency before the Divisional Court in a case concerning the use of a “Closed Material Procedure” in a judicial review challenge to the Crown Court’s grant of a search warrant, and appearing before the Supreme Court on behalf of the Home Office in a series of cases concerning the interplay between Article 8 ECHR and domestic immigration law.

Chambers and Partners 2021 ranks Lisa as a “Star Individual” for her Immigration work, and she is also recommended by the Legal 500 for Civil Liberties and Human Rights and Immigration law, and by Chambers and Partners for Administrative and Public law, Civil Liberties and Human Rights.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Administrative & Public
 - Human Rights & Civil Liberties
 - Immigration
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ADMINISTRATIVE & PUBLIC

- **JH (Palestinian Territories) v Upper Tribunal & Anr [2020] EWCA Civ 919** Court of Appeal considers correct approach to costs following successful *Cart* judicial Review.
- **Detention Action v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2020] EWHC 732** Divisional Court considers approach to immigration detention during Covid-19 public health emergency.
- **AM (Zimbabwe) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2020] UKSC 17** Supreme Court reviews position on foreign nationals seeking to remain in the UK for medical treatment following decision of ECtHR Grand Chamber.
- **Terra Services Ltd v National Crime Agency [2019] EWHC 3165 (Admin); [2020] EWHC 130** Admin Divisional Court rules on lawfulness of Crown Court warrant and underlying decisions on mutual legal assistance request.
- **Rhuppiah v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2018] UKSC 58** Supreme Court considers the meaning of “precarious” immigration status for the purpose of Article 8 consideration.
- **KO (Nigeria) & ors v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2018] UKSC 53** Supreme Court rules on approach to Article 8 ECHR in cases concerning “qualifying children” and their families.
- **Khan & ors v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2018] EWCA Civ 1684** Lead cases in the Court of Appeal on remedies in cases of disputed finding of cheating in “ETS” English language test; approach to costs following settlement
- **RSM v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2018] EWCA Civ 18** The Dublin Regulation does not require consideration of “future” asylum claims communicated from abroad.
- **AL v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2018] EWCA Civ 278** The High Court did not err in upholding a historic Control Order imposed on a person suspected of terrorism related activity and correctly focussed on the position as at the date the order was imposed.
- **Hysaj & ors v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2017] UKSC 82** Supreme Court case concerning the approach to be adopted where British citizenship has been obtained by fraud.
- **Hashi v The Secretary of State for the Home Department [2016] EWCA Civ 1136** The deprivation of UK citizenship of a Somali national awaiting trial for terrorism offences in the USA did not breach the statelessness provisions of the British Nationality Act 1981.

- **Makhlouf v Secretary of State for the Home Department (Northern Ireland) [2016] UKSC 59** The Secretary of State did not fail to make adequate inquiries or otherwise breach the Article 8 rights of the children of a foreign criminal subject to deportation proceedings.
- **The Secretary of State for the Home Department v EB [2016] EWHC 1970 (Admin)** Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures in respect of person assessed to have travelled to Syria for terrorism related purposes upheld as lawful.
- **Sood, R (On the Application Of) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2015] EWCA Civ 831; [2016] Imm AR 61** Section 10 removals: Court of Appeal holds that out of country appeal is the appropriate remedy and not Judicial Review.
- **C & Anor, R (on the application of) v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions & Anor [2015] EWHC 1607** Challenge to the delays in administering PIP payments to disabled claimants.

HUMAN RIGHTS & CIVIL LIBERTIES

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IMMIGRATION

- **Hoque & ors v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2020] EWCA Civ 1357** Court of Appeal rules on interpretation of “long residence” provisions in the Immigration Rules.
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- **MM (Lebanon) & Ors, R(on the applications of) v Secretary of State and another [2017] UKSC 10; 2017 1 WLR 1260** The Supreme Court upholds the minimum income requirement for foreign partners & spouses seeking to come to the UK.
- **Agyarko and Ikuga, R (on the applications of) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2017] UKSC 11 ([2017] 1 WLR 823** The Supreme Court upholds the immigration rules relating to over-stayers as compatible with Article 8 ECHR and EU law.
- **Hesham Ali (Iraq) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2016] UKSC 60([2016] 1 WLR 4799** The Supreme Court upholds the immigration rules governing the deportation of foreign criminals as compatible with Article 8 ECHR.
- **Makhlouf v Secretary of State for the Home Department (Northern Ireland) [2016] UKSC 59** The Secretary of State did not fail to make adequate inquiries or otherwise breach the Article 8 rights of the children of a foreign criminal subject to deportation proceedings.
- **NA (Sudan) v The Secretary of State for the Home Department [2016] EWCA Civ 1060** Third country asylum returns to Italy upheld by the Court of Appeal.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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QUOTES

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- *"A brilliant advocate; she is calm and practical and always has an excellent grip on the detail and an ability to identify what really matters."* *"She is fantastic; she is a hugely experienced counsel of choice for the government and a go-to for factually unattractive cases that need a sensitive but robust approach."* Chambers & Partners 2021
- *"A star. Gives practical advice always with an excellent grip on the detail and ability to identify what really matters – to the client and the court."* Legal 500 2021
- *"Lisa is utterly, utterly brilliant. A phenomenal lawyer and the most thoughtful silk I've ever worked with."* Legal 500 2021
- *"The Godmother of immigration and the go-to person for government-related work. Incredible."* *"She somehow combines being a really charming advocate with being very steely underneath."* Immigration Chambers UK 2017
- *"She's pleasant to deal with and intellectually very strong."* *"She is measured and clear in her advice, and her advocacy goes down very well with the court."* Civil Liberties & Human Rights Chambers UK 2017
- *"She's a very engaging advocate and has an attractive courtroom style. Judges listen when she speaks."* Administrative & Public Law Chambers UK 2017
- *"A go-to silk for clients with a difficult case on their hands."* Legal 500 2016
- *"Extremely thorough, quick and entirely reliable."* Legal 500 2016
- *"I'm always impressed with her analytical ability and how she gets down to the nub of the problem."* *"She's a very clear and balanced advocate and has a very nice manner in court."* Chambers & Partners 2016
- *"An excellent lawyer and first-rate advocate who is easy to work with."* Legal 500 2015
- *"She represents both the government and claimants with great skill."* Legal 500 2015
- *"She is a very effective advocate."* Chambers & Partners 2015

- “Her drafting is impeccable and she is a well-established practitioner.” Chambers & Partners 2015
 - “She is straight and exhibits integrity in representing her clients – she doesn’t take unsustainable points and is a fair advocate.” Chambers & Partners 2015
 - “She inspires trust and the court has faith in her judgement.” Chambers & Partners 2015
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APPOINTMENTS

- Developed Vetting Security Clearance
 - The Attorney General’s A Panel: 2004
 - The Attorney General’s B Panel: 1998
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Lisa is the author of the Immigration Chapter of “*Civil Appeals*” and the Consulting Editor of “*Detention under the Immigration Acts*” (OUP). She is co-author of the chapter on National Security issues in the Family Courts in OUP’s forthcoming National Security: Law and Practice and author of the Immigration and Refugee Law chapter in Vol 10 of the Supreme Court Yearbook

LECTURES

Lisa is a regular speaker at seminars and other events related to her areas of interest, including the Administrative Bar Association Summer conference, the Sweet and Maxwell Human Rights conference, the White Paper Events Immigration Conference and the University of East London Athena Swan programme.

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