

Susana Ferrin

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Susana Ferrin has a particular interest in immigration and public law, with a focus on asylum, international human rights, extradition, EU free movement and trafficking claims.

Susana draws from her domestic and international experience, which includes working at Gherson Solicitors LLP in the Extradition, Mutual Legal Assistance and Interpol Team, and the Serious Fraud Office as well as being a Nicolas Bratza Scholar and Trainee at the European Court of Human Rights (Strasbourg, France). Susana is fluent in multiple languages, including Spanish.

Susana is committed to pro bono work. She represents applicants in bail immigration hearings under instruction from Bail for Immigration Detainees (BID). During her pupillage, she has completed the Pupil Pledge with Advocate and accepted pro bono referrals, including for Migrants Organise. Susana has been nominated for Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year at the Advocate Bar Pro Bono Awards 2024.

Susana is a member of the Wellbeing Committee at Chambers and an ally and a co-founder of Neurodiversity in Law, which promotes and supports neurodiversity within the legal professions.

Susana joined Chambers in October 2023, following the successful completion of her pupillage under the supervision of Mark Bradshaw, Deputy Head of the Immigration Group, and Philip Rule KC (Head of the Public Law Group).

Expertise

Immigration, Asylum & Nationality

Susana is developing a practice in personal and business immigration. She has been described as “a rising star in the Immigration and Human Rights Bar” and as “a major asset to No5” by the Head of the Immigration Group. She regularly appears before the First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal.

Susana has been praised for her strategic litigation advice by instructing solicitors, who engage her in the early stages of the litigation process. She has also received positive judicial feedback. She is instructed as sole counsel or led in complex cases.

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Business Immigration

Susana accepts instructions in business immigration related matters. During her pupillage, Susana gained experience in business immigration, which included shadowing a Senior Member of Chambers in the Supreme Court regarding the interpretation of the Tier 1 (Investor) Migrant Regime.

Personal Immigration

Susana regularly appears in asylum, humanitarian protection and Article 8 ECHR appeals before the First-Tier and Upper Tribunal, involving different States including Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, India, Iraq, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestinian Authority, Sudan and Syria. Some of her cases involve trafficking claims, and unaccompanied asylum-seeking children.

Susana also provides advice and representation on other personal immigration matters, which include but are not limited to the following areas:

- Appendix FM and Appendix Adult Dependent Relative;
- Deportation, involving EU and non-EU nationals;
- EU Settlement Scheme and EEA rights of residence;
- Immigration Bail;
- Family reunion;
- and Long residence.

International

Susana is developing a practice in international human rights law and is regularly instructed in matters with a human rights dimension.

Susana draws from her domestic experience at the Serious Fraud Office and her international experience as a Nicolas Bratza Scholar and trainee at the European Court of Human Rights (Strasbourg, France), where she assisted the Private Office of President Spano (as he then was), the Research Division and the Press Unit. She conducted legal research and drafting on important topics, including the interplay between domestic remedies and the concept of subsidiarity.

Susana was awarded a Master of Laws with a focus on Human Rights by Boston College Law School (USA) and holds a Certificate in Human Rights and International Justice by the Boston College Center for Human Rights and International Justice (USA).

Public Law

Susana accepts instructions on judicial review challenges and is regularly instructed to draft detailed statements of facts and grounds for judicial review and interim relief applications. During her pupillage, Susana gained experience in a wide range of public law matters and related areas, including Court of Protection, asylum support, Prison law, Parole law and Inquests.

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Susana accepts instructions on judicial review challenges, in particular in relation to age assessments decisions by local authorities and failures to provide adequate accommodation and support for destitute asylum seekers and their dependants.

Accreditations

- Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year Nominee at the Advocate Bar Pro Bono Awards (2024)
- Nicolas Bratza Scholarship, The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn (2020)
- Runner-up, 'Human Writes' Competition on genocide, René Cassin (2020)
- Dean's Merit Scholarship, Boston College Law School (2018)
- Law Fellowship, The Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy (2018) Academic Excellence Scholarship, Madrid Government (2014 and 2017)
- Named in the President List, highest distinction that the university confers for academic excellence in a single semester, GPA above 3.75/4, Bentley University (Fall 2013 and Spring 2014)

Qualifications

- Double Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Translation and Interpreting, Universidad Pontificia Comillas (Spain) – First Class Honours
- Comparative political systems, political theory, foreign policy and regional studies (exchange programme) at Bentley University (USA)
- European studies and French language and culture (Summer exchange programme) at Université Catholique de Lille (France)
- International terrorism, emerging issues in public policy and political economy of development (UCLA Summer Sessions) at University of California in Los Angeles (USA)
- Graduate Diploma in Law, University of Westminster (UK) – Distinction
- Bar Practice Training Course, BPP University (UK) Graduate Certificate in Human Rights and International Justice, Boston College Center for Human Rights and International Justice (USA)
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