



FLORENCE IVESON

MAIN AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Admin & Public Law
Crime and Regulatory Law
Extradition and Mutual
Assistance
Immigration, Asylum and Free
Movement

Called to the Bar 2012

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Florence Iveson's main practice areas are criminal and public law with a primary interest in extradition. She is described as "an exceptional advocate" in the Legal 500, and is ranked as a Tier 2 leading junior in international crime and extradition. She has received similar plaudits in Chambers and Partners, being described as an "outstanding" junior, "a persuasive advocate in her drafting as well as on her feet" and "always invested in the case and so committed, she goes above and beyond for the client."

EXTRADITION

Florence is regularly instructed in complex matters including Part 2 cases, dealing with both technical and human rights issues.

Florence is currently acting for Julian Assange, led by Mark Summers QC and Edward Fitzgerald QC. She is also involved in a number of other part 2 requests at first instance, including representing Jeffrey Lendrum who resists extradition to Brazil for wildlife offences and for the government of the United States in an extradition request relating to large-scale organised crime and money laundering.

Florence often appears before the Divisional Court, in her own right and lead by Queen's Counsel. Florence has appeared without a leader in the Divisional Court against leading extradition silks, for example in the high profile case of *Herba v Italy* [2018] EWHC 3211 (Admin) and *Mohammed v Portugal* [2017] EWHC 3237 (Admin).

Florence has acted in many of the leading extradition appeals in recent years, including on fair trial rights in Poland (*Lis v Poland* [2019] EWHC 674 (Admin)), complex VAT carousel frauds (*Malik v Germany* [2018] EWHC 3479 (Admin)), speciality (*Kortas v Poland* [2017] EWHC 1356 (Admin)) and section 12A (*Puceviciene v Lithuania* [2016] EWHC 1862 (Admin)).

Florence has a particular expertise in cases where extradition is resisted on the basis of poor prison conditions and has been junior counsel in many of the lead appeals in this area. Most recently she appeared before 3 judge Divisional Courts in *Bartulis v Lithuania* [2019] EWHC 3504 (Admin) and *Szalai v Hungary* [2019] EWHC 934 (Admin) (currently on appeal to the Supreme Court). She has also had a large number of successes both at first

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DIRECTORIES' RECOMMENDATIONS

"A forceful advocate who really cares about her clients," "she is a persuasive and passionate performer." "She possesses strong technical knowledge and is good on esoteric points of law. Florence is exceptional at dealing with emotive cases."

Chambers & Partners, 2021

An "excellent" junior who prosecutes and defends complex extradition cases. Her developing practice includes cases involving prison conditions. Interviewees praise her client care and note she has expertise in handling vulnerable clients.

"Energetic, knowledgeable and someone who cares deeply about her cases." "Always invested in the case and so committed, she goes above and beyond for the client."

Recent work: Appeared in *Bulgaria v Adanali*, successfully acting for an individual facing a EAW relating to a conviction for smuggling antiquities.

Chambers & Partners, 2019

An exceptional advocate – her work is always praised by lay clients

Legal 500, 2018

Instructed by governments and requested persons.

instance and on appeal arguing Article 8 family life grounds (for example recently in *Demirov v Bulgaria* [2018] EWHC 3812 (Admin), *DK v Belgium* [2018] EWHC 2242 (Admin), *Swiercz v Poland* [2019] EWHC 1387 (Admin) and *BM v Ireland* (No. 1) [2020] EWHC 442 (Admin)).

CRIMINAL LAW

Florence has undertaken a range of criminal work from the Magistrates' Court to the Crown Court and the Court of Appeal.

Florence's interest in international crime led to her working on a complex multi-jurisdictional case for the Serious Fraud Office involving possible international corporate corruption. Recently Florence was led by Alison McDonald in the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court, instructed by Lawyers for Justice in Libya and REDRESS, as Amicus Curiae in Saif Al-Islam Gaddafi's admissibility challenge.

Florence also has an interest in consumer law, having acted for Trading Standards Authorities many times, spoken at the annual TSI conference and also provided training for Trading Standards Officers

PUBLIC LAW

Florence has experience of education appeals and has also undertaken a wide range of immigration matters. Florence advises on unlawful detention claims and has been appointed to the Attorney General's London C Panel.

PRISON LAW

Florence has had an interest in prison law since setting up the Vocalise Prison Debate programme in 2010, which sees law students teaching Parliamentary style debating to prison inmates across London. Florence now appears in parole board matters.

NOTABLE CASES

- *BM v Ireland* (No. 2) [2020] EWHC 648 (Admin)
- *BM v Ireland* (No. 1) [2020] EWHC 442 (Admin)
- *NV (Vietnam) v Czech Republic* [2020] EWHC 409 (Admin)
- *Bartulis v Lithuania* [2019] EWHC 3504 (Admin)
- *Swiercz v Poland* [2019] EWHC 1387 (Admin)
- *Szalai v Hungary* (No.2) [2019] EWHC 934 (Admin)
- *Versluis v Netherlands* [2019] EWHC 764 (Admin)
- *Lis v Poland* (No.2) [2019] EWHC 674 (Admin)
- *Gorczewski v Poland* [2019] EWHC 279 (Admin)
- *Malik v Germany* [2018] EWHC 3479 (Admin)
- *Szalai v Hungary* [2018] EWHC 3840 (Admin)

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- Demirov v Bulgaria [2018] EWHC 3812 (Admin)
- Duarte v Portugal [2018] EWHC 2995 (Admin)
- Lis v Poland (No.1) [2018] EWHC 2848 (Admin)
- Poland v Zamojski [2018] EWHC 2816 (Admin)
- Dos Macedo v Spain [2018] EWHC 2716 (Admin)
- Kusza v Poland [2018] EWHC 2610 (Admin)
- DK v Belgium [2018] EWHC 2242 (Admin)
- Zdravkov v Bulgaria [2018] EWHC 1823 (Admin)
- R. (on the application of Roegner) v Poland [2018] EWHC 1877 (Admin)
- Herba v Italy [2018] EWHC 3211 (Admin)
- Kricka v Croatia [2018] EWHC 1129 (Admin)
- Connor v Germany [2018] EWHC 829 (Admin)
- Georgiev v Bulgaria [2018] EWHC 359 (Admin)
- Mohammed v Portugal [2018] EWHC 225 (Admin)
- Mohammed v Portugal [2017] EWHC 3237 (Admin)
- Kirsanov v Estonia [2017] A.C.D. 137
- Szczudlo v Poland [2017] EWHC 2874 (Admin)
- Debiec v Poland [2017] EWHC 2653 (Admin)
- Italy v Herba [2017] 9 WLUK 456
- Kirchanov v Bulgaria [2017] EWHC 2048 (Admin)
- Balog v Slovak Republic [2017] EWHC 2149 (Admin)
- Trzesniowski v Poland [2017] EWHC 1536 (Admin)
- Kirchanov v Bulgaria [2017] EWHC 1285 (Admin)
- Kortas v Poland [2017] EWHC 1356 (Admin)
- Kowalski v Poland [2017] EWHC 1044 (Admin)
- Kirchanov v Bulgaria [2017] EWHC 827 (Admin)
- Din v Germany [2017] EWHC 475 (Admin)
- Kozlowski v Poland [2017] 3 WLUK 146
- Dabrowski v Poland [2017] EWHC 179 (Admin)
- Lakatos v Hungary [2017] EWHC 593 (Admin)
- Skalmierski v Poland [2017] EWHC 1567 (Admin)
- Weszka v Poland [2017] EWHC 168 (Admin)
- Horbik v Poland [2017] EWHC 2485 (Admin)
- Zimackis v Latvia [2017] EWHC 315 (Admin)
- Kaulinis v Lithuania [2016] EWHC 3725 (Admin)
- Czach v Poland [2016] EWHC 1993 (Admin)
- Puceviciene v Lithuania [2016] EWHC 1862 (Admin)

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OTHER EXPERIENCE

Florence graduated from Bristol University with a first class degree in English Literature. Before coming to the bar Florence worked in film and television, producing a number of short films in her spare time.

While at law school Florence co-founded the Vocalise programme, training law students to become debate mentors for prison inmates. The students teach a course of lessons culminating in a final debate, pitting the prison team against university level debaters. It was taught in Pentonville Prison initially but has since expanded into a number of prisons. Vocalise was awarded the Attorney General's Law Works prize for best pro-bono project in 2012 and last year featured in a film created by the Ministry of Justice.

PUBLICATIONS

Author of prison law chapter in Criminal Judicial Review (Hart Publishing).

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, Ede and Ravenscroft Prize, 2011
The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, Prince of Wales Scholarship, 2010
The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, Travel Scholarship 2010

APPOINTMENTS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Executive Board Member and Co-founder of Vocalise Prison Debating
- Extradition Lawyers Association.
- Junior Counsel to the Crown - C panel 2019

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