

Cecilia Ivimy KC

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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.



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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Expertise

Human Rights

Cecilia has extensive experience in human rights law. She has acted in Convention rights cases at all levels in the domestic courts and in multiple appeals before the ECtHR. She acts for private clients, public authorities and central and local government. Areas covered include: online safety, regulatory action, welfare benefits, education, pensions, sanctions, proceeds of crime, prisons and secure hospitals, and military action abroad.

Cecilia also regularly advises on human rights issues arising in public authority and regulatory decisions and transactions, and human rights compatibility of proposed legislation and policies.

Some recent significant human rights cases include:

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

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 (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



Cecilia has a 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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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 and did not infringe Art 5 ECHR; acting for Secretary of State for Justice

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

In the first part of her career (Cecilia did not practice between 2010 and 2020) Cecilia was lead junior in multiple leading human rights appeals in the House of Lords and the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights. Subjects included:

- Care homes – whether public authorities under the HRA
- Military action – application of the HRA and ECHR to overseas operations
- Investigations – Article 2 duty to investigate deaths of patients in secure hospitals
- Terrorism control orders – compatibility with Articles 5 and 8
- Privacy rights and data retention – compatibility of disclosure of spent convictions with Article 8

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

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

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

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