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Josephine Gillingwater practices across Chambers' practice areas including public law and human rights, public international law, commercial law, employment and discrimination law, data and information law, procurement, and sports law.

Josephine was the Judicial Assistant to Lord Lloyd-Jones in the Supreme Court and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council from 2025 to 2026.

As a Judicial Assistant, Josephine has worked on a number of the leading cases of the past year, including *The Kingdom of Bahrain v Shehabi* [2026] UKSC 25, concerning the territorial scope of the personal injury exception to state immunity, and *Infrastructure Services Luxembourg S.A.R.L. v The Kingdom of Spain* [2026] UKSC 9 concerning whether foreign states can rely on state immunity to resist the registration of ICSID awards.

Before coming to the Bar, Josephine worked in international arbitration at Freshfields, WilmerHale, and the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA). She also worked at the International Law Commission of the United Nations. She has volunteered with several pro bono organisations including the Free Representation Unit (FRU), Advocate, the Environmental Law Foundation, and Support Through Court.

Expertise

Public Law and Human Rights

Josephine practices in all areas of public law and human rights, including judicial review proceedings and claims under the Human Rights Act 1998. Her recent experience includes:

- Advised the Home Office on the compatibility of secondary legislation with Articles 6 and 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (as a pupil, assisting Christopher Knight KC).
- Advised on a damages claim under the Human Rights Act 1998 for breach of Article 1 of the First Protocol (A1P1) to the European Convention on Human Rights (as a pupil, assisting Joanne Clement KC).
- A disability discrimination claim against a school before the First-tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs and Disability) (as a pupil, assisting Paul Greatorex).
- Advised on a prospective appeal from the High Court in a judicial review concerning apparent bias by a public body in the healthcare sector (as a pupil, assisting Daniel Stilitz KC and Patrick Halliday).

CC v the United Kingdom

(APPLICATION NO. 25191/23)

European Court of Human Rights claim concerning whether the unavailability of compensation under domestic law for disability discrimination is compatible with Article 14 read with Article 8 and/or Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol 1 (led by Galina Ward KC and Christopher Knight KC).

Q v the United Kingdom

(APPLICATION NO. 11826/23)

European Court of Human Rights claim concerning the right to education of a child with special educational needs under Article 2 of Protocol 1 (led by Galina Ward KC and Christopher Knight KC).

Cruelty Free International v The Information Commissioner and the Home Office

Upper Tribunal hearing concerning the compatibility of statutory restrictions on disclosure under section 24 of the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 with Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights (led by Christopher Knight KC).

R (ALX) v Chancellor of the Exchequer

[2025] EWHC 1467 (ADMIN)

Human rights challenge on behalf of parents of children with special educational needs against the Finance Act 2025, which imposed VAT on private school fees (as a pupil, assisting Tom Cross KC).

R (The Lifescape Project) v The Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero

Judicial review challenge under the Climate Change Act 2008 of the Biomass Strategy which relies on biomass as a "low carbon fuel" to reach net zero (as a pupil, assisting Peter Lockley).

Achievements

Education

LLB (First Class Honours), University of Birmingham, 2017 – 2021

Visiting Student in the Faculty of Law, McGill University, 2019 – 2020

LLM in International Law (Summa Cum Laude), Geneva Graduate Institute, 2021 – 2022

PGDip in Bar Practice, Inns of Court College of Advocacy, 2023 – 2024

Awards

Dillon

[2026] UKSC 15

Supreme Court appeal concerning whether article 2(1) of the Windsor Framework has direct effect and can be relied on to disapply provisions of the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023 (as a Judicial Assistant to Lord Lloyd-Jones).

R (Siderise Ltd) v Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

[2025] EWHC 1178 (ADMIN)

Judicial review challenge to a ban of certain contractors and suppliers from local government contracts following the Grenfell Inquiry (as a pupil, assisting James Goudie KC and Aliya Al-Yassin).

Lord Denning Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn

Sir John and Lady Sophie Laws Scholarship, Bar European Group

Pegasus Scholarship, Inner Temple