



Georgina specialises in the areas of police law, public law, human rights and civil liberties, inquests and public inquiries, prison law, malfeasance claims (assault, false imprisonment, malicious prosecution and misfeasance) and employment law.

Georgina is Junior Counsel to the Crown (appointed to the Attorney General's C Panel 2012 and elevated to the B Panel in 2016). 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:

- *R (Roberts) v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis* – Supreme Court – challenge to stop and search powers
- *R (Catt and T) v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis and ACPO* – Supreme Court – police retention of data
- *The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexually Abuse*
- *R (Armstrong) v IPCC* – Court of Appeal – the limits of IPCC reports
- *Lynch v Chief Constable of Warwickshire Police* – recoverability of Inquest Costs



Practice Areas

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She is recommended as a leading Police Law junior in Chambers & Partners. Recent quotations from the directories include: "Her drafting is fantastic." (2017); "She is a real hard worker and very bright." (2017); "can cut to the chase" (2016); "very bright and good to work with" (2015); "Incredibly industrious" (2014).

Police Law:

Georgina acts on behalf of a number of Constabularies throughout the country as well as 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, 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
- *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

- *Brookfield Aviation International Ltd v Guildford Crown Court* [2015] EWHC 3465 (Admin) – challenge to a police search warrant
- *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
- *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
- *RMOQ v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis* – forthcoming civil action defending a challenge to a police decision not to prosecute

She is currently junior counsel for Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire Police in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse being led by Samantha Leek QC.

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* (led by Nicholas Bacon QC).

Public/Administrative Law:

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:

- *R (Khosha) v Secretary of State for Justice and Governor of HMP Long Lartin* – forthcoming 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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case to the CPS prior to discontinuing the investigation

- *R (Mongan) v Thames Magistrates' Court and the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis*
a challenge to the granting of an Anti-Social Behaviour closure order

Personal Injury:

Georgina advises on a wide range of aspects of personal injury law including occupiers' liability, manual handling regulations, slipping and tripping, RTAs and quantum. She regularly appears in the High Court and County Court acting for both claimants and defendants.

Lectures:

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

Publications

Georgina co-authored *The Path to Pupillage* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2008; Second Edition 2010; Third Edition 2013) with Alexander Robson.

She has assisted in updating *Police Law* by Jack English and Richard Card (OUP, 2008) and *Defending Class Actions* (McCarthy Tétrault, 2008).

She has also been published in *The Times*, *Counsel Magazine*, *Law Student* and *Chambers' Police Law Update*.

Education and Scholarships:

Queen Mother Scholar, Middle Temple

Blackstone Entrance Exhibition, Middle Temple

Bleyburg International Scholar, Sevenoaks School

Scholarship, St Swithun's School, Winchester

Inns of Court School of Law, Bar Vocational Course, 2005-2006

City University, Graduate Diploma in Law, 2004-2005

Edinburgh University, MA (Hons) English Literature 2000-2004 (with third year exchange to Queen's University, Canada)

Sevenoaks School, Kent, International Baccalaureate (40 points)

Interests:

Travel, Skiing, Theatre, Scuba-diving and Writing

Georgina is a Trustee of the Harold G. Fox Scholarship