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Georgina is recognised as a leading junior specialising in the areas of police law, public law, human rights and civil liberties, inquests and public inquiries, prison law and malfeasance claims (assault, false imprisonment, malicious prosecution and misfeasance).

She appears regularly as sole counsel and junior counsel before a range of courts and tribunals. Over the past 5 years she has appeared in some of the leading cases in her fields of expertise, including in the Supreme Court in ***R (Roberts) v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis*** and ***R (Catt and T) v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis and ACPO*** and in the Court of Appeal in ***R (Armstrong) v IPCC***. She is currently instructed in the Undercover Policing and Child Sexual Abuse Inquiries and for the Defendants in ***Belhaj v Jack Straw and ors***.

Georgina is appointed to the Attorney General's B Panel of Counsel.

Georgina is happy to provide training to solicitors on all aspects of her practice and has recently presented a Masterclass in Inquests to numerous police forces and public authorities.

Georgina was a finalist of the First 100 Years' Inspirational Women in Law Award 2017 and is a Trustee of the Harold G. Fox Scholarship.

Recommendations

"She is excellent. She has an incredible grasp of the documents, is excellent with the families and has a great grasp of the facts." (Inquest and Inquiries)
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"She is a really good advocate who doesn't make unnecessary points. She is extremely persuasive but in a very gentle manner." (Inquest and Inquiries)
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"She is bright, approachable and excellent on paper and on her feet."
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"Her drafting is fantastic."
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"She is a real hard worker and very bright."
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"She has acknowledged sector expertise, and an accessible and approachable manner." (Police Law - Defendant)
Legal 500 2017

“Can cut to the chase.”
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“Very bright and good to work with.”
Chambers UK 2015

“Incredibly industrious.”
Chambers UK 2015

Inquests

Georgina has particular expertise in inquest law. She regularly appears on behalf of the police, the prison service and social services as well as other Interested Persons and families.

She has appeared in a number of high-profile inquests including those into the deaths of **Stephen Akinyemi, Jan McLean, Roger and Mathilde Lamb, Charlotte Shaw, YM and Baby EG** and has also appeared as Junior Counsel in the inquests into the deaths of **Kingsley Burrell, Colette Lynch and Sabina Akhtar**. She has a particular experience in deaths in custody and death following restraint. She was as junior counsel for the Defendants in the significant inquest costs case of ***Lynch v Chief Constable of Warwickshire Constabulary and ors [2014] Inquest L.R. 247*** (led by Nicholas Bacon QC).

Police Law

Georgina acts on behalf of a number of Constabularies throughout the country as well as for the Independent Police Complaints Commission.

Georgina has particular interests in judicial review and public inquiries. She is frequently instructed on a wide variety of issues relating to the police including false imprisonment, assault, wrongful arrest, retention of DNA and photographs, cases involving protesters, misconduct, human trafficking, the exercise of police powers, human rights and personal injury.

Recent and current cases include:

R (Roberts) v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis [2015] UKSC 79, [2016] 1 WLR 210 – challenge to s60 stop and search powers, led by Jeremy Johnson QC

R (Catt and T) v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis and ACPO [2015] UKSC 9; [2015] A.C. 1065 – linked appeals relating to police retention of information about a protester and a harassment warning letter, led by Jeremy Johnson QC

Arran Coghlan v Chief Constable of Cheshire Police and ors [2018] EWHC 34 (QB) – claim for malicious prosecution following the shooting of Stephen Akinyemi, led by Jeremy Johnson QC

Rudall v Crown Prosecution Service and Chief Constable of South Wales [2016] EWHC 2884 (QB) – ongoing claims for malicious prosecution, misfeasance and conspiracy to injure, led by Jason Beer QC

Brookfield Aviation International Ltd v Guildford Crown Court [2015] EWHC 3465 (Admin) – challenge to a police search warrant

R (TD) v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis [2014] EWCA Civ 585 – police retention of CRIS reports,

led by Jeremy Johnson QC

R (E7) v Chairman of the Azelle Rodney Inquiry [2014] EWHC 452 (Admin) – challenge to the findings of a public inquiry, led by Samantha Leek QC

R (Ramsden) v IPCC [2013] EWHC 3969 (Admin) – defending a challenge to the IPCC's decision not to take witness statements from witnesses to an alleged assault

R (Chief Constable of West Yorkshire) v IPCC [2014] EWCA Civ 1367 – a challenge to the ambit of IPCC reports, led by Matthew Holdcroft.

Public / Administrative

Georgina undertakes all areas of public law work, including prison law, judicial review, human rights and inquests. She has appeared in permission and substantive hearings as well as appeals up to the Supreme Court.

Recent and current cases include:

- ***Belhaj v Jack Straw and ors*** – forthcoming closed material procedure claims concerning alleged HMG complicity in alleged extraordinary rendition and torture (HMG counsel team)
- ***R (Khosa) v Secretary of State for Justice and Governor of HMP Long Lartin*** – Article 8 challenge to a prison's decision to limit a prisoner's contact to children
- ***R (Roberts) v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis [2015] UKSC 79, [2016] 1 WLR 210*** – challenge to s60 stop and search powers, led by Jeremy Johnson QC
- ***R (Catt and T) v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis and ACPO [2015] UKSC 9; [2015] A.C. 1065*** – linked appeals relating to police retention of information about a protester and a harassment warning letter, led by Jeremy Johnson QC
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- ***R (Chief Constable of West Yorkshire) v IPCC [2014] EWCA Civ 1367*** – a challenge to the ambit of IPCC reports, led by Matthew Holdcroft
- ***R (AXT) v Chief Constable of Kent Constabulary*** – a challenge to the police's decision not to refer a case to the CPS prior to discontinuing the investigation

Public Inquiries

Georgina has a particular interest in public inquiries and is currently junior counsel for Leicestershire Police in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse being led by Samantha Leek QC and for Surrey and Sussex Police in the Undercover Policing Inquiry led by Jason Beer QC.

Personal Injury

Georgina advises on a wide range of aspects of personal injury law. She appears in the High Court and County Court acting for both claimants and defendants. TYPES OF CASES