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About DG Legal

We are DG Legal, the largest provider of strategic and compliance services operating in England & Wales. Established in 2000, we have a team of consultants who have worked for and with the SRA, The Legal Ombudsman, The Law Society, CILEx and the Legal Aid Agency. We have helped more than 1000 firms ranging from Sole Practitioners to 'Magic Circle' firms. Our unique knowledge allows us to deliver expert training by leaders in their fields of expertise.



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About Garden Court North Chambers

Garden Court North Chambers is a progressive set of barristers with a strong commitment to publicly funded work, to offering representation to those disadvantaged by discrimination and inequality or with multiple and complex needs, to challenging the state, to fighting for justice, and to undertaking work pro bono in appropriate cases where funding is unavailable. It is these values which have underpinned their entire ethos since the foundation of Chambers in 1996 by a group of young barristers wanting to provide a radical alternative to the more traditional barristers' chambers.



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About ATLEU

ATLEU is a young charity providing legal representation to victims of trafficking and labour exploitation, assisting victims to obtain safety, recovery and redress. ATLEU delivers a comprehensive and dedicated service to victims helping them find legal solutions to their complex problems. This includes advising victims on their immigration status and assisting them to apply for asylum or other forms of lawful residence; securing appropriate and safe accommodation, financial support and treatment from local authorities, the Home Office or other statutory bodies; and obtaining compensation from their traffickers or the state.



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Criminal Law

Police Station Interviews; To Speak Or Not To Speak, That Is The Question?

Tuesday
26th
January 2021

In this free 1 hour webinar, Richard Brigden and Rebecca Filletti will discuss the options available to solicitors representing clients accused of criminal offences at the police station, looking at the implications of these decisions in court.

- Time:** 1pm
- Registration:** Please click **HERE** to register for this free webinar
- Further Details:** Please visit our **website** for further details.
- Speakers:** Richard Brigden and Rebecca Filletti

Preparing To Defend Sexual Offences – A Preparation Checklist

Wednesday
27th
January 2021

This free 1 hour webinar will provide an in-depth analysis of the likely issues raised in sex cases and the strategy to be adopted. We will look at how best to approach disclosure, third party material and material subject to dual jurisdictions. We will discuss how best to utilise such material within the trial process, particularly with reference to s.41 cross examination on previous sexual history and s.28 cross-examination of young complainants.

- Time:** 1pm
- Registration:** Please click **HERE** to register for this free webinar
- Further Details:** Please visit our **website** for further details.
- Speakers:** Clare Ashcroft

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Mental Health Defences & Representing Clients With Mental Health Issues

Monday
8th
February 2021

In this free 1 hour webinar, Clare Ashcroft, Richard Brigden and Rebecca Filletti will discuss the raft of mental health defences from insanity to diminished responsibility. We will focus upon early identification of the issues and the need for instructing the right expert at the right stage in the proceedings.

- Time:** 1pm
- Registration:** Please click **HERE** to register for this free webinar
- Further Details:** Please visit our **website** for further details.
- Speakers:** Clare Ashcroft, Richard Brigden and Rebecca Filletti

Modern Slavery: Defending Vulnerable Clients

Monday
15th
February 2021

This free 1 hour webinar will take a look at the Modern Slavery Act and examine how this legislation can be used as a defence for drugs offences. By looking at different scenarios, including county lines operations, we will explore how the National Referral Mechanism can be used to properly advise clients from the Police Station up to the Crown Court.

- Time:** 1pm
- Registration:** Please click **HERE** to register for this free webinar
- Further Details:** Please visit our **website** for further details.
- Speakers:** Catherine Zara Walker

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Immigration & Asylum

Friday
5th
February 2021

Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery: An Overview of Best Practice for Legal Aid Immigration and Public Law Practitioners

In this 2 hour free webinar, Lindsay Cundall will cover trafficking / modern slavery law and policy, and ways to overcome the obstacles practitioners may face during a case, including immigration appeals where trafficking grounds are considered and judicial reviews.

The training will focus on how to represent a potential victim of trafficking and/or modern slavery on a legal aid contract in a way achieves justice for your client but is also financially viable for your practice.

During this training, ATLEU will be providing details of an opportunity for interested legal practices to take part in a training/mentoring programme, funded by The Legal Education Foundation.

Time: 1pm
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Further Details: Please visit our **website** for further details.
Speakers: Lindsay Cundall

Using Expert Evidence

This free 1 hour webinar will take a look at using expert evidence in asylum claims, including:

- When to use expert evidence
- Choosing the right expert
- Providing instructions
- How to best use expert evidence to support the claim

Time: 1pm
Registration: Please click **HERE** to register for this free webinar
Further Details: Please visit our **website** for further details.
Speakers: Sean Ell

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Asylum & Humanitarian Protection

Monday
1st
March 2021

This free 40 minute webinar will provide an update on key case law developments in asylum and humanitarian protection and looking forward, Elizabeth Mottershaw and Rory O’Ryan will discuss what Brexit will mean for asylum and humanitarian protection.

Time: 1pm
Registration: Please click **HERE** to register for this free webinar
Further Details: Please visit our **website** for further details.
Speakers: Elizabeth Mottershaw and Rory O’Ryan

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Immigration & Asylum

Article 3 ECHR Health Cases - How To Run The Appeal

Monday
8th
March 2021

This free 1 hour webinar looks at the practicalities in running a successful Article 3 health case following AM (Zimbabwe) v SSHD [2020] UKSC.

Time: 1pm
Registration: Please click **HERE** to register for this free webinar
Further Details: Please visit our **website** for further details.
Speakers: Sean Eil

Working Options In The UK After The Transition Period

Monday
22nd
March 2021

In this free 1 hour webinar, Natalie Wilkins will give an overview of the main options for working in the UK following the end of the transition period and the major changes to the Immigration Rules which came into force on 1 December 2020.

This will include looking at Appendix EU, and the new Appendices on Global Talent, Start-up, Innovator and the "T2" and "T5" options.

Time: 1pm
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Further Details: Please visit our **website** for further details.
Speakers: Natalie Wilkins

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Running Asylum Claims Based On Particular Social Group

Monday
15th
March 2021

This free 1 hour webinar will look at running asylum claims based on particular social group, including:

- How a particular social group is defined, including the recent case of DH (Particular Social Group: Mental Health) Afghanistan
- Examples of particular social groups including women, LGBTI+, children at risk of FGM and their parents, former victims of trafficking, people with disabilities/mental illness
- How to evidence a new PSG
- Inter-relationship between PSG and persecution
- What kinds of persecution different PSGs may suffer, e.g. exploitation and destitution, and what evidence is needed to show that

Time: 1pm
Registration: Please click **HERE** to register for this free webinar
Further Details: Please visit our **website** for further details.
Speakers: Kerry Smith and Natalie Wilkins

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Immigration & Asylum

How To Prepare An ASA

Monday
29th
March 2021

This free 1 hour webinar will provide useful guidance on how to prepare an ASA.

Time: 1pm
Registration: Please click **HERE** to register for this free webinar
Further Details: Please visit our **website** for further details.
Speakers: Jonathan Holt

Windrush And The Hostile Environment

Monday
12th
April 2021

In this free 1 hour webinar, Mihkil Karnik will discuss Windrush and the Hostile Environment.

Time: 1pm
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Further Details: Please visit our **website** for further details.
Speakers: Mihkil Karnik

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Managing Trafficking / Modern Slavery Claims

Tuesday
6th
April 2021

This free 1 hour webinar will provide practical, up to date information on best practices based upon recent case law and policy guidance, including:

- Challenging negative NRM decisions: We will review common reasons for negative decisions to be made at both RG and CG stages and how these can best be challenged;
- Competing remedies: requests for reconsideration; judicial review and asylum appeals: We will discuss the various alternative remedies when a negative NRM decision has been made and the relative merits of pursuing each one;
- Overlapping trafficking and asylum claims: We will discuss how to build the most effective asylum claim for victims of modern slavery including gathering evidence; the role of vulnerability/ personal circumstances; the relevance of medical and country experts; and preparing legal submissions for appeal. We will discuss how a negative NRM decision can impact upon an asylum claim and the duties of the immigration tribunal in these cases.

Time: 1pm
Registration: Please click **HERE** to register for this free webinar
Further Details: Please visit our **website** for further details.
Speakers: Lucy Mair

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Immigration & Asylum Support / Age Assessment

Turning 18 From An Immigration And Housing Law Perspective

Wednesday
17th
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The transition to adulthood for young people and care leavers can be made difficult by the medley of services, legislative frameworks and the fact that many care leavers are expected to make that transition at the age of 18. For obvious reasons, the transition to adulthood is often particularly difficult for unaccompanied asylum seeking children.

In this free 1 hour webinar, Ciara Bartlam of the GCN Housing team and Vijay Jagadesham of the GCN immigration and public law teams share their views on how to ensure a smooth transition to adulthood for young people and care leavers, especially those seeking asylum.

Ciara and Vijay will cover the inter-related issues of age assessment challenges, discretionary leave and leaving care.

- Time:** 1pm
- Registration:** Please click **HERE** to register for this free webinar
- Further Details:** Please visit our **website** for further details.
- Speakers:** Ciara Bartlam and Vijay Jagadesham

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Housing

Disrepair Best Practice And Tactics

Tuesday
4th
May 2021

In this free 1 hour webinar, Kevin Lister and Natalie Wilkins will discuss how to approach disrepair cases in practice, including how to choose a cause of action, making the most of expert evidence, funding options and claims involving the Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) Act 2018.

- Time:** 1pm
- Registration:** Please click **HERE** to register for this free webinar
- Further Details:** Please visit our **website** for further details.
- Speakers:** Kevin Lister and Natalie Wilkins

Proving Homelessness Due To Probability Of Violence

Tuesday
11th
May 2021

In this free 1 hour webinar, Natalie Wilkins will discuss tactics, arguments and evidence needed to challenge "not homeless" decisions where it is not reasonable for the person to continue to occupy accommodation due to violence, including cases of "other violence" and cases where urgent applications are required.

- Time:** 1pm
- Registration:** Please click **HERE** to register for this free webinar
- Further Details:** Please visit our **website** for further details.
- Speakers:** Natalie Wilkins

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Inquests and Inquiries

Inquests Following Deaths In The Community: Protecting The Right To Life

Thursday
7th
January 2021

Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights is the right to life and includes an obligation to hold an enhanced investigation into a person's death in certain circumstances. An Article 2 compliant investigation is often vitally important in order to identify and learn from state failings, and an equally important way for bereaved families to ensure that the same failings are not repeated.

In this free 1 hour webinar, Anna Morris, Kate Stone and Christian Weaver from the GCN Inquests and Inquiries team will discuss the development of the law on Article 2 as it relates to deaths in the community and the circumstances in which Article 2 might arguably be engaged.

- Time:** 1pm
- Registration:** Please click [HERE](#) to register for this free webinar
- Further Details:** Please visit our [website](#) for further details.
- Speakers:** Anna Morris, Kate Stone and Christian Weaver

How To Be An Effective Advocate At A Public Inquiry

Friday
5th
March 2021

Amid calls for a COVID-19 inquiry and in light of the increasing use of technology and remote hearings, Mira Hammad and Pete Weatherby QC from the GCN Inquests and Inquiries team discuss the opportunities and pitfalls of remote advocacy and share their learning on how to be an effective advocate at a public inquiry in this free 1 hour webinar.

Both Mira and Pete have extensive experience of public inquiries and between them are currently instructed to represent core participants at the Manchester Arena Inquiry, Grenfell Tower Inquiry and Undercover Policing Inquiry.

- Time:** 1pm
- Registration:** Please click [HERE](#) to register for this free webinar
- Further Details:** Please visit our [website](#) for further details.
- Speakers:** Mira Hammad and Pete Weatherby QC

Public Law

Delays In Receiving Decisions From The Home Office

Monday
24th
May 2021

Delays in receiving decisions from the Home Office has long been an issue and over months has increased exponentially due to COVID-19. This free 1 hour webinar will explore what options and tactics may be available in order to mitigate delays and help you achieve the outcomes your clients seek.

- Time:** 1pm
- Registration:** Please click [HERE](#) to register for this free webinar
- Further Details:** Please visit our [website](#) for further details.
- Speakers:** Tasaddat Hussain

Step-By-Step Guide To JR

Friday
28th
May 2021

This free 1 hour webinar will provide a step by step guide to Judicial Review.

- Time:** 1pm
- Registration:** Please click [HERE](#) to register for this free webinar
- Further Details:** Please visit our [website](#) for further details.
- Speakers:** Jonathan Holt

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Discrimination

Monday
17th
May 2021

Introduction To Discrimination Law

The free 15 minute webinar will provide an overview of the duty not to discriminate, the forms of discrimination and the remedies.

Time: 1pm
Registration: Please click **HERE** to register for this free webinar
Further Details: Please visit our **website** for further details.
Speakers: Sonia Birdee

When Landlords Discriminate

Monday
17th
May 2021

This free 15 minute webinar looks at using the Equality Act 2010 to defend possession claims.

Time: 1.15pm
Registration: Please click **HERE** to register for this free webinar
Further Details: Please visit our **website** for further details.
Speakers: Elizabeth Mottershaw

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Court of Protection

Monday
1st
February 2021

Capacity Evidence In The Court Of Protection – Hot Topics

In this free 1 hour webinar, Ben McCormack and Gary Willock will explore the following topics and other key current issues in this practical talk that will be of interest to all those working in the Court of Protection.

- Who should assess capacity?
- What should a report contain?
- What's the best source of such evidence?
- When do I need an expert and when do I not?

Time: 1pm
Registration: Please click **HERE** to register for this free webinar
Further Details: Please visit our **website** for further details.
Speakers: Ben McCormack and Gary Willock

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Family

Complex Contact Cases

Monday
19th
April 2021

In this free 1 hour webinar, Lyndsey Sambrooks-Wright and Natalie Wilkins will discuss how to approach proceedings involving domestic violence allegations, including PD12J, schedules of allegations, fact-finding hearings and recent caselaw developments, and the legal arguments for promoting contact with non-resident parents, even where there have been some negative findings. They will also consider the recent case law in the most complex cases, including intractable cases and those involving alleged parental alienation.

- Time:** 1pm
- Registration:** Please click **HERE** to register for this free webinar
- Further Details:** Please visit our **website** for further details.
- Speakers:** Lyndsey Sambrooks-Wright and Natalie Wilkins

Care Work

Monday
26th
April 2021

In this free 1 hour webinar, Natalie Wilkins will discuss the principles in cases involving non-accidental injury and speak to Lyndsey Sambrooks-Wright about her experience dealing with common issues such as fractures and bruising, as well as more complex allegations including 'shaken baby syndrome' and ingestion of drugs.

- Time:** 1pm
- Registration:** Please click **HERE** to register for this free webinar
- Further Details:** Please visit our **website** for further details.
- Speakers:** Lyndsey Sambrooks-Wright and Natalie Wilkins

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David Gilmore | Director & Founder | DG Legal

David has provided advice and assistance to hundreds of law firms and other legal organisations. He delivers specialist consultancy and training on a wide range of topics including business management & strategy, tendering, compliance and quality assurance.

To view David's full bio, please click [HERE](#).



Amie Higgins | Consultant | DG Legal

Amie is an experienced Immigration and public Law specialist and is Head of public Law at Barnes Harrild & Dyer Solicitors. She is also qualified under the Law Society's Immigration & Asylum Accreditation Scheme (IAAS) as a Level 3 (Advanced) Caseworker and Supervisor.

To view Amie's full bio, please click [HERE](#).



Lindsay Cundall | ATLEU

Lindsay is an immigration solicitor, public law supervisor and a training lead at ATLEU. She has extensive experience of representing survivors of trafficking and slavery, representing those detained in immigration detention or going through the criminal justice process.

To view Lindsay's full bio, please click [HERE](#).

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Clare Ashcroft | Garden Court North Chambers

Clare is ranked in the 2021 edition of the Legal 500 as a leading junior in general crime. She is experienced in dealing with complex and voluminous evidence which often encompasses expert evidence regarding cell site, encrypted devices, firearms and ANPR evidence.

To view Claire's full bio, please click [HERE](#).



Ciara Bartlam | Garden Court North Chambers

Ciara has a multi-disciplinary practice which enables her to offer holistic advice and representation, regularly receiving instructions to represent bereaved families at both Article 2 and non-Article 2 inquests. Ciara's practice spans Housing, Immigration, mental health, prison and public law.

To view Ciara's full bio, please click [HERE](#).



Sonia Birdee | Garden Court North Chambers

Sonia is a housing law specialist with a particular expertise in cases involving discrimination. Sonia began her career as a criminal defence specialist and appeared at all levels, including the Court of Appeal and High Court. She also represents claimants in actions against the police.

To view Sonia's full bio, please click [HERE](#).

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Richard Brigden | Garden Court North Chambers

Richard is a criminal defence advocate with an excellent reputation. He is ranked in the 2021 edition of the Legal 500 as a leading junior in general crime. He is involved in a wide range of work in the Crown Court, High Court (quasi criminal matters) and Court of Appeal.

To view Richard's full bio, please click [HERE](#).



Sean Ell | Garden Court North Chambers

Sean is experienced in all areas of immigration, asylum, EU and nationality law. He represents appellants at all levels of the Immigration and Asylum Chamber of the Tribunal and in the Court of Appeal, and has significant experience in judicial review matters.

To view Sean's full bio, please click [HERE](#).



Rebecca Filletti | Garden Court North Chambers

Rebecca specialises in criminal defence and has acted as counsel to defendants accused of the most serious criminal offences including murder, manslaughter, rape, historic sexual allegations, child cruelty, drug offences, fraud and offences relating to serious violence and firearms.

To view Rebecca's full bio, please click [HERE](#).

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Mira Hammad | Garden Court North Chambers

Mira is committed to defending the rights of individuals and holding public and private sector organisations to account. She accepts instructions in all Chambers' practice areas and has a particular interest in criminal defence, inquests and inquiries.

To view Mira's full bio, please click [HERE](#).



Jonathan Holt | Garden Court North Chambers

Jonathan represents appellants at all levels of the Immigration and Asylum Chamber of the Tribunal, and has significant experience in matters of judicial review. He also has experience of working with vulnerable clients and in business immigration matters.

To view Jonathan's full bio, please click [HERE](#).



Tasaddat Hussain | Garden Court North Chambers

Tasaddat is an established and well respected practitioner who is highly sought after with an excellent success rate and 20 years' extensive experience in public law, judicial review, human rights and immigration. In addition, Tasaddat is authorised to conduct litigation.

To view Tasaddat's full bio, please click [HERE](#).

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Vijay Jagadesham | Garden Court North Chambers

Vijay's practice encompasses immigration and asylum law, public law and civil actions against public authorities, with a particular emphasis on vulnerable clients and challenges under the Equality Act 2010. Vijay has appeared at all levels up to and including the Supreme Court.

To view Vijay's full bio, please click [HERE](#).



Mikhail Karnik | Garden Court North Chambers

Mikhail practises in public law and human rights law particularly arising from his immigration practice, specialising in judicial review including issues of nationality, injunctive relief of administrative decisions such as unlawful detention and removal decisions.

To view Mikhil's full bio, please click [HERE](#).



Kevin Lister | Garden Court North Chambers

Kevin is an experienced housing law practitioner whose practice covers the full range of housing law including homelessness. Kevin's experience in housing dates back as far as 1993 when he worked for Manchester City Council's homelessness service.

To view Kevin's full bio, please click [HERE](#).

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Lucy Mair | Garden Court North Chambers

Lucy is a human rights barrister who specialises in representing particularly vulnerable victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, torture, and sexual or other forms of exploitation at all levels in their immigration and asylum appeals and in judicial reviews.

To view Lucy's full bio, please click [HERE](#).



Ben McCormack | Garden Court North Chambers

Ben has been a lawyer for the past 20 years, specialising in housing, public law and mental capacity cases. He started out as a solicitor in a small firm on an estate on the outskirts of Manchester, before becoming a barrister at Garden Court North Chambers in 2005.

To view Ben's full bio, please click [HERE](#).



Anna Morris | Garden Court North Chambers

Anna specialises in civil liberties, human rights and private & public law claims involving public authorities. Her practice includes inquests, civil actions against the police, judicial review and international public law. Anna acts for bereaved families and claimants in private and public law proceedings.

To view Anna's full bio, please click [HERE](#).

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Elizabeth Mottershaw | Garden Court North Chambers

Elizabeth's practice focuses on immigration and housing, and her particular interest in vulnerable clients is seeing her develop a growing Court of Protection practice. She also accepts instructions on international human rights law and international humanitarian law.

To view Elizabeth's full bio, please click [HERE](#).



Rory O'Ryan | Garden Court North Chambers

Rory's practice covers the full spectrum of immigration law, ranging from personal and business immigration issues, PBS, EU free movement and protection and human rights appeals in the First tier Tribunal, Upper Tribunal and beyond, having appeared in the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court.

To view Rory's full bio, please click [HERE](#).



Lyndsey Sambrooks-Wright | Garden Court North Chambers

Lyndsey joined Garden Court North Chambers in 2019. She is regularly instructed in public and private family law matters, including cases with an international element, as well as the Court of Protection. Lyndsey also maintains a criminal defence practice and is an experienced mediator.

To view Lyndsey's full bio, please click [HERE](#).

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Kerry Smith | Garden Court North Chambers

Kerry is Deputy Head of Chambers and an immigration practitioner with substantial expertise in human rights and public law challenges. She also has experience in the Court of Protection along with community care and family matters where they overlap with immigration proceedings.

To view Kerry's full bio, please click [HERE](#).



Kate Stone | Garden Court North Chambers

Kate specialises in human rights and public law, with an emphasis on inquests, judicial review and civil actions against public authorities. She has a developing Court of Protection practice. Kate was instructed as junior counsel for 22 families in the Hillsborough inquests.

To view Kate's full bio, please click [HERE](#).



Pete Weatherby QC | Garden Court North Chambers

Pete is a human rights barrister who practices domestically in public inquiries, inquests, criminal, public, prison and police law. He specialises in cases involving miscarriages of justice, freedom of expression, extradition and 'terrorism', and he has a particular expertise in statutory interpretation.

To view Pete's full bio, please click [HERE](#).

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Christian Weaver | Garden Court North Chambers

Christian has a fast-growing multidisciplinary practice encompassing criminal law, inquests & public inquiries, prison law and immigration & asylum law. He receives regular instructions to represent those with drug misuse issues, mental health difficulties & vulnerable young people.

To view Christian's full bio, please click [HERE](#).



Natalie Wilkins | Garden Court North Chambers

Natalie practises in asylum, immigration and nationality, family, housing and public law. She has represented many vulnerable clients, including children, clients with serious mental health difficulties, domestic violence survivors and victims of trafficking.

To view Natalie's full bio, please click [HERE](#).



Gary Willock | Garden Court North Chambers

Gary has a very wide practice in housing law and in particular where tenants are mentally ill, lack mental capacity or are vulnerable in some other way. He is regularly instructed on cases which involve the Equality Act 2010 and the Mental Capacity Act 2005.

To view Gary's full bio, please click [HERE](#).

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Catherine Zara Walker | Garden Court North Chambers

Zara predominantly practices in the area of criminal law. She also accepts instructions in other areas which complement her criminal practice, including International Human Rights and International Criminal Law, Prison Law and Inquest work.

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