



## ANITA DAVIES

### MAIN AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Civil Actions Against the Police  
Competition and Regulation  
Crime and Regulatory  
Extradition and Mutual Assistance  
Fraud, Financial and Business  
Crime  
Human Rights Law  
Inquests and Inquiries  
Immigration and Asylum  
Prison Law  
Public Law  
Telecommunications

Called to the Bar 2011

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Anita has a broad practice in the areas of crime and regulation, public law, extradition and inquests and inquiries. She is often instructed in cases that span across these areas.

### CRIME, REGULATION AND EXTRADITION

Anita advises on matters concerning fraud, financial regulation and bribery. She has advised private clients on issues arising from several SFO investigations and is also instructed by the SFO. Recent instructions include:

- Advising a private individual on matters arising from the LIBOR investigation.
- Advising a multinational company in the context of an ongoing SFO investigation.
- Disclosure counsel for the SFO.

Anita prosecutes and defends in criminal matters. She defends in a range of criminal cases including fraud, robbery, handling stolen goods, assault, and criminal damage. She is often instructed in youth offending matters involving sensitive issues such as SOPOs, multiple convictions and breaches of youth referral orders. She frequently acts in cases involving environmental and animal rights protests. Recent instructions include:

- Junior counsel (led by Helen Law) in a six-week fraud trial, conspiracy to defraud involving carbon credits and diamonds.
- Sole counsel in a multi-count robbery and theft trial at the Central Criminal Court.
- Representing Extinction Rebellion activists following “Rebellion Day” in November 2018.

Anita has advised on appeals to the Court of Appeal and referrals to the Criminal Case Review Commission in a number of cases involving complex factual and expert evidence, including historic convictions for murder. Recent instructions include:

- Judicial review of the CCRC’s refusal to refer the case of Eddie Gilfoyle to the Court of Appeal.
- Application to the CCRC regarding conviction for murder and conspiracy to rob.
- Advice on referral to the Court of Appeal of a conviction for murder, arising from concerns regarding cell site evidence and the competency of prosecution expert witnesses.

Anita does regular extradition work, primarily on behalf of the CPS.

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## EDUCATION

**BCL, Lady Margaret Hall**  
Oxford, Distinction

**Bar Professional Training**  
Course, City Law School, Very  
Competent

**Graduate Diploma in Law, City**  
University, Distinction

**BA (Hons) History, Churchill**  
College Cambridge

## AWARDS

**Major Scholarship, Inner**  
Temple, 2010

**Times Law Awards, First Prize,**  
2010

**City University, Criminal Law**  
Research Prize, 2010

**Exhibition, Inner Temple, 2009**

## PUBLIC AND CIVIL LAW

Anita regularly acts in judicial reviews and civil claims arising from prison law, police law and immigration, in particular judicial reviews concerning re-categorisation, security classification, parole boards and unlawful detention. She has been instructed in four Supreme Court cases in the past three years.

Past cases include:

- R (Centre for Advice on Individual Rights in Europe) v Secretary of State for the Home Department & Anor [2018] EWCA Civ 2837, led by Dan Squires QC, concerning the legality of aspects of Operation Nexus.
- AR v Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police, [2018] WLR 4079, led by Hugh Southey QC, on the correct approach of appellate courts to Article 8 in the context of enhanced criminal records checks.
- Maguire v Northern Ireland Bar Council UKSC [2018] UKSC 17, led by Aidan O'Neill QC, concerning the scope of Article 6 (3) and the right of a Defendant to be represented by a lawyer of his own choosing.
- Human Rights Commission for Judicial Review (Northern Ireland : Abortion) (Rev 1) [2018] UKSC 27 (7 June 2018), led by Helen Mountfield QC and Zoe Levanthal intervening on behalf of The United Nations Working Group on the Issue of Discrimination Against Women in Law and in Practice.
- Heathrow Airport Ltd v Office of Rail & Road [2017] EWHC 1290 (Admin), led by Rhodri Thompson QC and Nicholas Gibson, representing the Office of Road and Rail in a case regarding a challenge to the Heathrow Spur.
- R (Shindler and Anr) v Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Anr UKSC 2016/0105, led by Aidan O'Neill QC and Christopher Brown, concerned the ban on British Citizens living outside the UK or more than 15 years voting in the EU Referendum.
- Secretary of State for the Home Department v LW (Jamaica) [2016] EWCA Civ 369, led by Samantha Knights QC, concerning the application of Article 8 to foreign national offenders.
- BK & Anor v The Secretary of State for Justice [2015] EWCA Civ 1259, led by Helen Mountfield QC, challenge to the policy of strip-searching female prisoners.

Anita has experience of claims against the police and the CPS under the HRA, the Equality Act, and for misfeasance and malicious prosecution. Recent instructions include:

- Successfully settling a claim against police regarding police "adding" activists to a kettle after transporting them from another location.
- Representing a client seriously wounded by a police dog in the course of an arrest.

Anita often represents clients at Parole Board hearings, principally those involving issues around recall, as well as advising on matters regarding re-categorisation of prisoners. Recent instructions include:

- Securing release of a TACT prisoner following recall for breach of licence conditions.

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- Securing release of a TACT prisoner following recall, after a two day parole board hearing involving multiple experts and cell site evidence.
- Judicial review of prohibition on considering “appeal rights exhausted” foreign national prisoners from consideration for pre-tariff parole board sift.

Anita also has a growing environmental law practice and is currently instructed by Wild Justice in a challenge to General Licences permitting the killing of wild birds.

Anita is a contributor on public law procedure to the Lexis Nexis Civil Court Service “The Brown Book”.

## INQUESTS

Anita regularly undertakes inquest work involving deaths in prisons and secure hospitals, or following recent contact with police or social services. She frequently advises on matters regarding Article 2 compliant inquests and the nature of the Article 2 investigative duty. Recent cases include:

- *Inquest concerning the death of AB*, represented the family in a complex Article 2 inquest involving the death of a child subject to significant input from social services and CAMHS.
- *Inquest concerning the death of Karen Morris*, represented the family in an Article 2 jury inquest following the death of a prisoner from a drug overdose at HMP Foston Hall. The jury concluded that the system for dispensing medication at HMP Foston Hall was not sufficiently robust to prevent prisoners from hoarding medication.
- *Inquest concerning the death of MA*, represented the family in a complex multi-day Article 2 jury inquest following the death of a female patient at Rampton Hospital. The inquest had to be restarted twice following issues regarding the involvement of another patient and referral to the police and CPS. Jury concluded that the hospital had not carried out required observations.
- *Inquest concerning the death of G Pearson*, represented the family in an Article 2 inquest following the death of an individual following his release from police custody. Issues re. communication between police medical staff and social services and the extent of police training and powers when dealing with individuals with mental health needs.

Prior to starting at Matrix Anita read for the Bachelor of Civil Law at Oxford University (Distinction), specialising in criminal justice, comparative human rights and international law. Before joining the Bar Anita worked for the United Nations Relief Works Agency in Jerusalem, and maintained an interest in international work throughout her legal studies. In the summer of 2013 she was a visiting fellow at the Chakrabarti Habi School of Law in Kathmandu, where she taught international humanitarian law and conducted research into transitional constitutionalism.

## ARTICLES AND DOWNLOADS

### Books

- Civil Court Service 2018, contributor
- UK Competition Law: The New Framework, contributor
- Football and the Law, contributor

### Blog posts

- Case Comment: *In the matter of an application by Siobhan McLaughlin for Judicial Review* (Northern Ireland) [2018] UKSC 48
- The UK Supreme Court Decision on Abortion in Northern Ireland: A Pyrrhic Defeat?
- Case Preview: *R (Whiston) v Secretary of State for Justice*, <http://ukscblog.com/case-preview-r-whiston-v-secretary-state-home-department/>
- Very private lives: “acceptable questioning” in sexual orientation asylum cases. <https://eutopialaw.com/2014/11/12/very-private-lives-acceptable-questioning-in-sexual-orientation-asylum-cases/>
- Case Comment: *Shergill & Ors v Khaira & Ors* [2014] UKSC 33, <http://ukscblog.com/case-comment-shergill-ors-v-khaira-ors-2014-uksc-33/>
- Adieu and Farewell to the Data Retention Directive, <https://eutopialaw.com/2014/04/11/adieu-and-farewell-to-the-data-retention-directive/>
- Uncharted territory? The European Charter and Fair Trial Rights, <https://eutopialaw.com/2014/02/24/uncharted-territory-the-european-charter-and-fair-trial-rights/>
- Case Comment: *Minister voor Immigratie en Asiel v X (C-199/12) Y (C-200/12) and Z*, <https://eutopialaw.com/2013/12/02/case-comment-minister-voor-immigratie-en-asiel-v-x-c-19912-y-c-20012-and-z/>
- Radu – A Case of Failed Dialogue, <https://eutopialaw.com/2013/02/05/radu-a-case-of-failed-dialogue/>
- Rahman – further fleshing out of the position of third country nationals under the Citizenship Directive, <https://eutopialaw.com/2012/11/29/rahman-further-fleshing-out-of-the-position-of-third-country-nationals-under-the-citizenship-directive/>
- Putting Pupino in its Place, <https://eutopialaw.com/2012/06/12/putting-pupino-in-its-place/>
- Opt-in, opt-out, shake it all about: the future of the European Arrest Warrant, <https://eutopialaw.com/2011/11/07/opt-in-opt-out-shake-it-all-about-the-future-of-the-european-arrest-warrant/>

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