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Sanaz is an established practitioner in immigration, asylum and human rights law, with particular expertise in complex EU immigration.

Sanaz is ranked as a leading junior in immigration within Legal 500.

Sanaz is well regarded for her meticulous case preparation, effective advocacy and personable nature. Her passion for this area of law was cemented during an internship at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Professional clients have said that she is *“excellent counsel covering a range of areas in the field of immigration law and practice. Consistently meticulous and conscientious in her work and importantly receives excellent client feedback.”* In addition, *“very thorough, has empathy for clients and is able to relate to clients in such a way that they feel she makes a big difference to their case.”*

Sanaz is an assessor for the Law Society ‘Immigration Law Advanced’ Accreditation Scheme, the highest level of accreditation available within the Law Society Immigration Accreditation Scheme and she is a regular contributor to Butterworths Immigration Law Supplement (European Law Division).

Fully committed to legally aided clients, Sanaz is also instructed by private clients, businesses, OISC organisations and charities.

Sanaz is available to deliver training and seminars for professional clients, businesses (including HR) and charities on all aspects of immigration law.

Sanaz is qualified to undertake direct access work.

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Immigration

Notable Cases

- [Banger \(EEA: EFM – Right of Appeal\) \[2019\] UKUT 00194\(IAC\)](#).
- [LS \(Article 45 TFEU – derivative rights\) \[2018\] UKUT 00426 \(IAC\)](#) – LS was the primary carer of a British Citizen child. It was successfully argued that Article 45 of the TFEU applied.
- [Secretary of State for the Home Department v Banger – C-89/17](#) – Judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union which has resulted in an amendment to The (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016. These amendments have reinstated appeal rights for extended family members and have extended the application of Regulation 9 to include extended family members.
- [Banger \(Unmarried Partner of British National : South Africa\) \[2017\] UKUT 125 \(IAC\) \(30 March 2017\)](#)
- Led by Anthony Metzer QC. Reference to the Court of Justice of the European Union. Issues: whether the rationale in *Surinder Singh* applies to the unmarried partner of a British National. Furthermore, whether the removal of extended family members' appeal rights is contrary to primary EU law.
- [YHS v SSHD \(2019\)](#): 10 year lawful residence appeal. The Tribunal accepted the submissions made on behalf of the appellant that the gaps in lawful residence and the period of time spent outside the UK when the appellant was a minor did not interrupt lawful residence to exclude the appellant from the relevant rule.
- [GJ v SSHD \(2018\)](#): appeal allowed on Article 8 grounds on the basis of emotional dependency on settled family members of an adult with severe physical health concerns who was and had been in the UK unlawfully.
- [MB v SSHD \(2017\)](#): successfully argued that it would be disproportionate for the appellant to return to Mongolia to continue to conduct litigation in relation to her minor child, who had been abducted to Singapore by the father of the child who had been made a ward of Court in the UK.
- [DS v SSHD \(2016\)](#): dependent relative appeal allowed on Article 8 grounds in country. It was found to be disproportionate to expect the appellant to leave the UK in order to make an application under the relevant immigration rule out of country.

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PUBLICATIONS AND SEMINARS

- Butterworths Immigration Law Supplement (Regular contributor to the European Division)
- “Brexit and business immigration”
- Sanaz was interviewed by Lexis Nexis about the Judgment in *Banger*.

Memberships

- Immigration Law Practitioners Association

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