



## Anisa Kassamali

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Anisa Kassamali has a broad practice across both private and public law. She accepts instructions in all of Chambers' core areas of work, with a particular emphasis on personal injury, public law and extradition.

Anisa is instructed on behalf of both claimants and defendants in fast track trials, contested applications, small claims and Stage 3 hearings. These include personal injury matters, allegations of fundamental dishonesty and related credit hire issues. She also maintains a written practice in these areas.

Anisa is instructed in judicial review and civil proceedings under the Government Junior Junior scheme.

Anisa also undertakes pro bono work. She currently accepts pro bono instructions from Bail for Immigration Detainees. For a number of years she regularly drafted advices on immigration law issues for the AIRE Centre and volunteered at the Whitechapel Legal Advice Clinic. She builds on experience as a trainee solicitor at Liberty (6 month secondment) and at the UN Women Office for Jordan and Syria, based in Amman (6 month placement).

Before coming to the Bar, Anisa qualified as a solicitor and practised in the public law team at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP. She was the judicial assistant to Lord Sales at the UK Supreme Court for the legal year 2020 – 2021, where she advised on the merits of appeals.

## Expertise

### Personal Injury

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Anisa is available to advise on a broad spectrum of personal injury issues.

Anisa regularly appears in fast track trials, contested applications, small claims and Stage 3 hearings. These include personal injury matters, allegations of fundamental dishonesty and related credit hire issues. She also maintains a written practice in these areas and is available to draft advices and statements of case.

Anisa is currently editing a chapter on the principles of negligence in Bingham and Berrymans' Personal



Injury and Motor Claims. She is a regular contributor to the Personal Injury Brief Update newsletter, published monthly.

## Public Law

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Anisa has been instructed in judicial review and civil proceedings under the Government Junior Junior scheme. In addition to other matters, she is currently instructed in proceedings relating to the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme and the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy.

Anisa is well-placed to advise on public law matters in a variety of contexts. As a solicitor, she was instructed by Sir John Major in relation to the challenge to the Prime Minister's decision to advise the Queen to prorogue Parliament for an exceptional period (*R (Miller) v The Prime Minister* [2019] UKSC 41).

As the judicial assistant to Lord Sales, Anisa advised on the merits of public law appeals in the UK Supreme Court. Some of the cases on which she advised include:

- *R (Begum) v Secretary of State for the Home Department* [2021] UKSC 7 concerning the grant of leave to Shamima Begum to enter the UK.
- *R (BF (Eritrea)) v Secretary of State for the Home Department* [2021] UKSC 38 concerning the Home Office's age assessment policy and the correct approach to be taken when determining the legality of policies.
- *R (SC and ors) v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions* [2021] UKSC 26 concerning the 'two child limit' on the payment of tax credits.

## Inquiries

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As a solicitor, Anisa has acted for a core participant in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse.

## Environmental Law

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Anisa is currently instructed by the claimants in *Município de Mariana and others v BHP Group* (the Fundão Dam disaster litigation) in their class action for damages caused by the collapse of the Fundão Dam in Brazil.

As the judicial assistant to Lord Sales, Anisa advised on *R (Friends of the Earth Ltd and ors) v Heathrow Airport Ltd* [2020] UKSC 52 concerning the development of a third runway at Heathrow Airport.

## Automated & Electric Vehicles

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Anisa is a member of Temple Garden Chambers AEV team. She is a contributor to Chambers' Automated and Electric vehicles blog, [AEVlaw.com](http://AEVlaw.com).

## Education

- University of Oxford, BA (Hons) History



- School of Oriental and African Studies, MSc Comparative Political Thought (Distinction)
- University of Law, Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction)
- BPP, Legal Practice Course (Distinction) and Bar Transfer Test

## Languages

- Arabic (beginner)
- Spanish (beginner)

## Memberships

- Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)
- Defence Extradition Lawyers Forum (DELF)
- Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA)