

## **Lara Akande**

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**Direct Access Qualified**

### **Areas of law:**

- **Immigration and asylum**
- **Crime**
- **Extradition**

### **Immigration**

Lara has developed a busy practice in asylum, immigration and nationality law. She frequently represents appellants in the First-Tier and Upper Tribunal on all areas of immigration law including the Refugee Convention, family reunion, human rights, European Economic Area law, deportation, and appeals under the immigration rules. Lara has also undertaken a secondment with the Home Office representing the Secretary of State in the First-Tier Tribunal.

Lara is regularly instructed in judicial review proceedings, challenging decisions relating to immigration, removal and nationality.

### **Crime**

Lara has developed an impressive criminal defence practice. Her work encompasses the full spectrum of criminal offences including drugs, violence, sexual offences, driving offences, fraud and the proceeds of crime. She is frequently instructed to represent clients in the Magistrates', Youth and Crown Court, and regularly provides written advice on appeal against conviction and sentence.

Lara joined Chambers in 2013, upon successful completion of a third six pupillage. Lara is a confident advocate with strong analytical and drafting abilities. She is approachable, and has excellent inter-personal skills as a result of her professional background and life experiences.

Prior to entering the Bar, Lara worked as a Legal Officer in the Legal Defence and Assistance Project (LEDAP), an NGO based in Lagos, Nigeria. During this time she had conduct of the programme on torture and inhumane and degrading treatment against people living with disabilities.

Lara accepts instruction on a Direct Access basis.

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