



Barrister

IMOGEN MELLOR

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Call: 2019



Specialist in
Family
Personal Immigration
Public Law
Court Of Protection
Inquests & Public Inquiries Team

Experience

Imogen has a particular specialism in honour based abuse and child abuse linked to faith and belief.

[She recently was interviewed by BBC radio London on the topic](#)

She receives instructions in relation to this area in the field of family, court of protection and immigration law.

Imogen is a family, court of protection and immigration practitioner, who further accepts instructions in Public Law and International Human Rights.

Imogen specialises in cases concerning clients with severe learning difficulties, mental health conditions and victims of domestic abuse. She is highly adept at dealing with complex cases involving vulnerable clients and their needs. She is currently learning British Sign Language and is developing a specialism working with Deaf clients.

Imogen was recently counsel on a large scale public inquiry.

Imogen is also an Associate Lecturer at Goldsmith's University.

Family Law

Imogen accepts instructions in private and public family law. She is praised for her approachability, practicality, client-care skills and tenacity.

Since joining One Pump Court, Imogen has consistently worked with vulnerable clients across domestic abuse and private law children matters. She is accomplished at the efficient consideration of new cases, having been noted to "*understand the complexity of the parties dynamics very quickly despite being thrown into the deep end of this case*".

Imogen is a personable and effective advocate, who is particularly skilled at engaging with clients: "*[Imogen] proved to be a great support and advocate for our client at a very taxing and stressful final hearing... The client was delighted by the work we undertook and Imogen's representation at the final hearing.*"

Court of Protection

Imogen has a growing court of protection practice, and accepts instructions on behalf of all clients, including Local Authorities, Official Solicitors and interested parties. Instructing solicitors have commented upon her pragmatic approach to cases whilst also being friendly and very easy to work with.

Immigration Law

Imogen has appeared before the First-Tier Tribunal and Upper-Tier Tribunal in asylum appeals, indefinite leave to remain appeals, and immigration bail applications. She has successfully drafted grounds of appeal against First-Tier Tribunal decisions.

Imogen is experienced in successfully representing clients in immigration bail applications and brings

her dedication to vulnerable clients to all aspects of her Immigration Practice.

Prior to joining the Bar, Imogen was employed as an assistant caseworker at Cromwell Wilkes, working on complex immigration applications dealing with a range of issues, such as asylum, family and human rights and indefinite leave to remain as a victim of domestic violence. During her experience, she worked with a number of vulnerable clients. Imogen brings this experience to her practice at One Pump Court.

She is learning British Sign Language and has worked with members of the Deaf Community in her work. She has a reputation for communicating and adapting to meet her clients' needs. Further to her practice, Imogen founded the non-profit platform Network for Migration Matters (NMM). This is an international and interdisciplinary platform which aims to draw attention to issues affecting migrants and dispel stigma. The platform has collaborated with a number of grassroot charities as well as UN organisations.

She has also provided career's advice at the University of Paris SO and Queen's University Belfast. Imogen was awarded the Peter Duffy Scholarship from Lincoln's Inn, which gave her the opportunity to work in the UK division of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, where she reviewed substantive applications. She also conducted research for the President of the Court. Since 2017, she has been a headnote contributor for the European Human Rights Reports (Thomson Reuters).

Imogen has volunteered at Bail for Immigration Detainees and the National Centre for Domestic Violence. Imogen has a particular interest in honour-based abuse, having volunteered at the National FGM Centre. In that role, she conducted research to be used for professional training programmes.

She also advised on FGM law.

Before this, Imogen worked in-house at a large multi-national food company, where she advised on numerous matters, including the impact of Brexit on the company's European employees.

Imogen has chaired the following webinars for Network for Migration Matters:

Dangerous Journeys: the vulnerability of women and children in the context of displacement
A conversation with Dr Francesca Gordon from the Council of Europe's Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT)

The EU Pact on Migration Unpacked

Let's talk about it: wellbeing, self-care and mental health

Comparative Analysis: Family Reunification Cases in Europe and Latin America

Indefinite lockdown: immigration detention in the UK. A webinar with Bail for Immigration Detainees

Education

Bar Professional Training Course, City Law School (Very Competent)

LLM, UCL (Distinction)

Law BA, Clare College, University of Cambridge (First Class)

Classics BA, University of Nottingham (First Class)

Memberships

ILPA

LSWU

Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers
Young Legal Aid Lawyers
Lincoln's Inn

Languages

British Sign Language (basic)

Awards

Sir Peter Duffy Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
Lord Denning Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
City Law School BPTC Scholarship
Honorary Scholarship, Clare College, Cambridge University
College Prize, Clare College, Cambridge University

PUBLICATIONS

Ethiopia still not safe for Oromo Liberation Front supporters, country guidance confirms

In AAR (OLF – MB confirmed) Ethiopia CG [2022] UKUT 1 (IAC), the Upper Tribunal has confirmed that the situation in Ethiopia has not changed substantially enough to allow a departure from previous country guidance.

Further Information:

<https://freemovement.org.uk/ethiopia-still-not-safe-for-oromo-liberation-front-supporters-country-guidance-confirms/>

Area of Law:

Personal ImmigrationAsylumDeportation

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