



Barrister

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Specialist in

Crime

Housing & Community Care

Prison Law

Public Law
Inquests & Public Inquiries Team
Direct Access Trained

Experience

Natalie is an advocate who goes above and beyond for her clients. She is adept at representing those who are vulnerable, particularly those with mental health issues. Natalie's down-to-earth approach combined with her passion for justice and human rights inspires trust and confidence in her clients. Natalie's housing law practice includes possession claims, unlawful evictions and matters involving disrepair (including prosecutions brought in the magistrates' court under section 82 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990). As a result of her previous practice in criminal law, Natalie is particularly sought after where there is a clear intersection between housing law and criminal law, to the extent of being approached and instructed directly by the Court of Appeal when these areas merge.

In addition, Natalie accepts instructions in inquests & inquiries and has particular experience representing families in cases where the deceased was suffering from mental health issues (including in police custody and prison environments). Natalie is a member of the INQUEST Lawyers Group.

Natalie also accepts instructions in matters in the Court of Protection.

Natalie's experience in a number of areas of law can assist where creative legal arguments could be put forward or where a holistic understanding of a client's issues is required.

Education

King's College London, LLM in Labour Law (Distinction)

City University Law School, BPTC

BPP Law School, GDL and LLB Upgrade

University of California, Santa Barbara (with one year of this degree studied abroad at Queen Mary, University of London), BA in Political Science

Memberships

Housing Law Practitioners' Association (HLPAs)

INQUEST Lawyers Group

Court of Protection Bar Association

The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple

Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers (Executive Committee)

Languages

English (native)

Awards

KCL Pro Bono Award

Sibel Dedezade Pro Bono Award

CASES

R v Z (Court of Appeal)

[2022] EWCA Crim 288

Represented the Applicant in a renewed application for permission appeal against conviction in respect of dishonestly failing to disclose information that where an individual is under a legal duty to disclose, in this case where the Appellant was a secure tenant who was alleged to have sub-let part of the premises of a flat in breach of his tenancy agreement. Submissions included whether the jury in the criminal proceedings were properly directed as to the difference between a sub-tenant and a lodger or paying guest as defined within landlord and tenant law.

Area of Law:

Crime, Appeals, Financial Crime, General Crime, Housing & Community Care, Landlord & Tenant, Property Law

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Inquest held touching on the death of a man following section 136 detention and police custody- PFD Issued regarding correct process for assessment prior to discharge from s136 detention

Inquest into the death of a man with complex mental health issues, including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Emotionally Unstable Personality Disorder (EUPD). Representing the family of the deceased, this inquest involved in-depth cross-examination including the conclusions of a section 12 approved psychiatrist, an Approved Mental Health Professional (AMHP) and police officers.

Following this inquest and the narrative verdict which followed, the Assistant Coroner issued a Prevention of Future Death Report given concerns as a result of an incorrect interpretation of the Mental Health Act 1983 Code of Practice. This inquest highlighted the custom and practice of individuals being discharged from detention under section 136 of the Mental Health Act following assessment solely by a lone section 12 approved doctor if they concluded that an individual is not suffering from a mental disorder. This discharge could therefore take place without the examination by an AMHP, in contravention of the MHA, which risked exposing vulnerable individuals to a risk of death or self-harm, thereby leading the AC to issue a PFD.

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Inquest in the death of a woman who was a patient of the community mental health team

Inquest into the death of a transgender woman with complex mental health needs, including Emotionally Unstable Personality Disorder (EUPD). Representing the family of the deceased, this inquest involved an in-depth cross-examination of the pathologist and an investigation into the management of an ongoing suicide risk, as well as exploring an administrative failure regarding referral to a gender identity clinic to assist in the deceased's transition.

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R v Khan

[2019] EWCA Crim 1752

Successful appeal against sentence for an individual who pleaded guilty to offences of fraud, possession of a bladed article and for failing to surrender to bail. The appeal was allowed after the Court of Appeal agreed that the fraud matter, where the appellant had used another person's driving licence he found in an attempt to open a bank account, had been incorrectly categorised by the sentencing judge and therefore the sentence was manifestly excessive. The sentence of 9 months' imprisonment in respect of the fraud matter was quashed and a sentence of 4 months' imprisonment was substituted.

More information [here](#)

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CT (Parole Hearing)

Parole hearing for an individual convicted after trial in 1999 of offences of murder, arson with intent to endanger life and attempted murder. This individual was detained at Her Majesty's Pleasure. This complex case included an investigation into the latency of the prisoner's mental health issues after intensive therapy on a Dangerous and Severe Personality Disorder unit.

Area of Law:

[Prison Law](#)

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R v Hayibor

[2019] EWCA Crim 834

Successful appeal against sentence for a young man who pleaded guilty to possession of a bladed article (a machete) in public. For this offence, he received a sentence of 18 months' imprisonment.

The appeal was allowed after the Court of Appeal agreed that the sentence was too high. The sentence was quashed and a sentence of 14 months' imprisonment was substituted.

[Further information](#)

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Crime

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R v E

Youth with ADHD and possible foetal alcohol syndrome was accused of robbing another youth with a samurai sword. He was acquitted of possession of a bladed article and the jury was hung as to whether any robbery took place. The Crown did not seek a retrial in this case.

Area of Law:

Crime

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B v Birmingham City Council

Successfully appealed the length of the suspension of a cab driver's hackney carriage licence on the grounds that this was disproportionately harsh. Instructed by the Appellant's trade union.

Area of Law:

Civil Law

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R v S

Junior counsel in an international, multi-million-pound fraud case, where the Defendant in this multi-handed case was the only one acquitted by the jury.

Area of Law:

Crime

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R v N

Charges discontinued, including possession of a bladed article, following representations being made to the CPS as to the Defendant being a mentally disordered offender and that it would not be in the public interest to continue proceedings where the Defendant had used the blade for self-harm during a mental health crisis.

Area of Law:

[Crime](#)

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R (oao Gureckis, Cielecki & Perlinski) v Secretary of State for the Home Department

[2017] EWHC 3298 (Admin)

The Home Office had adopted a policy of considering that rough sleeping EEA nationals were “abusing” or “misusing” their Treaty rights, and targeted them for removal. The Home Office carried out co-ordinated round-ups of migrants and paid the homelessness charities [St Mungo's](#) and [ThamesReach](#) to unlawfully provide them with details of homeless people to detain.

The legal team established a pro bono legal clinic at a migrant support centre in order to ensure that individuals affected by the unlawful policy could receive advice and representation.

The policy was eventually declared unlawful as being incompatible with EU and domestic law, discriminatory, and involving unlawful systematic verification of the exercise or abuse of Treaty rights.

It was quashed and the collaboration with homelessness charities ceased.

Stephen represented approximately 30 further claimants who had been unlawfully issued with removal decisions based on the policy. Their cases are in the process of being resolved. Further work is also taking place to ensure that individuals who have suffered as a result of the unlawful actions of the Home Office see justice.

Stephen was instructed alongside Marie Demetriou QC, Shanthi Sivakumaran, and [Natalie Csengeri](#) by the Public Interest Law Centre.

Area of Law:

[Personal Immigration, Public Law](#)

Related Barristers:

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[Stephen Knight](#)

R v B

Prisoner on IPP sentence at HMP Belmarsh transferred to open conditions, following successful submissions which convinced the Parole Board not to accept the conclusions of the relevant Probation Officer.

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Prison Law

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R v A

Represented a defendant who was not fit to plead, including throughout the process of obtaining relevant psychiatric reports, the fitness to plead hearing, the actus reus hearing and sentencing hearing. Defendant in the Crown Court, following some findings being made, received an absolute discharge.

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R (Pinkney) v DPP

[2017] EWHC 854 (Admin):

Appeal by way of case stated in the High Court regarding relevant legal considerations for an assault on police constables during arrest.

Area of Law:

Crime

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R v A

Successfully convinced the Crown and the Court with accompanying case law that this trial for a charge of criminal damage was inappropriate, given that the matter was in essence a civil wrong. Instructed via the Defendant's trade union.

Area of Law:

Crime, Civil Law

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R v H

Defended at trial a client charged with possession of a bladed article; the jury acquitted the defendant in 20 minutes.

Area of Law:

Crime

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R v A

Successfully convinced the Court to exclude all Prosecution evidence by way of a section 78 argument (following the Crown's refusal to offer no evidence), after it emerged- mid-trial- that there had been serious failings by the state in relation to their disclosure duties; both charges were therefore dismissed by the Court.

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A & B v The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis

Successful application for parents under investigation for conspiracy to commit GBH; the police bail condition which required them to be with their infant only whilst under supervision was removed, thereby enabling the mother to return to the family home

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