



Barrister

PRIYA SOLANKI

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Specialist in
Personal Immigration
Business Immigration
Public Law
Civil Law
Inquests & Public Inquiries Team
Modern Slavery & Trafficking Team
Direct Access Trained

Experience

Priya is an experienced practitioner in all areas of immigration, asylum and nationality law. She is ranked in Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners as a leading junior. Her busy practice encompasses highly complex appeals and judicial review matters.

Within her areas of practice her work includes:

- protection and human rights claims,
- trafficking/modern slavery claims,
- family and private life claims,
 - deportations,
 - EU matters,
 - nationality cases,
- entry clearance matters with significant experience in adult dependent relative cases and complex family reunion matters,
 - business immigration,
 - removal matters,
 - interim relief applications,
 - bails,
- unlawful detention claims (judicial review and civil claims),
 - civil penalties for illegal workers,
 - asylum support and accommodation challenges,
 - unaccompanied and age-disputed migrant children.

She has been involved in several notable cases including:

- QH v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2020] EWHC 2691 (Admin),
- Secretary of State for the Home Department v Said & Ors [2018] EWCA Civ 627,
- AM (Iran) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2018] EWCA Civ 2706 and,
- Yilmaz & Anor v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2022] EWCA Civ 300.

She has a particular interest in and experience of cases involving gender violence, mental health issues and vulnerable clients. She provides regular training for ILPA on these topics and others. She is also the Chair of Trustees at Maa Shanti which is an organisation that supports South Asian single mothers/victims of domestic violence.

Priya regularly provides training on the intersection between family and immigration law. She is often instructed to provide expert advice on immigration issues in family proceedings. Her extensive

experience of claims involving children and complex legal issues makes her a popular choice for expert opinions.

In 2021 Priya was appointed as an Independent Funding Adjudicator for the Legal Aid Agency. In 2022 she was selected as Co-Chair of the Legal Aid Agency Review Panel. Priya is very committed to pro-bono work and this is detailed further below.

What the directories say

Legal 500

Cited as a leading junior in Immigration (including business immigration):

2017 “She has a sharp mind and demonstrates excellent client care”

2018 “She is tactically astute, good under pressure and very persuasive in court”

2019 “She is very knowledgeable in presenting appeals”

2020 ‘She has a passion for this area of work particularly in working for vulnerable survivors of domestic violence and trafficking’

Chambers and Partners

Cited as a leading junior in Immigration:

2021 –

‘Priya Solanki is a notable asylum and immigration specialist barrister with considerable experience handling judicial reviews and as well as tribunal challenges. She is knowledgeable about human trafficking issues and is particularly active in deportation appeals relating to human rights conditions in countries of origin.

“She is always up to speed with the latest legal developments and is very good at assisting with the strategy of cases before the litigation stage is reached. Her drafting is strong, and she is astute at reading the way cases are most likely to go. She is reliable and extremely thorough.” “She is unbelievably helpful and responsive. She is easy to work with and has an amazing combination of being supportive and knowledgeable.”

Education

Manchester Metropolitan University (Bar Vocational Course) 2008 – Richard Isaacson Memorial Scholarship Award for achieving the highest mark on the Northern Circuit
University of Liverpool (LLB (Hons)) 2007

Memberships

Immigration Law Practitioners Association (ILPA)
The Constitutional and Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)
Human Rights Lawyers Association (HRLA)

Languages

Priya is fluent in Gujarati.
She also speaks basic Punjabi, Urdu, Hindi and Level 1 British Sign Language.

Awards

In 2013 Priya was nominated for the Sydney Elland Goldsmith Bar Pro Bono Award in recognition of her outstanding commitment to pro bono work, assistance of the Bar Pro Bono Unit and other charitable organisations.

In 2008 Priya was awarded the Richard Isaacson Memorial Scholarship Award for the highest Bar Vocational Course mark achieved by a new practitioner on the Northern Circuit.

PUBLICATIONS

A Practical Guide to Challenging Sham Marriage Allegations in Immigration Law' Law Brief Publishing

The Immigration Act 2014 introduced a new framework for the Home Office investigating sham marriages. With the Home Office investigating thousands of marriages and civil partnerships under the legislation each year and preventing several marriages from taking place, it is essential that practitioners in immigration law are familiar with the frameworks for investigating marriages and the complexities of the law in this regard. This book aims to enable practitioners to be equipped to deal effectively with these cases.

Further information:

<https://www.waterstones.com/author/priya-solanki/5076792>

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Practical-Challenging-Marriage-Allegations-Immigration/dp/1912687933/ref=sr_1_1?qid=1660558168&refinements=p_27%3APriya+Solanki&s=books&sr=1-1

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