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Juliet has a wide-ranging practice spanning public law, group litigation and commercial law, inquests and inquiries, international law, extradition, and costs and litigation funding. Many of her cases involve issues at the intersection of those areas.

She is ranked as a *'Rising Star'* in Administrative Law, Human Rights, International Crime and Extradition in Legal 500 and as *'Up and Coming'* in Inquests and Inquiries in Chambers and Partners. In August 2022 she was appointed to the Attorney General's C panel of counsel.

Juliet is often instructed in high profile and complex litigation, regularly undertaking work well beyond her level of call. Current and recent highlights of her practice include:

- Acting as junior counsel to the Andrew Malkinson Inquiry.
- Acting for Post Office Ltd's external solicitors in relation to the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry (led by Jonathan Hough KC).
- Advising the Speaker of the House of Commons on various matters arising out of the Privileges Committee inquiry into allegations that the former prime minister misled the House (assisting Andrew O'Connor KC).
- Advising the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on the design and implementation of his flagship £5bn scheme requiring major developers to remediate high-rise buildings found to be defective following the Grenfell Tower Fire (led by James Eadie KC and Jason Pobjoy).
- Acting for 1,500 Brazilian orange farmers in a competition damages claim arising out of alleged breaches of Brazilian antitrust law (*Viegas and Sanches v Cutrale & Ors* [2023] EWHC 1896 (Comm)); led by Alain Choo-Choy KC).

Before coming to the Bar, Juliet held research posts at UCL and Oxford University, specialising in constitutional law and civil procedure. In 2016-17, she was Judicial Assistant to Lord Justices Jackson, Flaux and Tomlinson at the Court of Appeal. She maintains her academic interest in civil procedure, and is the general editor of *Zuckerman on Civil Procedure: Principles of Practice* (4th Ed. Sweet & Maxwell, 2021).

Expertise



Public Law

Juliet is recognised as a 'Rising Star' in the field of Administrative Law and Human Rights by Legal 500. She is a member of the Attorney General's C panel of counsel.

She is frequently instructed in high-profile and heavy judicial review claims, and is regularly retained by government departments to advise on the design and implementation of flagship policies and legislation.

She has a particular interest in parliamentary privilege, judicial review procedure, and claims by companies alleging A1P1 interference.

Notable Public Law cases

Re the Responsible Actors Scheme

Advising the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on the design and implementation of his flagship £5bn scheme requiring major developers to remediate high-rise buildings which were found to be defective following the Grenfell Tower Fire (led by James Eadie KC and Jason Pobjoy).

Re the Building Safety Levy

Advising the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, unled, on the design and implementation of a new £3bn tax on developers, aiming at recouping public expenditure on emergency remediation of buildings found to have unsafe cladding following the Grenfell Tower Fire.

Re Privileges Committee inquiry into the Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP

Assisting Andrew O'Connor KC in advising the Speaker of the House of Commons on various matters arising out of the Privileges Committee inquiry into allegations that the former prime minister misled the House.

R (Hotta & Ors) v Secretary of State for Health and Social Care [2021] EWHC 3359 (Admin)

Acting for the claimants in a high-profile judicial review claim concerning the compatibility with Article 5 ECHR of the Mandatory Hotel Quarantine scheme (by which c.200,000 travellers returning to the UK from Red List countries were detained during the Covid-19 pandemic). Led by Jamie Burton KC and Adam Wagner.

Various Claimants v Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

Advising on a prospective challenge to the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2021 and related policies, led by Simon Jackson KC.

Inquests & Inquiries

Juliet acts in large-scale, document-heavy inquests and public inquiries.

Notable Inquests & Inquiries cases

Andrew Malkinson Inquiry

Junior counsel to the Andrew Malkinson Inquiry, led by Sophie Cartwright KC.

Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry

Acting for Post Office Ltd's external solicitors, led by Jonathan Hough KC.

Grenfell Tower Inquiry

Instructed on behalf of the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

Inquests arising from the mass shooting in Keyham, Plymouth

Acted for the families of those killed in the mass shooting in Keyham, Plymouth in August 2021 (one of the deadliest mass shootings in British history), led by Dominic Adamson KC. At the conclusion of the inquests (which lasted for six weeks), the jury identified "catastrophic" systemic failings in the national and local gun licensing process, and the Coroner issued PFD reports to a record 48 recipients including the Home Secretary, the Lord Chief Justice and every Chief Constable in England & Wales.

Collective Redress

Juliet has acted in a number of group litigation cases, including competition law claims, environmental damages claims, and public law claims by test claimants.

Her chapter on collective redress in *Zuckerman on Civil Procedure: Principles of Practice* (4th Ed. Sweet & Maxwell, 2021) was cited by the Supreme Court in *Lloyd v Google LLC* [2021] UKSC 50 in support of the Court's interpretation of the 'same interest' requirement in representative actions.

She is currently advising on possible reforms to the UK's class action regime as part of a working group of practitioners and academics convened by the Collective Redress Lawyers Association (CORLA).



Notable Collective Redress cases

Município de Mariana and Ors v BHP Group Plc and Anr

Instructed on behalf of more than 700,000 Brazilian claimants (including individuals, municipalities, businesses, and the Catholic Church) in proceedings brought against BHP Group following the worst environmental disaster in Brazil's history, the collapse of the Fundão Dam in November 2015.

Viegas, Sanches & Others v Cutrale & Others

Acting for around 1,500 Brazilian orange juice farmers in proceedings arising out of alleged anticompetitive conduct by the defendants, prominent businessmen involved in the orange juice export market, led by Alain Choo-Choy KC.

Re Mandatory Hotel Quarantine

Advising on a prospective group claim for Human Rights Act and unlawful detention damages, arising out of the government's policy of mandatory hotel quarantine for travellers returning to the UK from Red List countries.

Business & Human Rights

Juliet draws on her expertise in human rights, international law, commercial law, collective redress, costs, and civil procedure to advise in cases concerning environmental and human rights compliance by businesses.

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Acting for around 1,500 Brazilian orange juice farmers in proceedings arising out of alleged anticompetitive conduct by the defendants: prominent businessmen involved in the orange juice export market, led by Alain Choo-Choy KC.

Re FIFA and the Asian Football Confederation

Advising on compliance by FIFA and the Asian Football Confederation with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, in a case arising out of the mistreatment of a British football fan during the AFC Asian Cup in 2019.

International Law

Juliet acts in both supranational litigation and domestic disputes involving questions of international law. Her expertise spans international human rights law, environmental protection, international criminal law and private international law.

She is well-placed to advise on issues of jurisdiction, state immunity, and applicable law. She has a particular interest in claims giving rise to complex conflicts issues, and those which involve questions of state or corporate liability for human rights abuses.

She is regularly invited to speak at conferences on public international law issues, and has previously addressed events at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva on alleged breaches of international law by GCC states.

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Hedges v UAE; Ahmad v UAE

Representing two British nationals in high-profile international, civil and criminal litigation arising out of their detention and torture in the UAE, led by Rodney Dixon QC.

O & S v International Criminal Court

Representing two former members of the ICC's Office of the Prosecutor in international disciplinary proceedings before the Administrative Tribunal of the UN International Labour Organisation, led by Rodney



Dixon QC.

X & Y v Saudi Arabia

Application on behalf of two women arbitrarily detained in Saudi Arabia to the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, led by Rodney Dixon QC.

Extradition & Interpol

Juliet represents requested persons in extradition proceedings before Westminster Magistrates' Court and the High Court, both led and as sole counsel. She is ranked as a 'Rising Star' in International Crime and Extradition by Legal 500.

She is experienced in dealing with the full range of issues arising in Part 1 cases, and has acted in a number of cases under Part 2 of the Extradition Act 2003.

She is particularly well-versed in human rights issues arising out of detention in the Gulf states, and recently advised in relation to a prospective Kuwaiti request arising out of politically motivated allegations of fraud made by the Gulf Investment Corporation.

Notable Extradition & Interpol cases

Hosseinali v Germany [2020] EWHC 1103 (Admin)

Joint lead case on the competence of German local courts (Amtsgerichte) to issue EAWs, led by David Perry QC.

Diaconu v France (2019)

Joint lead case on the competence of French public prosecutors to issue EAWs, led by Alison Macdonald QC

Kotsev v The Sofia District Public Prosecutor's Office, Bulgaria [2018] EWHC 3087 (Admin), [2019] 1 WLR 2353

Important case concerning s.20 of the Extradition Act 2003 (trial in absentia) and proof of foreign law, led by Myles Grandison.

Duarte v The Comarca De Lisboa [2018] EWHC 2995 (Admin)

Appeal concerning alleged systemic deficiencies in the Portuguese prison estate, assisting Robin Tam QC and Myles Grandison.



Lis, Lange and Chmielewski v Poland [2018] EWHC 2848 (Admin), [2018] ACD 141

Lead case on the Polish government's judicial independence reforms, assisting Mark Summers QC and Myles Grandison.

Commercial

Juliet has advised and acted in a range of commercial disputes, from business disputes in the County Court to Commercial Court litigation and Arbitration Act proceedings pleaded in excess of £100 million.

She is especially well-placed to advise on complex procedural issues, including service outside the jurisdiction, disclosure, security for costs, and freezing orders. She is the general editor of *Zuckerman on Civil Procedure: Principles of Practice* (4th Ed. Sweet & Maxwell, 2021), which is frequently cited by the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court, and is currently co-authoring a book on the theory and practice of disclosure around the common law world.

Costs & Litigation Funding

Juliet advises and acts in cases raising a wide range of costs law issues.

Her experience includes costs budgeting and CCMCs, appeals against costs orders, applications for wasted costs and non-party costs orders, challenges to legal aid determinations, and detailed assessments.

She is particularly well-placed to advise on costs and funding in group litigation, including identification of common and individual costs, compatibility of funding arrangements with the Damages-Based Agreements Regulations 2013, risks to third party litigation funders, and security for costs applications.

During the legal year 2016–17, she was Judicial Assistant to Lord Justice Jackson at the Court of Appeal, and worked closely with him on his 2017 Supplemental Report on Fixed Recoverable Costs (which led ultimately to the introduction of the new CPR 45 regime in 2023).

Awards

- Inner Temple, Internship Award
- BPP Law School, Advocacy Scholarship
- Inner Temple, Major Scholarship
- Inner Temple, Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Award
- University of Oxford, Shearman and Sterling Moot Prize
- University of Oxford, Holdsworth Society Moot Prize



Education

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

Memberships

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