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Cecilia has an extensive practice in public and administrative law, human rights, information law, commercial regulatory judicial review, online safety, and social security.

Cecilia's clients include private clients, regulators, public authorities and central government departments. She has represented and advised clients at all levels in the domestic courts and in the European Court of Human Rights.

Cecilia was ranked as a leading junior in Public and Administrative Law and Civil Liberties and from 2025 has been ranked as a new silk. Prior to taking silk, Cecilia was a member of the Attorney General's A Panel of Counsel.



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Expertise

Public

Cecilia is instructed in complex, sensitive and politically contentious public law proceedings. She acts for private clients, central and local government, regulators, ombudsmen, local authorities and universities. From 2025 she has been ranked as a new silk in administrative and public law, having previously been ranked as a leading junior.

Key areas include: judicial review; Convention rights; regulatory work, including online safety and financial services; information law and data protection; equalities law; social security and child maintenance.

Cecilia also has a busy advisory practice. She regularly advises on public authority vires issues, and on regulatory and public sector transactions, investigations and reviews.

Some significant recent public law cases include:

R (TSZ) v Minister for the Cabinet Office [2025] (Admin)

Regulations establishing infected blood compensation scheme were lawful and did not infringe Article 14 ECHR; acting for Minister for the Cabinet Office

R (Wikimedia Foundation) v Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology [2025] EWHC 2086 (Admin)

Categorisation regulations made under the Online Safety Act were not irrational and did not infringe Convention rights; acting for The Secretary of State for Science Innovation and Technology

R (KK) v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions [2025] UKUT 259 (AAC)

Regulations governing right to Universal Credit during periods of temporary absence for medical reasons did not infringe Article 14 ECHR

R (Imperium Trustees Ltd) v Jersey Competent Authority [2025] UKPC 28

Article 6(1) did not apply to judicial review proceedings concerning notices to produce tax information; guidance on declarations of incompatibility; acting for the Attorney General for Jersey

R (FDA) v Minister for the Cabinet Office [2024] EWHC 1729 (Admin)

Proper scope of civil servants' obligation to comply with the law, including international law, under the Civil Service Code; acting for Minister for the Cabinet Office



Concise, really dissects the case and hits the key arguments. She is highly persuasive

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R (AA) v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions [2024] EWCA Civ 595

Permission to appeal against decision that Child Maintenance Service policy did not breach Article 8 positive obligations to protect victims of domestic violence refused; acting for the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

R (Scott) v Secretary of State for Justice [2024] EWHC 855 (Admin)

Decision to recall and not to re-release prisoner convicted of serious domestic violence offences and to withhold name of informant was lawful; acting for Secretary of State for Justice

Swindon Borough Council v Abbrook [2024] EWCA Civ 230

Court of Appeal guidance on the definition of "anti-social behaviour" in the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and anti-social behaviour injunctions; acting as advocate to the Court, appointed by the Attorney General

R (Ingold) v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions [2023] EWHC 3207 (Admin)

Child maintenance service operation and policies not contrary to ECHR Article 8, 14 or A1P1; acting for the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

R (ClientEarth) v Financial Conduct Authority [2023] EWHC 3301 (Admin)

FCA's approval of prospectus of an oil and gas company not unlawful having regard to disclosures of climate-related risks; claim not within the Aarhus Convention; acting for the FCA

R (K) v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions [2023] EWHC 233 (Admin)

DWP waiver policy with respect to benefit overpayments lawful; individual decision not to waive unlawful; acting for Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

(FDA) v Prime Minister [2021] EWHC 3279 (Admin)

Prime Minister's decision that bullying by the Home Secretary had not breached the Ministerial Code was lawful; acting for the Prime Minister.

In the first part of her career (Cecilia did not practice between 2010 and 2020) Cecilia appeared as lead junior in some of the most high profile public law appeals, including eight appeals before the House of Lords. Her cases covered:

- The application of the Human Rights Act to private care homes
- Deaths and detention of civilians in Iraq and Afghanistan
- Legality of UK implementation of UN sanctions regimes
- Investigation of deaths of patients in secure hospitals
- Lawfulness of control orders against suspected terrorists

Achievements

Education

Cecilia has a first class degree from Oxford University and a distinction in the diploma in law from City University.

Other

Cecilia is an an accredited CEDR mediator. Cecilia also has experience as a mediation advocate in a range of contexts including community care and employment.



Deep knowledge of human rights and equality law. She is incredibly quick to grasp a point and her advocacy is clear, precise and very responsive to judges.

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She is very responsive, her drafting is incredible and her advocacy is very strong. She can also identify issues others might miss and narrow cases down to what's really important.

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She is an excellent barrister; she grasps complex matters quickly and provides timely advice. Clients trust her judgement

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Clear, thorough, responsive and intellectually agile with excellent judgement.

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Excellent in her client communication; she is always approachable.

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Very concise, really dissects the case and hits the key arguments. She is highly persuasive.

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A knowledgeable practitioner who comes up with novel arguments in a very tactical way.

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Cecilia Ivimy is a sought-after barrister with wide-ranging experience acting in public law challenges on behalf of central government, local authorities and public sector unions. She has extensive experience in judicial review and regulatory proceedings.

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