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Pearl's practice focuses on Immigration law.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Pearl was at United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and provided legal advice to practitioners on asylum law and policies in the UK; reviewed conditions of detention of asylum seekers, including unaccompanied minors, in accordance with UNHCR's guidelines; and represented UNHCR at the 20th Assembly session on the adoption of a resolution.

Pearl was a Legal Advisor on International Human Rights Law at AIRE (Advice on Individual Rights in Europe) Centre. She drafted Opinions, 'Rule 36' indications under the Commission's Rules of Procedures and prepared Observations in response to UK Government's Observations; and conducted a joint seminar, which related to case studies on international human rights law to legal practitioners and non-governmental organisations.

Immigration

Pearl deals with all aspects of immigration, including asylum, humanitarian protection, settlement (including victims of domestic violence) and unaccompanied minors.

She has dealt with a wide range of countries in appeals to the First-tier Tribunal, Upper Tribunal, the Administrative Court and the Court of Appeal. Pearl reviews funding decisions, as an Independent Financial Adjudicator and Cost Assessor, in immigration and family appeals to the Tribunal, Administrative Court, Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court. Pearl sat on a Special Committee to provide legal guidance on the impact of the Court of Appeal's decisions on Zimbabwean cases.

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Notable Cases

- GM (Poland) C5/2015/1725 – Court of Appeal, December 2015 (Applicable policies co-existing)
- GM (Poland) (Applicable Policies) [2014] UKUT 567
- VN (EEA rights – dependency) [2010] UKUT 380
- HF (Married Women – Exempt from Draft) [2005] UKAIT 140
- Rana v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2002] UKIAT 05854
- Ali v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2002] UKIAT 0594
- Denk v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2002] UKIAT 04221

Memberships

- Human Rights Lawyers Association
- Immigration Law Practitioners' Association

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