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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

Employment

Aliya is recognised as a “Rising Star” in Legal 500. She practises across the full range of commercial and statutory employment law.

Fraiture v xAI

High Court challenge concerning the misappropriation of xAI’s confidential source code by a former employee (led by Amy Rogers KC).

Dare International Ltd v Soliman & Hikmet

[2025] EWHC 227 (KB)

Acting for the claimant energy derivatives trading company against two of its former senior traders who had resigned to join a competitor (led by Paul Goulding KC, alongside Jamie Susskind and Christian Davies).

Major Professional Services Firm v Former Partner

LCIA arbitration brought by a major professional services firm to enforce post-termination restrictions in LLP deed (led by Jane McCafferty KC and Simon Forshaw KC).

Former CEO/Team Principal v Leading F1 Team

Defending a leading F1 team against a multimillion pound High Court employment and shareholding dispute brought by its former CEO/Team Principal (assisting Daniel Stilitz KC and Ruth Kennedy).

Gagliardi v Evolution Capital Management LCC

[2023] EWHC 1608 (COMM)

Application to the Commercial Court for the first post-Brexit anti-suit injunction enforcing an employee’s right to be sued in England (as a pupil, assisting Daniel Oudkerk KC and Amy Rogers).

Lapinski v Triton Investments Advisers LLP and Others

Challenge to the international jurisdiction of the Employment Tribunal in a cross-border discrimination dispute (as a pupil, assisting Daniel Stilitz KC).

Melki v Bouygues E and S Contracting

[2024] EAT 36; [2024] ICR 803

Acting for the Claimant (pro bono) in the first case to consider the application of the EAT's new power to extend time under amended EAT rule 37(5) (led by James Goudie KC, alongside Oliver Mills).

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.