

Rajinder Claire

Call 1997 (Inner Temple)
Direct Access Qualified

Areas of law

- Immigration and asylum
- Criminal Law
- Civil Law

I have grown up in the inner city of Birmingham and have variously over the years worked in a number of community organisations. I have gained a wealth of experience of working with people from diverse backgrounds. I am deeply committed to helping those groups who might otherwise “get a raw deal out of the system.” I have always been passionate about pursuing a career in the law.

I have a wide range of criminal and civil experience and have been regularly instructed by both prosecution and defence. I am qualified to accept instructions direct from members of the public I have wide-ranging experience of all immigration matters up to including court of appeal work.

I have comprehensive experience of Human Rights, Immigration and Asylum Law. I appeared regularly in both the First tier and Upper Tribunal of the Asylum and Immigration Chamber, as well as the Administrative Court in Judicial Review matters. I have extensive experience of all areas in this field including asylum, family appeals, deportation appeals, work permits, student appeals and cases involving Rule 320 of the Immigration Rules.

I conduct work in the field of family law, including child care proceedings. I am currently instructed on an Ancillary relief matter where the total assets are in excess of £3 million pounds.

I have a deep commitment to social justice and in this regard have stood for parliament in 2005 and in the European elections in 2009.

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Notable Cases

In October 2015, I successfully represented an elected councillor on a charge of assault at Bexley Magistrates court. A verdict of not guilty resulted and a defence costs order was granted.

In 2014 I appeared in the Court of appeal in R v H 201306469 and successfully argued that a term of imprisonment of 55 months was manifestly excessive in respect of a charge under s16a of the Firearms Act 1968.

In 2013 I represented a very senior member of a Sikh Temple in the West Midlands on a charge of assault and affray, this was a three handed trial at Wolverhampton Crown court that ran for two weeks. At the close of the crown's case I successfully argued that there was no case to answer on the assault charge. Consequently the crown also decided not to proceed on the charge of affray.

In 2011 appeared in the Court of Appeal in a case involving serious mortgage fraud. -R v D April 2011.

I appeared in the Central Criminal Court in November 2011 on an International Revenue Share Fraud involving O2 and running to losses in the region of £4 million. R v H November 2011.

I recently succeeded in preventing the deportation of an Azerbaijan national who had been given a 14 year term of imprisonment in the U.K. I succeeded in proving that the Appellant could not be removed as his rights under Article 3 of the ECHR would be infringed upon return to Azerbaijan. (A v Secretary of State for the Home Department March 2011.

I also appeared in the country guidance case of the Democratic Republic of Congo which may be viewed by accessing the following link -<http://www.bailii.org/uk/cases/UKIAT/2007/00023.html>

Education

Level 2 Accredited Case worker Accredited by the Legal Aid Agency to conduct Immigration work at all levels	2005	Central Law Training
Immigration Supervisor	2005	Central Law Training
The Bar Vocational Course Inns of Court School of Law London	1997	
Degree University of Wolverhampton	1992	

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Articles

I was interviewed regarding the administration of justice following the social unrest in the summer of 2011, and my comments were published by the Guardian and other notable newspapers.

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk/2011/aug/11/uk-riots-courtrooms-country>.

Additionally I was also interviewed by BBC Radio and regularly appear on the Venus TV to provide pro bono advice on Immigration and Asylum Law.

I have co-written an article on recent changes to Immigration Law that was published in August 2011 in the popular Express News Latin-American newspaper published in England, Madrid, Bogota and Miami Express News www.expressnews.uk.com

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