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Émilie Pottle is an extradition, public and international law specialist.

She is recommended in the directories across multiple practice areas and has appeared before the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and Divisional Court. She represents UK and foreign government departments, individuals, and NGOs.

Émilie has appeared in leading extradition appeals concerning the rule of law and prison conditions. She has a particular interest in the prosecution of international crimes in domestic courts and completed her thesis on the obligation on national authorities to prosecute offences of genocide. Émilie was junior prosecution counsel in the case of *R v TRA* [2019] SC 52, which concerned the torture and rape of civilian detainees during the civil war in Liberia.

Émilie's broad public law practice encompasses immigration, human rights and national security matters. She is instructed in a high-profile public inquiry into the death of Dawn Sturgess, a victim of the Salisbury Novichok poisonings.

Expertise

Extradition & Interpol

Émilie is recognised as a leading junior in the field of extradition law. Recent instructions include the landmark extradition appeal of 2021 concerning the rule of law in Poland: *Wozniak v Poland* [2021] EWHC 2557. Émilie represented the lead appellant, Robert Wozniak.

Émilie acts for both requested persons and issuing authorities. She has appeared in the lead cases concerning judicial independence in Poland and Romania (*Tiganescu v Romania* [2022] EWHC), prison conditions in France (*Shumba & Ors v France* [2018] EWHC 1762) and Romania (*Varga v Romania* [2019] EWHC 890), EAW validity (*King v France* [2015] EWHC 3670), and specialty protection (*Kortas v Poland* [2017] EWHC 1356). She has appeared alone against Queen's Counsel, and is also led in complex cases. Émilie is also instructed in cases which involve an international law dimension, such as extradition requests for international crimes.



International Law

Émilie is recognised as a leading junior in the field of international criminal law. She has an established practice in international human rights law and related areas.

Émilie was junior counsel for the Crown in the landmark case of *R v TRA* [2019] SC 52 concerning the interpretation of the UN Torture Convention. The case arose out of a domestic prosecution for torture carried out during the civil war in Liberia. Émilie provides advice to government agencies and NGOs on domestic prosecutions for international crimes and completed her thesis on the obligation to prosecute offences of genocide in national courts.

Émilie was part of the team defending *Said Gaddafi* before the International Criminal Court. She has acted in cases before the ICTY and ICTR and advises NGOs and governments on matters of international criminal law.

Recent instructions include advising a government department on sanctions pursuant to the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2018 and a further department on practical issues concerning transfer proceedings pursuant to the International Criminal Courts Act 2001.

Inquests & Inquiries

Émilie has experience in the areas of public inquiries and inquests. She is currently instructed as junior counsel to the inquiry touching on the death of Dawn Sturgess. Ms Sturgess was killed in the 2018 Wiltshire novichok poisonings. Émilie is instructed for the coroner in the inquest proceedings, and by the chair to the public inquiry which was set up to allow consideration of sensitive information. The inquiry raises complex issues of national security, disclosure and Russian state responsibility. Émilie is led in both the inquest and inquiry by Andrew O'Connor QC.

Émilie accepts instructions by government departments, police bodies and families, including on a pro-bono basis.

Public Law

Émilie has a broad public law practice, including acting for government departments and individuals in a range of proceedings, including judicial review. Émilie has particular experience in unlawful detention and human rights claims.

Émilie also accepts instructions in immigration statutory appeals and has appeared alone in the Court of Appeal in several important deportation appeals concerning article 8 rights (*TD (Albania) v SSHD* [2021] EWCA Civ 619; *SM (Zimbabwe) v SSHD* [2021] EWCA Civ 1566; *MI (Pakistan) v SSHD* [2021] EWCA Civ 1711). Émilie is currently instructed, alone, in an application for permission to appeal to the Supreme Court in a deportation appeal.

Appointments

- Attorney General's Civil Panel of Counsel – C Panel
- CPS Advocate Panel – Level 2
- CPS Specialist Extradition Panel – Level 2

Awards

- Mansfield Scholar, Lincoln's Inn
- Pegasus Scholar, Inner Temple

Education

- Mst (International Human Rights Law) (Oxon)
- LLB (Dunelm)

Languages

- French

Memberships

- International Bar Association War Crimes Committee
- Extradition Lawyers Association
- Defence Extradition Lawyers Forum

Recommendations

- "Held in the highest regard by the judiciary due to her careful and thoughtful manner. She has a devoted following." **Chambers & Partners 2021**
- "A very capable advocate who is thorough in her research. Specific expertise in breaches of Article 3 ECHR arguments and always works incredibly hard by preparing regular written submissions in the face of regularly served new evidence from the International Judicial Authority." **Legal 500 2021**
- "A smart and able up-and-coming barrister who is frequently instructed in cases concerning European Arrest Warrants. She also has expertise in cases concerning international criminal law. Strengths: "She"s fantastic. A lot of barristers are good at either paperwork, client care of advocacy, but she is good in all three regards." "A very capable advocate who is thorough in her research." **Chambers &**



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- “Highly intelligent, thorough and a tireless worker.” **Legal 500 2020**
- “She has an excellent knowledge of the law, which she uses to identify and pursue new arguments.”

Legal 500 2018