

Parissa Najah

Call 2017

Parissa has a multi-disciplinary practice, with her primary interest in social justice and working with clients experiencing discrimination and marginalisation. She has a particular ability to build rapport with her clients and has interest in the areas of law which best allow her to put this to good use.

EXPERTISE

Parissa has a broad practice as part of Trinity's Human Rights and Civil Liberties team. Her work focusses on human rights, discrimination and judicial review work. She is particularly interested in advising in cases where her broad areas of practice overlap. Parissa has an exceptional ability to build rapport with her clients which assists her in ensuring her advice is provided in the most clear and sympathetic way possible.

Public Law & Judicial Review

Parissa has a broad public law practice. She has acted and advised in claims arising in a wide variety of public and service provider settings, from prisons and police stations to health care and housing. She has an excellent understanding of both the Human Rights Act 1998 and Equality Act 2010 as she focussed upon this legislation and case law during her Master's research.

Parissa's previous experience in working within public bodies means she is particularly proficient in understanding the opposing interests at play in decision making and is committed to ensuring fundamental rights are not overridden.

Housing

Parissa has extensive experience in all aspects of landlord and tenant and social housing litigation, including possession, homelessness, allocations, anti-social behaviour, tenancy deposits, unlawful eviction, disrepair and housing conditions, tenancy fraud, succession and assignment. She is a regular legal contributor to Lime Legal's weekly Housing Law updates and previous editor.

In her previous career, Parissa worked alongside local neighbourhood policing teams, social housing providers and local authority enforcement agencies to develop strategies around local housing and neighbourhood issues. This practical knowledge enables her to quickly understand the competing needs often at play in her cases, and argue persuasively on behalf of her clients.

Immigration

Parissa's practice covers the full spectrum of immigration law. She is regularly instructed to appear in the first tier and upper tribunals to deal with asylum, humanitarian protection, human rights claims and British nationality matters. She has also acted in deportations and bail hearings, both on a paid and pro-bono basis.

Coroners' Inquests



Expertise

Civil Liberties & Human Rights

Administrative & Public Law

Social Housing

Immigration

Inquests

Court of Protection & Adult Care

Family - Public Law & Children

Parissa has a developing practice representing families and interested parties in the Coroner’s court. Her previous work supporting Victims of Crime makes her particularly adept at working with grieving families through this process.

APPOINTMENTS

- Equality & Human Rights Commission Panel of Counsel for England & Wales (2024 - 2028)

MEMBERSHIPS

- Advocate Pro Bono Barrister
- JUSTICE
- Bar Human Rights Committee
- Lincoln’s Inn
- Housing Law Weekly Contributor
- Environmental Law Review Editorial Team

EDUCATION

- Newcastle University Law LLB (hons)
- University of Edinburgh Global Crime, Justice and Security MSC (hons)
- BPP University BPTC
- BPP University LLM Professional Legal Practice
- ADR ODR Accredited Civil & Commercial Mediator

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Prior to pupillage, Parissa worked with vulnerable victims of crime providing advocacy, support and advice to those in crisis. Parissa led various projects based within local authorities, housing associations, the NHS and Police. She has a strong understanding of the practices of public bodies.

Parissa is a Fellow of the Legal Education Foundation’s Justice First Fellowship programme, a scheme supporting advocates committed to public interest and social justice issues.

Parissa accepts instructions under the Direct Access Scheme.

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