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Catherine's practice is focused on human rights, immigration, refugee and animal rights law. Catherine represents clients at all levels.

Catherine's work is unique in terms of the breadth and depth of expertise she provides. Catherine's work impacts the rights of refugees, LGBTQ+ persons, victims of sexual violence and detainees on not just a local, but in some cases a global scale.

This was recognised when Catherine was named Advocate's Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2020. Her work over the past year has included successful submissions to the Romanian Constitutional Court in relation to a proposed law which breached Romania's obligations under international law to gender non-confirming persons, and a complex and impactful advice to an international solicitors' firm on the right to reparations for victims of sexual violence in conflict.

Catherine is a dedicated and frequent volunteer for Bail for Immigration Detainees, the UK Lesbian and Gay Immigration Group and the NGO 'FENIX'.

Catherine is a founding member of the Trans Equality Legal Initiative, a coalition of Lawyers, trans activists and diversity professionals working to empower trans people to enforce their rights in the UK.

Catherine is dedicated to Animal Rights, and is a founding member of the Goldsmith Chambers Animal Rights team. She is a longstanding member of ALAW (the UK Centre for Animal Law).

Immigration

Catherine has a longstanding commitment to migrants' rights, and has experience of all areas of Refugee and Immigration Law.

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Prior to coming to the Bar, Catherine worked as a paralegal in the Immigration team at Blake Morgan LLP where she quickly built a strong foundation in all forms of immigration law. Catherine assisted clients with the full spectrum of applications, including Points-Based System applications, Private Life/Article 8 applications and EEA applications; as well as appeals and Judicial Reviews. In this role Catherine developed her skills in taking instructions, drafting representations and managing clients. Catherine was trusted by her supervising Partner with handling the more legally complex cases in which the team was instructed.

Alongside her role as a paralegal, Catherine volunteered part-time at Hammersmith and Fulham Law Centre. Catherine assisted with the preparation of asylum claims and appeals for vulnerable clients, including taking instructions, drafting witness statements, drafting representations and preparing bundles.

Catherine has volunteered for Bail for Immigration Detainees since she began practising as a barrister, and frequently represents BID's client's in pro bono bail applications.

Catherine is a committed and regular volunteer for the UK Lesbian and Gay Immigration Group, which provides support and advice to LGBT refugees.

Most recently, Catherine has begun to assist and advise the NGO 'FENIX' in relation to the reunification of refugee families, members of whom have been detained in Camp Moria in Lesbos.

Animal Rights

Catherine is committed to animal rights, and is a member of ALAW (the UK Centre for Animal Law), an organisation which was co-founded in 1997 by Catherine's colleague, Frances Allen.

Catherine's background in Judicial Review in an immigration context means she is skilled in challenging decisions of government departments, and can assist with advice on merits, drafting pre-action protocol letters, drafting Judicial Review grounds and representing organisations and individuals at court.

Catherine's extensive professional and pro bono experience, which includes experience of criminal, civil and family law when she began practice, means that she is well-placed to act as Junior Disclosure Counsel. She routinely deals with complex cases including expert evidence, and is able to read, absorb, decipher and analyse numerous complex documents efficiently and accurately.

Memberships

- ILPA
- ALAW

Awards

- Advocate Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year 2020

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