

Soraya Pascoe

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Soraya's main areas of practice are family law (public and private, both children matters and finance), immigration and public law. She has expertise in matters concerning international, cross-jurisdiction and human rights issues as well as trafficking and child abduction.

In both her family and immigration practices, her work frequently includes dealing with vulnerable parties, sometimes *pro bono*, including those who are assisted by the Official Solicitor following a capacity assessment.

She is instructed by overseas lawyers to act for their clients in this jurisdiction and also acts in matters involving the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction in cases where there has been abduction or wrongful retention of a child or children whether in a Hague or non-Hague Convention country or domestically.

She is an expert witness instructed as a joint expert and single expert on international and jurisdictional issues in both private and public law matters.

Soraya conducts training for CPD courses for professionals in England and Wales and was recently a speaker at the English-Polish Law Day in Poland, organised by the Bar Council and the Warsaw Bar Association. She has also been an international trainer for the British Council, the Council of Europe and the Aire Centre. She has travelled to Albania and Romania as a member of the Bar Human Rights Committee and has trained Russian professionals and academics in the implementation of safeguarding law and human rights.

Soraya also undertakes other areas of work such as regulatory, criminal and civil matters as well as Coroner's Court representation and inquests. Soraya has experience in sifting through disclosure through her Criminal Law, Civil Law and Public Family Law experience and thus is ideally placed to undertake work as Disclosure Counsel.

She is on the Falkland Islands' approved lawyers list.

Languages spoken

French, German and a working knowledge of Albanian as well as Russian and other related languages.

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Family

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Animal Rights

Soraya has long been interested in Animal Rights. She is a member of [ALAW – UK Centre for Animal Law](#) and has been a moot Judge in Animal Law student moots at City University. She has prosecuted actions on behalf of the RSPCA. Her Public Law practice has involved dealing with complex legal and factual issues, drafting legal arguments and advocating for the vulnerable such as through the mechanism of Judicial Review. In Civil Law and Family Law where domestic animals are regarded as chattels, she seeks a change in approach from looking at animals as having merely monetary value to a consideration of their welfare, in situations such as where a family is impacted by domestic abuse or facing homelessness.

Immigration

In her immigration practice, Soraya's work frequently includes dealing with vulnerable parties, sometimes *pro bono*, including those who may not have capacity to give instructions or to give evidence.

Memberships

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