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Kezia practices in all areas of immigration, asylum and nationality law and regularly appears in the First Tier Tribunal, Upper Tribunal and Court of Appeal. In addition to representing clients in the full spectrum of immigration, asylum and deport appeals, Kezia is frequently instructed in judicial review matters within the immigration context. Having previously practiced in family law, she also advises on issues relating to the cross-over between the two disciplines. She has some pro bono experience of representing interested parties at inquest hearings.

Kezia has an approachable and empathetic manner, making her particularly adept at working with trauma survivors and other vulnerable clients. She is dedicated to and enjoys a collaborative working approach with solicitors and lay clients alike. In suitable cases, Kezia will undertake direct access work from members of the public.

Kezia began her legal career as a caseworker at the Refugee Legal Centre, where she was involved in the preparation from start to finish of asylum and other immigration applications. She subsequently worked at Bail for Immigration Detainees (BID) where she focused on casework contributing to the campaign to end the detention of children. In that capacity, she worked closely with other organizations across the sector providing support to asylum seekers and detainees. She has been a Trustee at BID since 2016.

Kezia has a dedicated interest in international human rights issues, and from 2013 to 2015 was based in northern Afghanistan as Head of Office for a German-government run project aimed at strengthening the rule of law. Kezia continues to carry out international consultancy work on matters relating to the rule of law and international development where relevant.

Kezia's international outlook previously led her to spend time working at the European Parliament and for two human rights lobby groups in Brussels. More recently, she has provided assistance on a pro bono basis to Fenix Humanitarian Legal Aid, an NGO supporting asylum seekers in Moria camp, Lesbos.

Kezia is a skilled presenter with extensive teaching experience. She regularly provides training in immigration law to fellow practitioners. She has taught on the subject of international human rights and justice at the College for International Citizenship in Birmingham for the past 12 years, and has previously been a visiting lecturer in International Criminal Law on the LLM programme at London Southbank University. Kezia has also spoken at the Tokyo Bar Association on the usage of immigration detention, and has delivered workshops at Yangon Bar Association

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in Myanmar on International Humanitarian Law and the International Criminal Court.

Kezia speaks conversational Japanese and very basic German and Dari. She has a keen interest in theatre.

Immigration

Kezia accepts instructions in all aspects of immigration and asylum law including refugee family reunion. She is frequently instructed in matters under the EEA Regulations, and since its introduction has advised on applications within the EU Settlement Scheme. She has extensive experience of deportation matters as well as human rights and Article 8 ECHR cases, both within and outside the Immigration Rules. Kezia advises on nationality applications and challenges against refusals of citizenship.

Selected Training

EU law update: residence documentation for EEA nationals and their family members (2017) – Asten J Professional Training

Dealing with Detention: A look at the changes brought about by Schedule 10 to the Immigration Act 2016 (2018) – Society of British Bangladeshi Solicitors

Brexit and Immigration Law – an ongoing update (2019) – Law Friends Society

Webinar on [Immigration Law – Spring Update](#) with Samina Iqbal (2019) – Lexis Nexis

Public Law

Kezia is regularly instructed on high profile and complex challenges, including judicial reviews and public law considerations in a variety of cases. She draws upon expertise in several different areas, including immigration, EU law, and other areas of social welfare law.

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