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Rita's motivation for a career in Law arose from her lengthy campaigning background on equality and anti-discrimination issues.

Rita is a former Solicitor, having completed her solicitors training with a renowned civil liberties firm in London. In 1990, she went on to found a successful Immigration Department within a large established Legal Aid firm in Newham taking quality specialist immigration advice and assistance to a deprived London Borough with a growing immigrant and refugee population. Her role in the implementation of case management structures and her own reputation for uncompromised high quality case work resulted in the firm becoming one of the first to secure a Legal Aid Immigration franchise.

Prior to being invited to join the Chambers of Michael Mansfield QC (Tooks Chambers) in 2000, where she also completed her transfer to the Bar, Rita had already gained over 12 years experience as a former Solicitor / Partner specialising in all areas of Asylum, Immigration and Nationality law to include Judicial Review proceedings in unlawful detention / removal, bail and homelessness challenges. Her experience as a solicitor and of working closely within and alongside community organisations continues to inform her pragmatic, firm yet always-sensitive approach to her client's needs.

Rita's extensive knowledge and skills derived as a former specialist Immigration Solicitor together with her previous experience in recruitment, supervision and training in all areas of Immigration and Asylum law continue to be expertly utilised in her practice at the Bar. As a Barrister she is especially recognized by her instructing solicitors for her insightful advice and guidance in effective case preparation whilst fully appreciating the challenges faced by solicitors and all clients in this increasingly demanding and complex jurisdiction. Rita enjoys a high success rate at first instance resulting from her staunch commitment and determination to securing positive outcomes for clients at the earliest possible stage of the appeal process.

As a former member of Toaks Chambers she contributed to Legal Action immigration update series as part of the immigration team.

Rita has previously provided legal training seminars to include to the OISC, Legal Aid Board / LSC on best practice and as a team member to Toaks 'Legal Snapshot' training seminars on new developments in immigration and asylum law.

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Outside the Bar Rita has worked with local schools delivering workshops and talks on anti-racism / discrimination issues as part of Black History month.

Rita's background provides her with a strong foundation from which to advocate on behalf of applicants in all areas of Immigration, Asylum, EEA and Human Rights law both before the Tribunal and the Administrative Court and the Court of Appeal.

Immigration

Rita is head of the Immigration Team at Goldsmith Chambers.

In 2006 Rita was appointed as an Immigration Judge (now Judge of the First Tier Tribunal) Immigration & Asylum Chamber. She continues to sit regularly in this capacity, since 2013 to present at Taylor House and previously from 2006-2013 at Hatton Cross London.

Appointments

- First Tier Tribunal Judge
- Health, Education & Social Care Chamber

Memberships

- CIJ
- ILPA
- LAVAW

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