

## Sangeetha Iengar

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Sangeetha is a public law practitioner specializing in asylum, immigration and international human rights law. She has a busy practice and regularly appears before the First Tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal on asylum, immigration and deportation appeals as well as appearing before the Upper Tribunal and the Administrative Court in substantive judicial review claims. She has particular experience of working with vulnerable clients and dealing with urgent applications, be that representing unaccompanied children, victims of torture or those suffering from mental health problems, as well as seeking injunctive relief against removal.

Sangeetha also has an extensive international practice. She spent two years in Brussels working with the European Commission to improve the access to fundamental rights for undocumented children and families. In this role she published a book, which was instrumental in broadening the discourse on irregular migration within the European institutions and member states.

She has spent several years 'on the ground' dedicated to advising governments of fragile states and parties in conflict zones. This has involved advising Governments on improving access to justice for vulnerable communities, proposing structural improvements to formal criminal justice systems, advising on capital punishment cases, and implementing community-based justice solutions regionally. All of her work has focused on improving access to legal rights for the most vulnerable of communities.

Sangeetha has published policy papers and reports on a broad range of human rights, rule of law and migration issues. She is also accustomed to speaking on rule of law and immigration matters, and has conducted several trainings and lectures on a variety of rule of law and human rights issues.

Sangeetha is qualified to accept instructions via the direct access scheme.

## Publications

- December 2015 '**Explaining how to use a problem-driven iterative adaptation approach in restructuring pre-existing institutional reform programmes**' Produced for DFID through the LASER (Legal Assistance for Economic Reform) programme

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- April 2015 '**An Assessment of Rigorous Impact Evaluations in Commercial Law and Justice Reforms**' Commissioned by DFID
- February 2015 '**The impact of the ebola crisis on Sierra Leone's commercial law and justice priorities**' (*co-author*) Commissioned by the Justice Sector Coordination Office of Sierra Leone
- December 2014 '**Access to Legal Aid in Somaliland: Considering the Role of the Public Defender's Office in Somaliland Against a Demand-Side Analysis of Legal Aid Needs**' Commissioned by DFID, presented to the Ministry of Justice of Somaliland
- December 2014 '**Accessing Legal Aid in Somaliland: Considering the Role of Paralegals**' Commissioned by DFID, presented to the Ministry of Justice of Somaliland
- November 2014 '**The Importance of Associations: Developing a Bar Association for Somaliland**' Commissioned by DFID, presented to the Somaliland Women Lawyers Association and the Somaliland Lawyers Association
- January 2013 '**Children First and Foremost: A guide to the realising the rights of children and families in an irregular migration situation**' Published by PICUM, commissioned by the European Commission
- August 2012 '**The Rights of All Children in the Context of International Migration**' (*contributing author*) Published by OHCHR, Committee on the Rights of the Child

## Languages

- Tamil (native)
- French (fluent)
- Hindi (conversational)
- Spanish (conversational)
- Arabic (written only)

## Immigration

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### Notable Cases

- Leka, R (on the application of) SSHD JR/4584/2015 successful substantive JR concerning certification of protection claim involving threat of forced marriage to a minor;
- Liksenaj, R (on the application of) v SSHD JR/900/2016 substantive JR certification challenge on a claim involving a longstanding victim of child sexual and physical abuse;
- Rhouila, R (on the application of) v SSHD JR/3793/2016 successful substantive JR of a fresh claim in relation to foreign national family carers;
- Kaur, R (on the application of) v SSHD JR/10374/2016 successful substantive JR challenge in a matter involving unlawful detention before the Administrative court; and
- SS (Pakistan) v SSHD C5/2016/2560 ongoing Court of Appeal matter concerning the proper approach to be taken in cases concerning irregular migrants who act as whistleblowers for serious criminal investigations.

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# Memberships

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International Bar Association (Member of the Access to Justice and Legal Aid Committee and Member of the Asia Pacific Regional Forum)

Bar Human Rights Committee

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