



Juliet Wells

Year of Call: 2016

Practice Areas

- Civil Fraud
- Costs
- Credit Hire
- Employment
- Extradition
- Inquests
- Inquiries
- Personal Injury
- Public International Law
- Public Law

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Experience

Juliet joined Chambers in October 2018 following successful completion of her pupillage. She is developing a busy and diverse practice with a particular focus on extradition, public law, public international law, inquests and inquiries, and personal injury.

Before coming to the Bar, Juliet held research posts at UCL and Oxford University's Faculty of Law, specialising in constitutional law and civil procedure. She is currently co-authoring a book on the theory and practice of disclosure around the common law world.

Extradition

Juliet regularly represents requested persons in extradition proceedings, both led and as sole counsel. She is experienced in dealing with the full range of issues arising in EAW cases, with notable recent cases in this area including *Kotsev v The Sofia District Public Prosecutor's Office, Bulgaria* [2018] EWHC 3087 (Admin), led by Myles Grandison, and the application to certify in *Duarte v The Comarca De Lisboa* [2018] EWHC 2995 (Admin), led by Robin Tam QC and Myles Grandison. During pupillage, Juliet assisted in *Lis, Lange and Chmielewski v Poland*, [2018] EWHC 2848 (Admin), a test case before the Divisional Court on extradition to Poland in light of disturbing constitutional changes enacted by the Polish government. She has also acted in cases under Part 2 of the Extradition Act 2003, and is well-versed in human rights issues arising out of

detention in the Gulf states.

Public International Law

Juliet is also building a busy practice in public international law, with an emphasis on representing persons who have been detained and mistreated overseas. She is currently appointed international counsel for Ali Issa Ahmad, a British national who was detained and tortured in the United Arab Emirates, and for a South African family detained in Saudi Arabia, led by Rodney Dixon QC. She is also representing two former members of the International Criminal Court's Office of the Prosecutor in international disciplinary proceedings before the United Nations International Labour Organisation, led by Rodney Dixon QC.

Public Law, Inquests and Inquiries

Juliet acts in inquests and inquiries, and has recently acted for the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government as a junior junior in the Grenfell Tower Inquiry. She has a particular interest in cases concerning the tort liability of public authorities and Human Rights Act damages, and has advised in a number of such cases.

Private Law

Juliet has a diverse private law practice, covering personal injury, civil fraud, costs and civil procedure. She has been instructed as trial counsel in a number of multi-track personal injury cases, and recently acted pro bono in an appeal concerning solicitors' liability to pay the fees of expert witnesses, which raised complex issues of agency law, costs law, and professional regulation. Juliet also undertakes pro bono work in the fields of employment and education law, and is very happy to accept instructions in these areas.

Prior to joining Chambers, for the legal year 2016-2017, Juliet was Judicial Assistant to Lord Justices Tomlinson, Flaux and Jackson. During this time, she undertook research and advised on the merits of appeals. High-profile cases in which she advised included *Kamoka & Others v The Security Services & Others* [2017] EWCA Civ 1665, *Purcell & Others v Public Prosecutor of Antwerp, Belgium & Others* [2017] All ER (D) 113, *Turley v London Borough of Wandsworth* [2017] EWCA Civ 189, *Qader v Esure Services Ltd* [2016] EWCA Civ 1109, and *McBride v UK Insurance Ltd* [2017] EWCA Civ 144. She also worked closely with Lord Justice Jackson on his latest review of civil litigation costs.

Education

- Magdalen College, University of Oxford: BA Jurisprudence (2014)
- BPP Law School, London: BPTC (2016, Outstanding)

Memberships

- Administrative Law Bar Association
- Defence Extradition Lawyers Forum
- Personal Injury Bar Association

Cases

Kotsev v Sofia District Public Prosecutor's Office, Bulgaria

[2019] 1 WLR 2353

16.11.2018

Barristers involved: Myles Grandison Juliet Wells

The case dealt with whether the District Judge was entitled to find that the Appellant had deliberately absented himself from his trial and whether he was entitled to a re-trial upon his return. The High Court held that the District Judge had erred in seeking to interpret foreign law without the assistance of expert evidence. Furthermore, the bare fact that a requesting state was a signatory to the European Convention on Human Rights was not of itself sufficient to show that section 20(5) and (8) of the 2003 Act would be satisfied.

Publications

TGC Costs Newsletter Vol IV

04/06/2019

Authors: Richard Wilkinson Shaman Kapoor Lionel Stride Anthony Johnson Richard Boyle Matthew Waszak Ellen Robertson James Yapp Juliet Wells Harriet Wakeman Olivia Rosenstrom

Please see link below to the latest update from the TGC Costs Team.

You can view the publication on our website <http://tgchambers.com>

J. Wells, 'A commentary on the Irish Supreme Court's preliminary references in Lisaukas and Dunauskis', Defence Extradition Lawyers Forum.

04/12/2018

Authors: Juliet Wells

Juliet Wells discusses the Irish Supreme Court's preliminary references in Minister for Justice and Equality v Lisaukas [2018] IESC 42 and Minister for Justice and Equality v Dunauskis [2018] IESC 43 (now joined Cases C-508/18 and C-509/18 before the CJEU), seeking clarity as to the circumstances in which a public prosecutor can be a "judicial authority" for the purposes of the 2002 Framework Decision.

J. Wells and R. Hazell, 'Judicial Input into Parliamentary Legislation' [2018] Public Law Journal 106

02/02/2018

Authors: Juliet Wells

Juliet Wells discusses the constitutional role played by judges in shaping legislation at the select committee stage in Parliament, in leading academic law journal *Public Law*.

J. Wells, 'Reforming Electoral Law: a Comment on the Law Commission's Joint Consultation Paper', U.K. Const. L. Blog

25/02/2015

Authors: Juliet Wells

Available at link below. Cited by the Electoral Commission in its consultation response.

You can view the publication at

<http://ukconstitutionallaw.org/2015/02/25/juliet-wells-reforming-electoral-law-a-comment-on-the-law-commissions-joint-consultation-paper/>.

News

Juliet Wells obtains permission to appeal in landmark extradition case on the status of French public prosecutors

04/12/2019

Barristers involved: Juliet Wells

The basis of the appeal is that, following the CJEU's recent judgment in *Minister for Justice and Equality v OG and PI* (joined cases C-508/18 and C-82/19 PPU), French public prosecutors are not to be regarded as 'judicial authorities' within the meaning of s.2 of the Extradition Act 2003, since: (i) the French legislative framework governing the issuance of EAWs does not comply with the minimum standards required by EU law, and (ii) French public prosecutors are insufficiently independent of the executive. If the appeal succeeds, the consequence is likely to be that all EAWs emanating from France are invalid.

Juliet Wells is instructed by Robert Katz of Brooklyn Solicitors on behalf of the Appellant. She is led by Alison Macdonald QC of Matrix Chambers.

Juliet Wells addresses an interdisciplinary conference on human rights issues in the Arabian Gulf

18/11/2019

Barristers involved: Juliet Wells

In her talk, Juliet addressed the key legal and human rights issues arising in GCC states. She highlighted the international legal mechanisms available to help secure accountability for abuses, as well as the potential utility of domestic mechanisms such as the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 in the UK and the Global Magnitsky Act in the US.

Rodney Dixon QC and Juliet Wells address an event at the 42nd Regular Session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva

16/09/2019

Barristers involved: Rodney Dixon QC Juliet Wells

In his address, Rodney set the recent executions in context, highlighting the mass arrests of government critics and human rights defenders in Saudi Arabia since 2017. Juliet discussed human rights violations committed by the Saudi regime in administering the death penalty in a cruel and inhumane manner, and in withholding the remains of victims from their families, and explored the legal remedies available to the families.

Other speakers at the event included Baroness Helena Kennedy QC, Saul Lehrfreund (Co-Executive Director of the Death Penalty Project), and Baroness Janet Whitaker. The press release for the event can be viewed below.

You can view the publication at

<https://www.deathpenaltyproject.org/2019/09/12/press-release-the-death-penalty-and-illegal-executions-in-saudi-arabia/>

Juliet Wells appears live on Al Jazeera evening news to comment on the legality of executions in Saudi Arabia

16/09/2019

Barristers involved: Juliet Wells

As the report identified, there has been an alarming rise in the number of executions in recent months, with political activists, human rights defenders and religious minorities among those targeted. The majority of those executed were subject to grossly

unfair investigative and trial processes, some were children at the time of their alleged offending, and the manner of executions violated international standards. The interview followed an event at the 42nd Regular Session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, at which Juliet gave an address concerning these issues.

Rodney Dixon QC and Juliet Wells make complaint to FIFA on behalf of client tortured in the UAE

15/07/2019

Barristers involved: Rodney Dixon QC Juliet Wells

In the complaint, Rodney and Juliet argue that FIFA and its member organisations did not have adequate human rights and safeguarding policies in place, and that they failed in their duties to protect fans such as Mr Ahmad from violence and discrimination perpetrated by the host state. Please see the link below for news coverage in English.

You can view the publication at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-birmingham-48948129>

Rodney Dixon QC and Juliet Wells attend the 41st Regular Session of the UN Human Rights Committee in Geneva on behalf of clients detained in Saudi Arabia

25/06/2019

Barristers involved: Rodney Dixon QC Juliet Wells

Ms Desai and Ms Mohammad spoke about their experiences at the event, alongside Hatice Cengiz (the fiancée of murdered journalist Jamal Khashoggi), Agnes Callamard (the UN Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions), Abdullah Alaoudh (an academic and the son of imprisoned cleric Salman Al-Awdah), and Matthew Hedges. Please see the link below for the event programme. See [here](#) and [here](#) for news items in English.

Rodney and Juliet are instructed by Cameron Doley of Carter-Ruck Solicitors.

You can view the publication at <http://tgchambers.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Silencing-Dissent-Event-Invitation-25.06.pdf>

TGC Costs Newsletter

04/06/2019

Barristers involved: Richard Wilkinson Shaman Kapoor Lionel Stride Anthony Johnson Matthew Waszak Ellen Robertson James Yapp Richard Boyle Juliet Wells Harriet Wakeman Olivia Rosenstrom
Please see link below for the 4th edition of the the TGC Costs Newsletter.

You can view the publication on our website <http://tgchambers.com>

Aidan Ellis, Juliet Wells and others brief the press on the death of Alia Abdulnoor

30/05/2019

Barristers involved: Aidan Ellis Juliet Wells

On 30 May 2019, Juliet Wells joined a panel of human rights lawyers and experts chaired by Aidan Ellis, to brief members of the press including the BBC, Al Jazeera and Middle East Eye on the legal and political implications of the death of Alia Abdulnoor. Ms Abdulnoor was diagnosed with breast cancer whilst detained in the United Arab Emirates, and subsequently died in inhumane conditions on 4 May 2019 having been refused medical treatment.

You can view the publication at

<http://aohr.org.uk/index.php/en/all-releases/item/10654-alia-abdulnoor-died-in-uae-custody-from-illness-after-being-denied-adequate-treatment.html>

Breakfast Costs Conference

22/02/2019

Barristers involved: Simon Browne QC James Laughland Joanna Hughes Juliet Wells
Please see [here](#) for further details and booking information.

Appeal against extradition to Bulgaria

04/12/2018

Barristers involved: Myles Grandison Juliet Wells

The judgment also provided helpful guidance on the extent to which courts can interpret matters of foreign law in the absence of expert evidence.

The appeal was subsequently allowed on 3rd December 2018.

Myles and Juliet were instructed by Chris Stevens at Sonn Macmillan Walker.

TGC Welcomes New Junior Tenants

03/10/2018

Barristers involved: Juliet Wells Harriet Wakeman

Temple Garden Chambers is delighted to announce that [Juliet Wells](#) and [Harriet Wakeman](#) have accepted invitations to join chambers after successfully completing pupillage.
