

# Rachel Logan

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## Main Areas of Practice

Commercial Law

Community Care Law

Discrimination and Equality

Education Law

Immigration and Asylum

International Law

Prison Law

Public Law

Sports Law

Rachel specialises in public, international and commercial law. Her public law practice encompasses all areas, but has a particular focus on asylum and immigration, prison, equality and discrimination, education and community care law.

Rachel's practice is primarily focused on public law, but also includes international and commercial law. She is particularly interested in cases that cut across these areas as well as in crossover cases within her wide fields of expertise in public law.

Her individual practice is complemented by substantial work as a junior, including in the ongoing Iraq litigation. There she is instructed not only in the primary challenge to the Secretary of State's refusal to order a single public inquiry into claims of torture, unlawful killing and abuse, but also in the strategic management of the 100+ individual judicial reviews and other legal issues there arising. She also has significant experience of being led in international work, including large scale commercial arbitrations.

Prior to joining the Bar, Rachel worked as a consultant to the Humanitarian Response Unit of UNFPA in Liberia and New York, where she advised on policy and programming to combat sexual and gender violence and HIV/AIDS in emergency and post-conflict situations. As a result, she is frequently instructed in sensitive cases raising related issues and for vulnerable clients, especially in the asylum and community care contexts.

Rachel's immigration and asylum practice includes urgent judicial review challenges as well as applications to the Court of Appeal, and the full range of First Tier and Upper Tribunal appeals. She is regularly instructed in cases concerning the use of language analysis reports to determine national or ethnic origin, following her work in the 3 linked test cases of *AM(1)*, *AM(2)*, *FA (Somalia) v SSHD C5/2009/2370*, *C5/2008/1674*, *C5/2010/0406* (conceded in full by the Respondent immediately before the Court of Appeal hearing). She is always happy to assist with pro bono work where capacity permits.

## Training and career history

During her traineeship at Matrix, Rachel was supervised by Nicholas Armstrong, Raza Husain, Jessica Simor and David Wolfe, and seconded to Zachary Douglas for special assistance on ICJ and ICSID cases. She worked on notable cases dealing with (among other areas) environmental regulations, breach of contract and FA football agent regulations, non-refoulement, exclusion from refugee protection, international humanitarian law and disability care charges.

Before coming to the Bar, Rachel worked not only for UNFPA but also as an associate at a UN-ECOSOC consultative think-tank advising on international justice and Security Council concerns, and chairing the weekly NGO Working Group on the Security Council with different Ambassadors. She came to legal practice via a position as a researcher in the Public Law Department of the University of Cape Town.

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Rachel completed an undergraduate degree in history & politics at the University of Oxford. She was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to undertake an MA in international relations at Columbia University where she specialised in humanitarian affairs and international justice, and completed the French for research proficiency programme. She achieved a distinction in her GDL at the College of Law, and was made a Princess Royal scholar of the Inner Temple.

Rachel has published widely on both legal and humanitarian issues, and is a contributing editor to the Civil Court Service Manual, responsible for Part 54 and related updates.

## Cases

[R \(on the application of Maya Evans\) v Secretary of State for Defence \[2010\] EWHC 1445 \(Admin\); \[2011\] A.C.D. 11](#)

Rachel was instructed by Public Interest Lawyers in this challenge to the lawfulness of the Secretary of State's detainee transfer practices in Afghanistan. Led by Michael Fordham QC and Tom Hickman.

[\(Ali Zaki Mousa\) v SSHD \(EHRC intervening\) \[2011\] EWCA Civ 1334; overturning \[2010\] EWHC 3304 \(Admin\); \[2011\] U.K.H.R.R. 268](#)

Rachel was instructed by Public Interest Lawyers in the successful challenge to the Secretary of State's refusal to order a single public inquiry into the hundreds of allegations of torture and serious mistreatment at the hands of the British military in Iraq made by former detainees. The Court of Appeal allowed the claimant's appeal on 22 November 2011. Led by Michael Fordham QC together with Dan Squires.

## Notable Publications

*Bar Human Rights Committee Submission to the Malawi Special Law Commission established to review the Witchcraft Act*, Michelle Butler, Sally Longworth, Rachel Logan, June 2011

*Civil Court Service*, 2010 onwards (annual), Jordan Publishing Contributing Editor, responsible for Part 54 (Judicial Review) and Habeas Corpus content

*Public Law and the Provision of Healthcare*. David Wolfe and Rachel Logan. *Judicial Review Journal*, Vol 14 No.2, June 2009.

*Audit of Statutes: A Guide to Parliament's obligations under the Constitution and legislation*. Professor Christina Murray, Karla Saller and Rachel Logan. Public Law Department/National Assembly of South Africa, June 2006.

*Roadmap to Recovery: Mapping HIV/AIDS and SGBV programming needs in Liberia*. Emilia Casella, Rebecca Chandler, Susannah Friedman, Rachel Logan, Joel Negin and Kalpa Shah. UNFPA and Columbia University, May 2005.

## Languages

Rachel is qualified to research standard in French, and speaks conversational Spanish and Chichewa.