



"She is well educated, well qualified and bright." **Police Law, Chambers UK 2017**

"She has an excellent grasp of employment law and is an effective advocate."
Chambers UK 2015

Beatrice is described by solicitors as providing "extremely clear advice" and as
"a calm and effective advocate" **Chambers UK 2014**

Background:

Beatrice's first degree was in History & English at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. She successfully completed a second degree, in law at Oxford University, took the Bar Vocational Course at the Inns of Court School of Law and was called to the Bar by Middle Temple in November 2004.

Beatrice accepted tenancy at 5 Essex Court in 2006 and was appointed to the Attorney-General's "C" Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown in 2009.

Since joining Chambers in October 2006 Beatrice has developed an impressive practice in the areas of Police law and Public Law. Her work also includes public inquiries and inquests.

She is a versatile and experienced advocate who appears in the County Court, the First Tier Tribunal (Tax Chamber), the Employment Tribunal, Coroners Courts, the High Court and the Court of Appeal.

Police Law:

Beatrice represents and advises Chief Constables, police authorities and the Independent Police Complaints Commission in public law claims, malfeasance claims (wrongful arrest, assault, false imprisonment, malicious prosecution and misfeasance), inquests and employment claims.



Practice Areas

- POLICE LAW
- PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
- INQUESTS
- EMPLOYMENT LAW
- PUBLIC INQUIRIES
- COSTS
- PERSONAL INJURY LAW

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She also provides advice on policy and operational issues. Beatrice has a particular interest in issues concerned with mental health and policing, including police powers of detention under s136 MHA 1983, police powers of entry under s135 MHA 1983, assessments on private premises without warrants and removal to place of safety.

Currently instructed by the Chief Constable of South Wales, Beatrice is led by Jeremy Johnson QC in the Lynette White litigation involving sixteen claims brought following the collapse in December 2011, of the UK's biggest trial involving alleged police corruption.

Beatrice is acting for the Chief Constable of West Mercia claims for damages for wrongful arrest, assault and false imprisonment brought by several anti-hunt protestors. She is currently advising the Chief Constable of Avon & Somerset in relation to an overtime claim for over £100,000.

Public Law:

Beatrice's successful public law practice involves her representing and advising on behalf of central government departments, claimants and other public authorities. She has experience in prisons, immigration and asylum, human rights, criminal injuries compensation, freedom of information, and data protection law. She is recognised for her pragmatic approach and her attention to detail.

Beatrice is currently instructed on behalf of the Home Secretary and led by Jeremy Johnson QC, in a number of claims. These are brought in the High Court by asylum seekers seeking damages for alleged infringements of their rights under Article 8 ECHR, resulting from maladministration and delay in the granting of their asylum applications.

She is acting for the Home Secretary in litigation brought by asylum seekers who formed part of the "legacy" cases processed by the Case Resolution Directorate and acting for the Home Secretary in various claims for false imprisonment within an immigration context.

Additionally Beatrice is acting for the Home Secretary in several judicial review challenges involving visas refused under the "points based system".

Inquests:

Beatrice is regularly instructed by the police and the prison service to represent them at inquests where the deceased has died in custody. She is experienced at dealing with sensitive inquests involving the application of Article 2.

Her inquest work includes instruction for an inquest into the death of an 18 year old following a police pursuit, an inquest into the death of a person suffering from mental illness whilst in police detention, and an inquest investigating the suicide in prison of a remand prisoner.

Employment Law:

Beatrice's rapidly expanding employment law practice sees her acting for both claimants and respondents. She has experience of all aspects of unfair dismissal including redundancy, misconduct and performance related dismissals as well as public interest disclosure dismissals. In the discrimination field she has a particular interest in disability discrimination.

Ongoing employment work includes a number of claims for unfair dismissal and disability discrimination and a whistleblowing claim for Civil Nuclear Constabulary, led by Victoria von Wachter.

Costs:

Beatrice has an interest in costs litigation and has been instructed in a number of costs only claims.

Lectures:

Beatrice provides CPD lectures to solicitors on all aspects of her practice, and offers training in judicial review practice and mental health and policing. Recently she has lectured on the power of arrest, harassment at work, whistleblowing, representing witnesses at public inquiries, defending judicial reviews – practice and procedure, judicial review – drafting summary grounds in police judicial reviews.

Significant work and cases**Police Law**

T v Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Police (2013) - Successfully represented the Chief Constable in a two day civil action in which T sought damages under the HRA 1998 for disclosure of information on an ECRC.

X v Chief Constable of Dyfed Powys Police (2013) - Claim for damages for wrongful arrest, assault and false imprisonment.

SR v Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis (2013) - Judicial review challenge involving the public sector equality duties towards a man with mental health issues.

X v Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police (2013) - Successfully represented the Chief Constable in a judicial review challenge to disclosure on an ECRC.

Palmer v Chief Constable of West Mercia (2012) - Successfully represented the Chief Constable in a three day civil action involving claims of assault and false imprisonment.

Allsobrook v Independent Police Complaints Commission (2012) - Represented the IPCC in a judicial review challenge to the IPCC's decision to grant dispensation from investigating a complaint brought by Mr Allsobrook.

Ridley v Independent Police Complaints Commission (2012) - Represented the IPCC in a judicial review challenge to a decision to refuse to uphold an appeal against the findings of a police investigation into a complaint made by Mr Ridley.

Fairweather v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis [2008] EWHC 3073 (Admin) - Represented the Commissioner of Police in an appeal to the Divisional Court by way of case stated of a District Judge's conclusion that an ASBO was necessary under s.1(1)(b) of the Crime and Disorder Act.

R (on the application of Christine Hurst) v Commissioner of the Police of the Metropolis [2007] UKHL 13 - Led by Ian Burnett QC and Anne Studd. Represented the Commissioner of Police in an appeal to the House of Lords concerned with the scope of s.2 of the Human Rights Act 1998 in inquests relating to deaths occurring before October 2000.

Public law

R (He) v Secretary of State for the Home Department (2013) unreported, CA.

R (Sinha) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2013] EWHC 711 (Admin).

R (Fatima Mohammed) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2012] EWHC 3091 (Admin).

R (Hoult) v Secretary of State for Justice (2012) Acting for the Secretary of State for Justice in litigation brought by a terminally ill prisoner detained under the Mental Health Act 1983 who is seeking compassionate release under the Crime (Sentences) Act 1997.

R (on the application of HS (Uganda)) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2012] EWCA Civ 94.

The Billy Wright Inquiry - From 2007-2010 Beatrice was instructed as a junior counsel on behalf of the Northern Ireland Prison Service in the public inquiry into the shooting of Billy Wright in the Maze Prison.

Inquests

Beatrice is involved in several inquests into deaths in custody.

Employment

Collins and others v Civil Nuclear Constabulary - Whistleblowing and disability discrimination

Zygmunt v DWP (2014) - Unfair dismissal and disability discrimination.

Chambers v DWP (2013) - Unfair dismissal and disability discrimination.

Suman v UKBA (2013) - Unfair dismissal and sex discrimination.

Bruce v DSTL (2013) - Unfair dismissal.

Wallsh v DWP (2012) - Unfair dismissal.

Drakes v DWP (2012) - Unfair dismissal and disability discrimination.

Costs

Stomgrove v Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (2014) - Beatrice successfully represented the Defendant in the First Tier Tribunal in an application for costs with a complex history.

R (He) v Secretary of State for the Home Department (2013) (unreported) CA.

Anis Vika v Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (2012) - Successful appeal in the County Court in a claim concerned with fixed success fees and the interpretation of CPR 45.23 and CPR 45.24.

Interests:

Beatrice has a keen interest in Contemporary Art, Arsenal FC and swimming.