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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 International

Aliya has experience dealing with public international law issues in both domestic and international courts.

Alleged Breaches of Certain International Obligations in respect of the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Nicaragua v. Germany)

(ICJ)

Acting for the State of Palestine in contentious proceedings before the International Court of Justice on Germany's support for Israel in the Gaza war (led by Paul S. Reichler, alongside Zac Sammour).

Advisory Opinion proceedings concerning the obligations of Israel in relation to the presence and activities of the UN, International organisations and Third States in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (ICJ)

Acting for the State of Palestine in advisory proceedings before the International Court of Justice on the legal obligations of Israel with respect to the UN, international organisations and third states in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (led by Paul S. Reichler, alongside Zac Sammour).

Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (The Gambia v. Myanmar: 11 States intervening) (ICJ)

Acting for The Gambia in contentious proceedings before the International Court of Justice concerning Myanmar's responsibility for the Rohingya genocide in 2016-2017 (led by Paul S. Reichler, alongside Ruth Kennedy).

Advisory Opinion proceedings concerning the Right to Strike under ILO Convention No. 87

Acting for the International Trade Union Confederation in advisory proceedings before the International Court of Justice on the Right to Strike under ILO Convention 87 (led by Professor Philippe Sands KC).

Al-Haq v Secretary of State for Business and Trade

Acting for the Claimant in a 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.

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.