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Alexis is a human rights and public law practitioner who has extensive expertise of Judicial Review and appellate court work.

Alexis is ranked in the Legal 500 2021 edition, (Tier 4 – *Leading Juniors*) – ‘*A competent, confident, and dauntless advocate who always sets the pace for the arguments, leads the way, and thinks outside the box in critical moments.*’

Alexis specialises in personal and business immigration law and is developing a practice in Extradition Law and Animal Law.

Publications

Contributing editor of Lexis Nexis’ Butterworths Immigration Law Service Appeals section.

Immigration

Alexis has over 20 years experience practising in the field of UK immigration law. As well as being recommended in the 2021 edition, the Legal 500 also recommended Alexis as: “*he is a no-nonsense advocate and very effective as well.*” (2020 ed.) and “*his unassuming character belies his great strength and exceptional intellect in fighting your case.*” (2019 ed.).

His expertise covers both personal and business immigration law and he acts for individuals and businesses either through OISC representatives, solicitors or by direct access arrangement where appropriate.

Alexis is regularly instructed in Human Rights, EEA, Deportation, Asylum, Humanitarian Protection, and Deprivation of Citizenship appeals before the First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal. Alexis also has a

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wealth of Judicial Review experience in all types of immigration related public law challenges both before the Upper Tribunal and the Administrative Court including unlawful detention, sponsor licence, NRM trafficking decisions, fresh claims, certification and citizenship cases.

Alexis is particularly adept at handling legally and factually complex cases and welcomes early involvement, in applications and when seeking remedies against negative decisions, in order to secure timely resolution. Alexis represents vulnerable individuals, such as unaccompanied asylum seeking children, victims of torture, victims of domestic violence, victims of trafficking and people with complex health problems. He also regularly acts for immigration detainees and has particular expertise in criminal deportation cases.

Notable Cases

R (Mahmood and Ors) v Upper Tribunal and Ors [2020] EWCA Civ 717 – ruling on the definition of “an offence that has caused serious harm” in Part 5A of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002

Balajigari v SSHD [2019] EWCA Civ 673 – test case giving guidance on the general ground of refusal in para 322(5) of the immigration rules in the context of ‘tax discrepancy’ cases, procedural fairness in common law and human rights considerations – a summary can be accessed [here](#).

SSHD v KE (Nigeria) [2017] EWCA Civ 1382 – ruling on the interpretation of sentences for mentally ill ‘foreign criminals’ and the application of the automatic deportation regime.

R (Hammed Mohammed Alhammadi) v SSHD (FCJR) [2013] UKUT 00540 (IAC) – fresh claim judicial review on protection grounds.

JK (India) v SSHD [2013] EWCA Civ 1080 – false documents used by a student seeking an extension of leave.

EK (Article 4 ECHR: Anti-Trafficking Convention) Tanzania [2013] UKUT 00313 (IAC) – test case involving article 4 ECHR in a trafficking and asylum claim.

MD (Afghanistan) v SSHD [2012] EWCA Civ 194 – guidance given for those seeking urgent interim relief from the Court of Appeal.

R (M) v SSHD [2012] EWHC 1112 (Admin) – successful 18 month unlawful detention judicial review claim in the Administrative Court following which substantial damages were secured for the claimant.

Ahmed Mahad & Others v Entry Clearance Officer [2009] UKSC 16, [2010] 1 WLR 48 – Supreme Court case concerning third party support and the interpretation of immigration rules generally.

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Animal Rights

Alexis is committed to advancing the protection of animals through the law. He is a member of [ALAW - UK Centre for Animal Law](#) and has acquired a broad knowledge of the [Animal Welfare Act 2006](#) and the [Dangerous Dogs Act 1991](#). In his work, Alexis is able to draw on his extensive experience in and commitment to acting for those who are the most vulnerable within society making him well-suited to taking on cases to safeguard and promote the interests of non-human animals.

In addition to his expertise in Judicial Review work, the cases in which Alexis is often involved require insightful analysis of legally and factually complex information drawn from a variety of international sources, which assists this area of his practice.

Memberships

- ILPA
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