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Aliya's practice spans commercial, employment, public and human rights, data protection, sport, and public international law. Aliya is ranked by Legal 500 as a "Rising star" in employment law, and described as being "extremely bright, commercial and responsive".

Aliya has recently acted in several high-profile cases before a wide range of international and domestic courts. Current and recent highlights include acting in or assisting with:

- A successful application in the Commercial Court for the first post-Brexit anti-suit injunction enforcing an employee's right to be sued in England.
- A High Court employment and shareholding dispute against a leading F1 Team by its former CEO/Team Principal.
- Contentious proceedings before the International Court of Justice against Myanmar concerning its responsibility for the Rohingya genocide in 2016-2017.
- A challenge in the High Court to the export of F-35 fighter jet parts to Israel in the context of the war in Gaza.
- Advisory proceedings before the International Court of Justice on Israel's aid obligations in relation to the Occupied Palestinian Territory following its ban on UNRWA.

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- A challenge before the European Court of Human Rights on the UK Government's Rwanda removal policy.

Before coming to the Bar, Aliya was the Judicial Assistant to Lady Arden and Lord Kitchin in the Supreme Court, and UK Focal Point to the European Court of Human Rights' Superior Courts' Network, where she gained exposure to several high-profile cases across her areas of practice. She previously trained as a solicitor at Slaughter and May, and was an associate in the firm's Disputes and Investigations team.

Aliya has an LLB from SOAS, University of London (where she graduated top of the year, and won multiple prizes), and studied for the BCL at the University of Oxford (where she was awarded the Daniel Slifkin scholarship).

Expertise

Public and Human Rights

Aliya practises in all areas of public law and human rights, including judicial review proceedings and claims under the Human Rights Act 1998.

Aliya gained considerable exposure to public law and human rights issues as a Judicial Assistant at the Supreme Court. While at the Supreme Court, Aliya was also appointed UK Focal Point to the European Court of Human Rights' Superior Courts' Network, in which capacity she provided assistance to the Strasbourg court on matters of English law.

Al-Haq v Secretary of State for Business and Trade

High-profile challenge to the export of F-35 fighter jet parts to Israel in the context of the war in Gaza (led by Raza Husain KC, Phillippa Kaufmann KC and Blinne Ní Ghrálaigh KC, alongside Zac Sammour). Aliya appeared as sole counsel in an interim hearing. The case was included in The Lawyer's Top 20 Cases for 2025.

NSK v United Kingdom

Major challenge to the legality and human rights' compliance of the Government's Rwanda deportation scheme (led by Raza Husain KC and Phillippa Kaufmann KC, alongside Christopher Knight and Hannah Slarks).

POA v United Kingdom

Application before the European Court of Human Rights asserting that the ban on prison officers taking strike action is unlawful in the absence of adequate compensatory mechanisms (led by Daniel Stilitz KC).

Siderise and Artelia v Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

Challenges to the Council's decision to ban certain contractors and suppliers from being used in its building and development projects following the Grenfell Tower Inquiry phase 2 report (led by James Goudie KC).

Kyriacoi v Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

Challenge to voter ID requirements (led by Julian Blake).

Care North East Northumberland v Northumberland CC

[2024] EWHC 1370 (ADMIN); [2024] ACD 88

Challenge to local authority care home fee-setting (led by Joanne Clement KC).

Ben Bradshaw MP and others v United Kingdom

Application before the European Court of Human Rights asserting that Article 3 of the First Protocol ECHR obliges the UK positively to investigate allegations of Russian attempts to interfere with domestic elections (as a pupil, assisting Christopher Knight).

Achievements

Education and Awards

Education

BCL, St John's College, University of Oxford

LLB, SOAS, University of London (top of year)

Prizes and Scholarships

Sir John and Lady Sophie Laws Scholarship, Bar European Group (2023)

Daniel Slifkin Scholarship, St John's College, Oxford (2020)

Hart Prize for Best Final Year Performance, SOAS (2017)

School of Law Undergraduate Prize for Best Intermediate Years Performance, SOAS (2016)

School of Law Scholarship, SOAS (2016)

School of Law Undergraduate Prize for Best First Year Performance, SOAS (2015)

Five subject prizes (including in Public Law), SOAS (2014-2017)

Oxford University Press Law Prize, SOAS (2015)

Other

Aliya was included in the Pro Bono Recognition Lists 2024, 2025 and 2026, which are endorsed by the Lady Chief Justice of England and Wales.