

Natasha Jackson

Call Date: 2015



Natasha has a public, commercial and civil law practice, with a focus on international and cross-border work.

She is presently instructed as counsel to the [Iraq Fatality Investigations](#), an Article 2 inquiry led by Baroness Heather Hallett into civilian deaths in Iraq involving British forces.

Natasha recently appeared (led by Rupert Butler) in the 10-week directors disqualification trial arising out of the collapse of Kids Company, acting on behalf of the charity's CEO.

Legal Services

Commercial, Company and Insolvency

Natasha's practice covers a broad range of contentious and non-contentious commercial, company and insolvency matters. She has particular experience acting in proceedings arising out of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 and issues of *de facto* directorship.

Natasha is a regular contributor to the Lexis publication, Corporate Restructuring and Insolvency.

Notable Commercial, Company and Insolvency cases

Re Keeping Kids Company (led by Rupert Butler) (judgment pending):

Acting on behalf of Camila Batmanghelidjh, CEO, in the 10-week directors disqualification proceedings arising out of the collapse of the charity, Kids Company. This is the first CDDA 1986 case that has been pursued in the context of a charitable company, and raises novel issues relating to *de facto* directorship and the responsibilities of non-executive directors of a charity.

Re Keeping Kids Company; Official Receiver v Atkinson [2020] EWHC 2839 (Ch) (led by Rupert Butler):

In this interlocutory decision, Falk J refused to allow the Official Receiver to advance at trial case of breach of

duty that had not previously been advanced on the evidence relied upon.

Acting on behalf of a leading car manufacturer in a claim concerning the scope of the customer warranty agreement and the apportionment of liability between the manufacturer and its franchise-holders.

Advising a charitable think tank on the governance responsibilities of the Trustee Board and the delegation of management functions.

Roger Trett v Yasmin Akhtar:

Acting for the petitioning creditor in an appeal challenging the first-instance findings as to the debtor's centre of main interest.

Regular appearances in the Business and Property Courts and County Court in a range of corporate and personal insolvency matters, including private examinations.

Advising on a range of corporate insolvency matters, including shadow and de facto directorship, breach of fiduciary duty, unlawful distribution, transactions at an undervalue and section 127 declarations.

Public law, human rights and education

Natasha acts in a range of judicial reviews and civil claims, with a particular focus on education law and discrimination. She also has experience bringing and appealing claims by constitutional motion in Commonwealth jurisdictions. Her practice is informed by her experience as an independent governor of The Bridge School, a pioneering SEND Academy in Holloway.

Natasha is a member of the Geoffrey Nice Foundation working group on the role of international judicial mechanisms in post-conflict society. As part of this group, she participated in an ICTY masterclass examining the massacre at Srebrenica and working on the definition of genocide. She has been awarded a Pegasus Scholarship by Inner Temple to work on transitional justice and victim engagement at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon in Beirut (2020 – postponed due to COVID-19).

Before joining the Bar, Natasha held the Richard Sandbrook Fellowship at the International Union for the Conservation of Nature in Switzerland, advising on the RED+ conservation and social justice programme. She worked as a Legal Intern for the UNDP prior to pupillage, working on judicial transparency and the rule of law.

Notable Public law, human rights and education cases

In her work as counsel to the Inspector on the Iraq Fatality Investigations, Natasha advises on the scope of Article 2 inquiries, matters of international humanitarian law and international human rights law.

Acting pro bono for a parent in a civil action arising out of the bullying of her children at their academy school.

Acting for a group of Muslim parents to challenge a school's refusal to provide halal school meals.

Acting on behalf of a group of civil servants in an appeal arising out of the failure to recognise their eligibility for promotion or to refer them for promotion (Trinidad & Tobago).

Drafting legislation and statutory regulations for the Gibraltar government.

Advising on the law of contempt in respect of a judicial review challenge to the government's failure to take action against a property developer in respect of his dredging activities in Clifton Bay (Bahamas).

Acting in judicial review challenges and civil claims against unlawful detention under immigration powers.

Natasha was due to report as a Trial Observer for the Bar Human Rights Committee on military courts in May-June 2020 (postponed due to COVID-19).

Public Inquiries and Inquests

Natasha acts on behalf of families, individuals and organisations in a range of inquests, with a particular interest in those under Articles 2 and 3.

She holds security clearance (SC) and is experienced in handling sensitive information.

She is presently instructed in the Iraq Fatality Investigations as assisting counsel to the Inspector, Baroness Heather Hallett. In this work, Natasha advises on all matters relating to the substance and procedure of the quasi-judicial inquiry, including on the requirements of Article 2, issues of disclosure and evidence, ICC and AG prosecution undertakings and matters of anonymity.

Notable Public Inquiries and Inquests cases

[Investigation into the deaths of Radhi Nama and Mousa Ali \(Ongoing\)](#)

[Investigation into the death of Ahmed Jabbar Kareem Ali \(Ongoing\)](#)

[Investigation into the death of Saeed Radhi Shabram Wawi Al-Bazooni:](#)

Baroness Hallett's report into the death of Saeed Shabram, laid before Parliament and published in September 2020.

[Investigation into the death of Tariq Sabri Mahmud:](#)

Sir George Newman's report into the death of Tariq Sabri Mahmud, laid before Parliament and published in March 2019.

[Inquest touching upon the death of Dr J Warshafsky:](#)

Acting as sole counsel on behalf of a public body within the Department of Health in a complex inquest into the drug-related death of a medical registrar.

[The Tunisia Inquests:](#)

Advised bereaved family in the inquests arising from the terrorist attack in Sousse, Tunisia in June 2015.

Natasha was seconded in 2016 to a leading solicitors' firm, working on regulatory and inquest proceedings involving medical care providers and care homes.

Immigration and Asylum

Natasha acts in a range of immigration, asylum and unlawful detention matters and regularly appears in the Immigration Tribunals and High Court.

She is experienced in asylum appeals under domestic and European refugee law and regularly works in camps and clinics in Athens, Calais and Dunkirk. She is a frequent volunteer with RLS Athens, offering legal advice on family reunification and asylum to clients in Greece.

Natasha represents detained clients pro bono through Bail for Immigration Detainees.

Notable Immigration and Asylum cases

[R \(Mendes\) v SSHD \[2020\] EWCA Civ 924 \(lead by Becket Bedford\)](#)

The Court of Appeal allowed the applicant's appeal against the refusal of interim relief in a judicial review challenge to the regulation 33 certification of his deportation under the EEA 2016 Regulations.

Acting on behalf of a victim of trafficking in respect of the curtailment of her benefit payments.

Advising on Court of Protection and capacity issues in asylum proceedings.

Acting in a successful JR of the Home Office delay in determining an asylum claim.

Acting on behalf of an EEA citizen in her deportation appeal and reg 33 judicial review challenge.

Acting in a complex unlawful detention challenge relating to detention under immigration and extradition powers.

Advising a UK-registered charity on visa and contracting matters post-Brexit.

Jurisdiction, Conflicts and Travel

Natasha is regularly instructed in matters raising jurisdictional and conflict of law issues, particularly in relation to insurance jurisdiction. She is experienced in claims under the Athens and Montreal Conventions and the Package Travel Regulations and regularly represents major tour operators and insurer clients.

Notable Jurisdiction, Conflicts and Travel cases

[Keefe v \(1\) Mapfre Mutualidad Compania De Seguros Y Reaseguros SA \(2\) Hoteles Pinero Canarias SL \(led by](#)

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Howard Stevens QC and Katherine Deal QC):

Supreme Court appeal concerning the interpretation of the Brussels I Regulations governing jurisdiction in insurance matters. The case is currently on reference to the CJEU.

Advising on actions against insolvent airlines.

Acting on behalf of a Claimant in a claim arising out of a criminal attack in Spain.

Acting in a series of claims for a travel insurance provider in relation to claims arising out of the scope of its policy cover.

Publications

- Iraq Fatality Investigations, Consolidated Report into the death of Saeed Radhi Shabram Wawi Al-Bazooni, September 2020 (CP 290)
(https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/946953/Report_into_the_death_of_Saeed_Radhi_Shabram_Wawi_Al-Bazooni__web-ready_version_.pdf)
- Iraq Fatality Investigations, Consolidated Report into the death of Tariq Sabri Mahmud, March 2019 (CP 78)
(https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/789240/MAHMUD_FINAL_The_Iraq_Fatality_Investigations_2019_Web_accessible.pdf)
- Free Movement, Eviction of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children under European Law, 4 July 2019 (<https://www.freemovement.org.uk/court-of-justice-to-rule-on-eviction-of-children-from-asylum-shelters/>)
- **Limits to the Duomatic principle**, Corporate Restructuring and Insolvency, October 2017, vol 10 issue 5
- No Limits: the indefinite suspension of a bankrupt's discharge, Corporate Restructuring and Insolvency, vol 10 issue 5, April 2017
- Validation orders require more than good faith, Corporate Restructuring and Insolvency, October 2016

Memberships

- ALBA
- ILPA

- BHRA
- Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR)

Qualifications

- Bar Professional Training Course (Outstanding), City Law School
- Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction), City Law School
- History BA, Exeter College, University of Oxford

Languages

- Spanish (including study at the University of Havana)
- French (conversational)
- Levantine Arabic (conversational)

Awards

- Pegasus Scholarship, Inner Temple (2020)
- GNF Bursary, Inner Temple (2015)
- Major Scholarship, Inner Temple (2014)
- BPTC Advocacy Scholarship (2014)
- GDL Scholarship, Inner Temple (2013)
- Leilo Stampa Prize for Disciplines of History, Exeter College, Oxford (2013)
- Quarrel-Read Prize, Exeter College, Oxford (2013)
- Simon Pointer Prize for History, University of Oxford (2012)