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MAIN AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Community Care Law
Discrimination and Equality
EU Law
Human Rights
Immigration, Asylum and Free
Movement
Inquests and Inquiries
Media and Information Law
Police Law
Prison Law
Public Law

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Ayesha has a broad practice in the areas of public law and human rights, including immigration, asylum and free movement, EU law, community care, discrimination and equality, inquests, prison and police law. She also has an interest in media and information law. Ayesha became a member of Matrix in October 2015 after successfully completing her traineeship, during which she was supervised by Raza Husain QC, David Wolfe QC, Dan Squires QC, Nick Armstrong and Sara Mansoori.

Ayesha has worked in immigration and asylum law since 2008, as a Caseworker at Refugee and Migrant Justice and subsequently as the Senior Immigration Advisor at the Northern Ireland Council for Ethnic Minorities. She has experience working on asylum, trafficking, deportation, unlawful detention, immigration, EU free movement and citizenship cases, from initial application through to appeal. Ayesha has represented clients in the First Tier and Upper Tribunal and has drafted grounds for permission to appeal to the Court of Appeal. She has delivered training in immigration law, and has a particular interest in children involved in the immigration process. She has published an article on The Best Interests of the Child in UK Immigration Law in the Nottingham Law Journal (2013).

Before coming to the Bar, Ayesha interned at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Ecuador, where she provided legal analysis of complex issues arising in UNHCR's Refugee Status Determinations, and wrote legal reference material for the UNHCR Protection team. Ayesha speaks Spanish to an advanced level.

Ayesha was a Supreme Court Judicial Assistant to Lord Reed and Lord Carnwath from 2015-2016, during which time she worked on permission to appeal applications and a number of important public law, human rights and immigration cases.

EDUCATION

BA (Hons) Philosophy, Bristol University, First Class

MSc Social and Global Justice, Nottingham University, Distinction

Graduate Diploma in Law, Nottingham Law School, Distinction

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SELECTED PRIZES

Queen Mother Scholarships, Middle Temple (2010 & 2013)

Prizes for achieving the highest marks in the year and Best Private Law student, Nottingham Law School (2012)

Semi-finalist in the 2013 European Court of Human Rights moot

Winner of the 2014 Middle Temple Rosamund Smith moot, including the prize for Best Oralist

2015 Peter Duffy Scholarship, Bar European Group

2016 Pegasus Scholarship to visit the United States Supreme Court

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