

SPRING NEWS 2023...Goodbyes and Welcomes!



HEADS OF TEAM: With spring finally here, we wanted to update you on the changes within our team as we continue to celebrate our collaborations with you. As of this month, our Joint-Heads, [Samina Iqbal](#) and [Sarah Pinder](#), who have led the team since Spring 2018 are making way for new leadership. We are delighted to announce that [Krystelle Wass](#) and [Julian Norman](#) are carrying the mantle forward and will continue to lead the team from strength to strength!

CLERKS: We are also delayed in formally welcoming our new Junior Clerk: William Heavey. William joined Chambers and our team at the start of March 2023 and has been settling in very well. No doubt, most of you who have been in touch with our clerks will have now communicated with William and we hope that you will agree that he is a stellar addition to [our clerking team](#). We also take this opportunity to thank our Senior Clerk Neil and our Business and Operations Manager, Asli Ozalga. We would like to mark our profound gratitude for their respective hard-work and dedication to our team. There have been some difficult times since the pandemic and we experienced significant periods in 2022 where we were short-staffed and both Neil and Asli have worked tremendously hard to support us, for which we are truly grateful! We would also extend our thanks to all of you too, for your support during this period which has ensured we were able to overcome any obstacles and deliver our service as smoothly as possible.

Lastly, we celebrate and share our recent inclusion as a Leading Set in immigration in the [Chambers and Partners](#) legal directory, where we are now recommended. This is the entry from the 2023 edition:



Goldsmith Chambers offers a wealth of expertise in all areas of immigration and asylum, at all levels of the court and tribunal system including the Supreme Court. A source comments: "The expertise on offer at Goldsmith is very strong." The set is noted for its creativity and innovation, with one interviewee noting that "the set is approachable and open to considering matters from different angles," which is an "excellent approach to practically complex cases." Notable highlights this year include a series of complex and high-profile deportation challenges, appeals and judicial review.

Both [Samina Iqbal](#) and [Sarah Pinder](#) will continue to be integral members of the immigration and public law team.

Samina and Sarah each continue to juggle their practice with several judicial appointments, which they each continue part-time.



[Krystelle Wass](#) and [Julian Norman](#) will head-up the team as Joint-Heads. Krystelle has a mixed practice, encompassing immigration, refugee and asylum and public law. She also has particular expertise in disclosure matters, specifically in large serious fraud cases.

Julian also enjoys a mixed practice with immigration, public law as well as regulatory and disciplinary tribunal work. Julian has particular expertise in Ukrainian cases, both pre- and post the Russian invasion and also holds two judicial appointments, which she undertakes part-time.

And to complete this short newsletter, please see below for some of our team’s achievements over the last twelve months. Should you wish to find out more, instruct members of our team and/or receive training in specialist areas of immigration, public law and cross-over issues such as family law proceedings, please do get in touch using the contact details at the bottom of the newsletter.

In the meantime, we wish you all the best for the rest of this Spring season and we look forward to continue to work with you in the near future.

Goldsmith Chambers, immigration and public law team, 18.05.2023

<p>Challenges to Afghan resettlement policies</p>	<p>Including challenge to unlawful delay & Afghanistan Assistance & Relocation Policy in Afghan ex-National-Crime Agency mentored worker. This case resulted in a positive eligibility decision being taken after a significant period of delay. Sarah Pinder acted for the Claimant led by Sonali Naik KC of Garden Court Chambers.</p>
<p>European Union Settlement Scheme/UK-EU Withdrawal Agreement Challenges</p>	<p>Including High Court to consider whether requirements to show dependency lawful. Charlotte Bayati is acting for the Claimant led by Chris Butler KC of Matrix Chambers. Hearing took place 25th April 2023 before Mr Justice P Lane & judgment reserved. EA/13870/2021 (unreported) - Upper Tribunal likening the EU Settlement Scheme Rules to rabbit hole in <i>Alice in Wonderland</i>: “Like Alice in Wonderland one falls down a rabbit hole and stumbles across a circular race, with the Eaglet exclaiming: ‘Speak English!... I don’t know the meaning of half of those long words, and what’s more, I don’t believe you do either!’.” Whilst unreported, this case was widely reported on specialist immigration law websites/blogs and social media as reflecting the sorry state of affairs in relation to the post-Brexit immigration rules. Jamila Hassan was acting for the Appellant.</p>



	Several other cases pending in the UT and in the Court of Appeal.
Ukrainian asylum/humanitarian protection claims (pre- and post-Russian invasion)	
Sri Lankan Tamil cases	Including successful challenges to Tamil Sri Lankans' limbo in Diego Garcia with Charlotte Bayati and Amanda Walker acting for claimants. These cases also attracted significant media attention – see Channel 4 coverage here and here .
Inter-play between family & immigration law proceedings with Samina Iqbal and Sarah called to give oral evidence in October 2022 to House of Lords Home Affairs and Justice Committee in 'Family Migration' inquiry.	
Approach to medical and other expert evidence	HA (expert evidence, mental health) Sri Lanka [2022] UKUT 111 (IAC) Charlotte Bayati was acting for the Appellant (<i>pro bono</i>). Application for permission to appeal to Supreme Court in <i>MV (Sri Lanka)</i> as inconsistent Court of Appeal case-law on whether judgment in <i>AM (Zimbabwe)</i> should apply to mental health & suicide risk. Charlotte Bayati acting for the Appellant led by Sonali Naik KC.
Deprivation of British Citizenship appeals in the Tribunal (both tiers) and SIAC	Walile (deprivation, self-incrimination, anonymity) [2022] UKUT 17 (IAC) Lawrence Youssefian was acting for the Appellant and was led by Alistair McKenzie of Doughty Street Chambers.
Exclusion appeals on grounds of public security/policy conducted in SIAC , including a pending appeal in which Sanaz Saifolahi led by Anthony Metzger KC represent	
Technical and procedural challenges (including procedural fairness) including the giving of oral evidence from overseas	Elais (fairness and extended family members) [2022] UKUT 00300 (IAC) Paul Richardson was acting for the Respondent (SSHD appeal in UT) and Sanaz Saifolahi was acting for the Appellant in the FTT. Challenge in the High Court to the legality of delegated legislation authorising notice by service "to file". Alexis Slatter acting for the Claimant.
Charlotte Proudman awarded <i>Advocate of the Year</i> in the Women & Diversity in Law Awards 2023 with Bronwen Jones, Finalist <i>Returner of the Year</i> and Sarah Pinder, Finalist <i>Advocate of the Year</i>	
Short-listed for the Advocate Pro Bono Awards 2022 with Sarah Pinder in the <i>Junior Barrister of the Year</i> category	



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