

Frances Shaw

International Human Rights



Year of Call: 2007

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Frances is an experienced advocate specialising in all areas of immigration law, international human rights, asylum, nationality, and administrative law, with a particular focus on deportation and human rights family and private life claims. Frances represents private and publicly funded clients in the Immigration and Asylum Chamber of the First Tier and Upper Tribunals, the High Court and the Court of Appeal. Frances is highly regarded for her ability to engage vulnerable clients; she acts as a Litigation Friend on behalf of adults who lack capacity in the immigration system.

More specifically, Frances' practice encompasses appeals and judicial review challenges against the refusal and/or decision-making process in the following areas: adult dependent relatives, asylum, bail, business immigration, Civil Penalty Notices (issued for the alleged employment of illegal workers), Turkish business persons, deportation, deprivation of nationality, domestic violence, ETS/TOEIC deception allegations, EEA rights of residence, EEA marriage of convenience allegations, entry clearance, fresh claims, family reunion, long residence, the points based system, right of abode, revocation of indefinite leave to remain, unlawful detention, unaccompanied children and victims of trafficking. Additionally, Frances undertakes judicial review challenges to age-assessments of unaccompanied asylum seeking children and the non-provision of housing etc.

As well as providing written and oral advice, representation and advocacy in all areas of immigration, international human rights, asylum and nationality law, Frances drafts pleadings, further representations, grounds of appeal to the First Tier, Upper Tribunal and Court of Appeal, and judicial review challenges, including grounds and letters before claim, often on an urgent basis.

Frances is also regularly instructed to provide expert oral and/or written immigration advice to family law solicitors, local authorities, courts and the judiciary for use in family court proceedings. As Frances previously specialised in family law, this work particularly encompasses her cross-discipline expertise.

Frances is direct access qualified and accepts instructions on this basis in all her specialist areas.

Recommendations

“She is extremely calm, composed and charming and very good at getting her point across in advocacy in a way which the judges enjoy. Really accessible and personable for dealing with clients and case preparation. Reliable and easy to work with.’

Legal 500 2024

“Frances is responsive, precise, thorough, thoughtful, and most important of all, fearless in her representation and advocacy. Frances is very alert down to the finer details of each case whether it be in her representation of clients in court or in her written advocacy.”

Legal 500 2023

Frances is a brilliant barrister. Her drafting is clear and persuasive. She has great client care skills. An experienced all-rounder, with expertise in a wide range of immigration matters. A fearless and resilient advocate.

Legal 500 2022

“She is a fighter and she always does the best for the client.”

Legal 500 2021

Her high success rate earned her the title of “invincible barrister”.

Legal 500 2020



Notable Cases

SSHD v Barry [2018] EWCA Civ 790

Indemnity costs awarded against the Home Secretary after she failed to ‘make good’ her allegation of ‘systemic failure’ by the IAC Tribunals to properly apply IR’s 398 and 399 in foreign criminal deportation cases.

<http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Civ/2018/790.html>

MA (Pakistan) and Ors v SSHD [2016] EWCA Civ 705

linked appeals in which the COA considered when it’s reasonable to remove a non-British child with seven continuous years residence within Paragraphs 276ADE(1)(iv) and EX.1 of the Immigration Rules and s.117B(6) of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002.

<http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Civ/2016/705.html>

Rodriguez, Mandalia and Patel v SSHD [2014] EWCA Civ 2

linked appeals in which the COA determined the ambit of the SSHD's Evidential Flexibility Policy.

<http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Civ/2014/2.html>

Barry (conduct of hearing) [2015] UKUT 00541 (IAC)

The President concluded that appeals may be determined without hearing from the Respondent's representative where the grounds and arguments involve an unmeritorious challenge.

<http://www.bailii.org/uk/cases/UKUT/IAC/2015/541.html>

R (on the application of Singh and another) v SSHD [2015] UKUT 134 (IAC)

challenge against certification of a long-residence application.

<http://www.bailii.org/uk/cases/UKUT/IAC/2015/134.html>

Memberships

Immigration Law Practitioners' Association

Bar Pro Bono Unit