

# Joanne Rothwell

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Ranked in Band 4

Chambers UK 2023 (Immigration - London)



Joanne Rothwell's practice specialises on Immigration and International law, covering various matters.

## Expertise

### Immigration, Asylum & Nationality

Joanne has expertise in all areas of Immigration and Nationality law and European law at all levels including the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal, Administrative Court, House of Lords and European Court of Justice.

Joanne has a varied practice within her field and is instructed by Local Authorities, NGO's, Law Centres and Private Law firms. Joanne has a special interest in the crossover of immigration law with family law and prepares opinions for Local Authorities and Law firms for use in the Family Division.

Joanne undertakes seminars at solicitors firms and is an assessor at Central Law Training.

Joanne practices Immigration and Nationality Law and European law relating to free movement of people, business immigration and deportation issues.

From a nursing and counselling background with emphasis on mental and women's health, Joanne's dissertation in her LLB (Hons) focused on Judicial Review within the area of Mental Health.

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- Entrepreneur – assisting with the ground for Administrative Review and advising upon the evidential flexibility policy
- Revocation of sponsorship licence for worldwide company with 30 UK based employees, some of whom are British and some with Visas. Jo assisted with a letter before action on Judicial Review and the Home Office caved in within 24 hours and stated that would review their decision.
- Application for an exceptional talent migrant which was successful.

## International

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Joanne practices the following areas:

### International Human Rights

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Joanne Rothwell is ranked in Chambers UK and Legal 500 as someone who “has an amazing success rate”.

She has a total commitment to those who are the most vulnerable in our society.

She regularly acts and succeeds on behalf of women and children, those with mental health issues, often as a result of torture in their home countries and those with learning difficulties.

She brings her previous career and expertise as a nurse and a counsellor to the Bar. She is most often instructed because of her success rate on behalf of sensitive and vulnerable lay clients.

A large proportion of her work involves issues in and around Article 8, whether that is in the area of Immigration, Court of Protection, Education or Family law with an immigration and international law aspect.

She has been a fee paid Judge of the First-Tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) since 2006, often sitting on Deportation Appeal Panels.

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She has successfully taken cases from the first tier courts and Tribunals via the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court and on the European Court of Justice.

## Awards



## Memberships

- ILPA
- ALBA

## Appointments

- Joanne was appointed as a fee paid (part-time) Judge of the First Tier Tribunal – Immigration and Asylum Chambers in 2006 and the Social Entitlement Chamber in 2018.

## Qualifications

- LLB (Hons)
- RGN (Registered General Nurse)
- RMN (Registered Mental Nurse)

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