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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 is ranked in Chambers UK for Police Law (Band 2) and Inquests and Public Inquiries (Band 3).

Georgina was appointed to the Attorney General's B Panel of Counsel in 2016 (having been on the C Panel since 2012). 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 **Belhaj v Jack Straw and ors** and 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 MoD in the inquest touching the death of Geoff Gray (Deepcut).

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. She will be speaking at the forthcoming Women in Law summit in September 2018

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

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

Recommendations

"Insightful, knowledgeable and tactfully astute. She is aware of what's going on and what the issues are for the police." (Police Law)
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"A very impressive, capable advocate who is very good on paper." (Police Law)
Chambers UK 2019

"She's very bright, hugely personable and fantastically efficient. She's on top of every point in a case and leaves no stone unturned." (Inquests and Public Inquiries)
Chambers UK 2019

'Bright and very capable.' (Police Law - Defendant)
Legal 500 2019

"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)
Chambers UK 2018

“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)
Chambers UK 2018

“She is bright, approachable and excellent on paper and on her feet.”
Chambers UK 2018

“Her drafting is fantastic.”
Chambers UK 2017

“She is a real hard worker and very bright.”
Chambers UK 2017

“She has acknowledged sector expertise, and an accessible and approachable manner.” (Police Law - Defendant)
Legal 500 2017

“Can cut to the chase.”
Chambers UK 2016

“Very bright and good to work with.”
Chambers UK 2015

“Incredibly industrious.”
Chambers UK 2015

Police Law

Georgina acts on behalf of a number of Constabularies throughout the country as well as for the Independent Police Complaints Commission. She is recommended by Chambers UK for Police Law (Band 2).

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:

Rudall v Crown Prosecution Service and Chief Constable of South Wales [2016] EWHC 2884 (QB) – forthcoming High Court trial for malicious prosecution, misfeasance and conspiracy to injure and breaches of Article 8, led by Jason Beer 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

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

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

She is currently the senior junior for Leicestershire Police in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse being led by Samantha Leek QC and for two officers in the Undercover Policing Inquiry led by Jason Beer QC.

Inquests

Georgina has particular expertise in inquest law and is recommended by Chambers UK for Inquests and Public Inquiries (Band 3).

She regularly appears on behalf of the police, the prison service, NHS Trusts, care homes and social services as well as other Interested Persons and families. She often appears in subsequent civil actions.

She is currently acting for the Ministry of Justice in the inquest touching on the death of Max Clifford and as junior counsel for the Ministry of Defence in the inquest into the death of Geoff Gray (Deepcut).

She has previously appeared in a number of high-profile inquests. She was 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.

Georgina also has significant experience acting in inquests involving healthcare and alleged clinical negligence. She has acted for NHS Trusts and County Councils (social services) in inquests involving the treatment of diabetes, bed sores, heart conditions, myocarditis, epilepsy, cirrhosis of the liver and neurosarcoidosis, among others.

Georgina was 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).

Notable inquests include:

Forthcoming inquest into the death of Max Clifford – acting for the MoJ; Mr Clifford died in custody allegedly as the result of delay in diagnosis of a heart condition

Forthcoming inquest into the death of Geoff Gray – junior counsel for the MoD in the inquest arising from the death of a private at the Deepcut barracks

Inquest into the death of Carole Lovett – acted for the NHS Trust; Ms Lovett died after medical staff failed to calculate and act upon National Early Warning Signs scores

Inquest into the death of Stephen Akinyemi – acted for Cheshire Constabulary in the inquest arising from the shooting of Mr Akinyemi (and as junior in the subsequent civil action [2018] EWHC 34 (QB))

Inquest into the death of Kingsley Burrell – junior for West Midlands police following Mr Burrell's death having been under police restraint

Inquest into the death of Jan McLean – acted for Surrey Police; Mr McLean died in police custody having ingested cocaine

Inquest into the death of George Mason – acted for social services in the inquest arising from the death of a dementia patient who absconded from a care home

Inquest into the deaths of Roger and Mathilde Lamb – acted for the family; the couple died in unusual circumstances while abroad.

Public / Administrative

Georgina undertakes all areas of public law work, including prison law, judicial review, human rights and inquests. She regularly appears in permission and substantive hearings before the Administrative Court (including Divisional Courts) as well as appeals up to the Supreme Court.

Recent and notable cases include:

Belhaj v Jack Straw, Sir Mark Allen, Security and Intelligence Service, Security Service, Attorney General, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Home Office – on the Defendants' counsel team in this closed material procedure case concerning alleged complicity in extraordinary rendition and torture. The claim was settled following an apology issued by the Prime Minister.

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

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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

Human Rights

Georgina undertakes a wide variety of human rights work and has appeared in landmark cases at every level, including the Supreme Court. Her human rights practice spans civil actions, judicial review and inquests. She has particular expertise in relation to Article 2, 3 and 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Notable and recent cases include:

Rudall v Crown Prosecution Service and Chief Constable of South Wales [2016] EWHC 2884 (QB) – forthcoming High Court trial for malicious prosecution, misfeasance and conspiracy to injure and breaches of Article 8, led by Jason Beer QC

Coghlan v Chief Constable of Cheshire Police and others [2018] EWHC 34 (QB) – acted as junior counsel for Cheshire Police; on receipt of the application to strike out, the Claimant withdrew the human rights claims intimated

R (Catt and T) v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis and ACPO [2015] UKSC 9; [2015] A.C. 1065 – Article 8 claims giving rise to linked appeals relating to police retention of information about a protester and a harassment warning letter, led by Jeremy Johnson QC

R (Roberts) v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis [2016] 1 WLR 210 – challenge to s60 stop and search powers as a breach of Articles 8 (and at first instance, Article 14), led by Jeremy Johnson QC

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 (TD) v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis [2014] EWCA Civ 585 – police retention of CRIS reports, led by Jeremy Johnson QC

Oral Wright v Ministry of Justice – successfully appeared for the Defendant in the trial of breaches of the Claimant's Article 3 rights.

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.

She has recently been working on the Closed Material Procedure case of **Belhaj v Jack Straw, Sir Mark Allen, Security and Intelligence Service, Security Service, Attorney General, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Home Office** in which she was instructed to provide the Defendants with specialist personal injury expertise.

Georgina also has considerable experience in acting in cases with a medical angle, from inquests to clinical negligence claims including the recent High Court case of *Vendyback v MoD* in which she acted for the Defendant.