

Samina Iqbal

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Samina was appointed as a part-time Judge to the Immigration and Asylum Chamber in 2006, the Social Entitlement Chamber in 2018 and in 2017, as an Environment and Traffic Adjudicator.

Samina also practices as a barrister in the areas of family and immigration law since 2000. She is currently based at Goldsmith Chambers where she is joint head of the Immigration team with her colleague Sarah Pinder.

She is also committed to providing training to pupil barristers and was approved to become a pupil supervisor in 2011.

In suitable cases, Samina will undertake direct access work, directly for members of the public

Languages spoken:

- Punjabi, Urdu, Hindi
- Kiswahili
- Basic German, Basic Italian

Immigration

Her practice in this area of law has grown over the years, alongside her need to ensure that those most vulnerable members of society receive the best possible representation. She is passionate about access to justice and is committed to consistently delivering excellent service.

Samina has been instructed to act on a number of complex business immigration cases and she has never failed to impress clients with the depth and breadth of her knowledge, given her background in this area. Samina is approachable, with a very loyal following of clients, especially as she is known to be efficient and organised in her work.

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Her practice in immigration is extensive, including being instructed regularly as counsel on Judicial Reviews matters and appeals to the Court of Appeal. She has also in the past been instructed as counsel in a SIAC case.

Samina has also, often been called upon as immigration expert in family proceedings on issues of nationality, status and rights of parties.

She also delivers training in relation to the latest immigration developments, is contributor to Lexis Nexis's practice notes and Butterworths Immigration Law Service.

Selected Training

EU citizens living and working in the UK after Brexit with Sarah Pinder (2019) – CLT (Central Law Training)

Unlawful Detention in Civil Courts (2018/2019) – Goldsmith Chambers and Astenj Professional Training

Webinar on *Hostile Environment Measures* with Sarah Pinder (2019) – Lexis Nexis

Notable cases:

- ***Abdul Khalek v Secretary of State for the Home Department JR/13541/2016*** (Permission granted on 9 June 2017, to challenge SS certification of a failure to exercise the “most anxious scrutiny” when giving reasons why there were no insurmountable obstacles to family life *9 June 2017 – settled*)
- ***Zekaj, R (on the application of) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2016] EWHC 1643 (Admin)*** (26 April 2016) (Permission refused by the High Court, subsequently granted by the COA on the papers – trafficking case – settled) 16th January 2017
- ***CD (Jamaica) C5/2015/2236*** (deportation appeal of SSHD dismissed) – 14th July 2016
- ***Jerusalem Mehari JR/1248/2016*** (substantive JR dismissed – fresh claim in relation to disputed Eritrean/Ethiopian Nationality) – 25th September 2016
- ***Margie Torres JR/6686/2015*** (substantive JR allowed – fresh claim in relation to Art 8 and carers) – 9th May 2016
- ***Mahmuda Begum JR/4523/2013*** (Permission granted on fresh claim 5th October 2016 – settled)
- ***YP (Sri Lanka) [2015] EWCA Civ 1565*** (deportation appeal dismissed) – 8th December 2015
- ***Hormozi CO/4803/2015*** (Hungary Dublin II – permission granted – settled) – 26th November 2015
- ***R (Shahbaz) v SSHD JR/4523/2013*** (substantive JR dismissed – validity of application) – 5th February 2015
- ***R (on the application of Iqbal) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2014] EWHC 1822 (Admin)***
- ***OS (Pakistan) [2014] EWCA Civ 949*** (Permission granted – evidential flexibility – settled) – 17th June 2013
- ***Agubata v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2012] EWCA Civ 140 (26 January 2012)***
- ***MM and SA (Pankina: near-miss) Pakistan [2010] UKUT 481(IAC)***
- ***BB v SSHD: SC/26/2003*** (SIAC case – Challenge to the decision of the Entry Clearance Officer to refuse entry to an Indian National resident in the UK on the basis of national security. Matter was conceded before it went to court on the basis of representation made.
- ***HH (Adjudicator reasoning – Risk on return) Afghanistan [2003] UKIAT 00138***
- ***The Secretary of State for the Home Department v Badu [2002] UKIAT 04731***
- ***Alfred Buba, Skender Rama (KLA – Deserters) Kosovo CG [2001] UKIAT 00003***

Publications

- ***“Family and Immigration Proceedings – treading the minefield for the practitioner”*** *Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Law Journal* – Vol 33, no 3, 2019, 240-258

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- Contributing author to Butterworths Immigration Law Service
- Contributing author to the [LexisPSL Immigration](#)
- *“Homeward Bound for Families Unlawfully Deported”* – LexisWeb
- Practice Note on *“Temporary Admission and Bail”* – LexisWeb

Appointments

2018 – to date – Fee Paid Immigration Judge: Social Entitlement Chamber

2017 – [Environment and Traffic Adjudicator](#)

2006 – to date – Fee Paid Immigration Judge: Immigration and Asylum Chamber

2004 – 2015 – Adjudicator: Legal Services Commission Funding Review for immigration cases.

2011 – Pupil Supervisor

Memberships

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