# Lucy Jones



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Lucy is recognised as a “Rising Star”, with a practice spanning all areas of public, human rights, commercial, employment, data protection and international law. She is a member of the Attorney General’s London C Panel and the specialist Public International C Panel.

Lucy acts in high-profile and complex cases before a wide range of international and domestic courts and tribunals, including the European Court of Human Rights, the International Court of Justice and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

Before coming to the Bar, Lucy qualified as a solicitor at Freshfields, where she practised as an Associate in the Dispute Resolution Team. She brings a modern, practical and team-oriented approach to her work as a result. She also previously worked as a Government Legal Adviser where she advised on public law, data policy and the negotiation of the UK’s international trade agreements.

Lucy is ranked by Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners as a “Rising Star” and “Up and Coming”. Directory commentary notes her as being “extremely bright and helpful”, putting “tremendous energy into cases”.

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# Expertise

## Public & Human Rights

Lucy practises in all areas of public law and human rights, including judicial review proceedings, claims under the Human Rights Act 1998 and claims before international courts. She is a member of the Attorney General's London C Panel and the specialist Public International C Panel. In her previous role as Government Legal Adviser, Lucy advised on a range of public law issues affecting central government and brings an understanding of the practical challenges faced by clients to her role as counsel.

### The Central European University v Hungary

ECHR claim against the Hungarian Government, challenging closure of the CEU's operations in Budapest (acting for the applicant university led by Ruth Kennedy).

### R (CKS and ors) v Secretary of State for Education

[2026] EWHC 741

Judicial review challenge against the Secretary of State for Education addressing the lawfulness of her 2025-26 universal infant free school meals programme, and in particular the exclusion of Charedi Jewish children who attend Charedi private schools (acting for the Secretary of State led by Jonathan Auburn KC [2026] EWHC 741).

### Lawyers are Responsible

Advice on the implications of various acts of climate activism carried out by doctors (published opinion, led by Tom Cross KC).

### Judicial review proceedings concerning the renewable energy sector

(acting for an interested party led by Jason Coppel KC, settled in 2024).

### R (Independent Workers' Union of Great Britain) v Central Arbitration Committee (Interested Party: Deliveroo)

Supreme Court appeal addressing collective bargaining legislation and riders' Article 11 ECHR rights (assisting counsel team for Deliveroo as a pupil, [2023] UKSC 43).

### Derbyshire NHS Trust v Secretary of State for Health and Social Care (MIND intervening)

Judicial review addressing remote assessments for the sectioning of mentally unwell patients (assisting Tom Cross as a pupil, [2023] EWHC 3338 (Admin)).

### R (TZA) v A Secondary School

Judicial review addressing the requirements of the public sector equality duty in relation to school exclusion decisions (assisting Tom Cross as a pupil, [2023] EWHC 1722 (Admin)).

## Employment, Professional Disciplinary and Regulatory Law

Lucy practises across the full range of commercial and statutory employment law.

Lucy also accepts instructions in field of professional discipline, appearing unled in the High Court for the General Medical Council (*Cook v General Medical Council* [2023] EWHC 1906 (costs application)).

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### Dare International Ltd v Ersen

a High Court restrictive covenant case concerning the trading of energy derivatives (for Mr Ersen led by Adam Solomon KC with Stuart Sanders, settled in 2025).

### Miller v University of Bristol

a high-profile claim against the University of Bristol in which the University was found to have discriminated against Professor Miller because of his anti- Zionist beliefs (for the claimant assisting Zac Sammour, 1400780/2022).

### McKnight v Chelsea Football Club Ltd

a claim of unfair dismissal (for the defendant assisting Zac Sammour, 2208134/2022).

### Appearing unled in a range of discrimination and unfair dismissal claims

before the Employment Tribunal, including experience of obtaining restricted reporting and anonymity orders for cases involving allegations of serious sexual misconduct.

## Public International

Lucy is instructed in cases before the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, the European Court of Human Rights and *ad hoc* arbitrations (including ICSID proceedings). She is a member of the Attorney General's Public International Law C Panel, with her practice at the Bar building upon her past career as a solicitor working in the UK Government and Freshfields.

### NORI and TOML v. International Seabed Authority

The first contentious cases brought under Part XI of UNCLOS before the Seabed Disputes Chamber (representing the International Seabed Authority, led by Philippe Sands KC, 2026-present).

### Smart City Solutions v. Guyana

an ICSID arbitration concerning a parking concession in the capital city of Georgetown (acting for Guyana led by Paul Reichler, 2023 – present).

### Guyana v Venezuela (Arbitral Award of 3 October 1899)

a case concerning the international boundary between the two States as determined by an arbitral award dating from 1899 (acting for Guyana led by Paul Reichler, 2024 – present).

### The Central European University v Hungary

ECHR claim against the Hungarian Government, challenging closure of the CEU's operations in Budapest (acting for the applicant university led by Ruth Kennedy).

### Request for an Advisory Opinion submitted by the Commission of Small States

on Climate Change and International Law to ITLOS (assisting Remi Reichhold counsel for Mauritius, as a pupil).

### Advising on the negotiation of the UK's international trade agreements

(as Government Legal Adviser).

### Advising on WTO law and bilateral investment treaties

(as Government Legal Adviser).

### Prosecution of Goran Hadžić by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia

for crimes against humanity and violations of the laws of war (intern for the Prosecution).

## Data Protection and Information

Lucy practises in all areas of information and data protection law, including claims under the UK GDPR / Data Protection Act 2018 and appeals under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In her previous role as Government Legal Adviser, Lucy advised on the digital chapters of a number of international trade agreements and contributed to the drafting of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 . She has a particular interest and experience in international data transfers.

### High Court group litigation

following two highly publicised ransomware attacks against the Police Federation of England and Wales (acting for the Police Federation led by Anya Proops KC with Robin Hopkins and Zac Sammour, settled in 2025).

### British Business Bank plc v Information Commissioner and Helen Cross

appeal under the FOIA maintaining non-disclosure in the Bank's favour (acting for the Bank led by James Cornwell, [2024] UKFTT 632 (GRC)).

### R (Bridges) v Chief Constable of the South Wales Police

judicial review addressing the legality of automatic facial recognition technology (as Judicial Assistant to Lord Justice Singh, [2020] EWCA Civ 1058).

### Acting for requesters and the Information Commissioner

as sole counsel in several FOIA appeals before both the First-tier and Upper Tribunal.

## Procurement and Subsidy Control

Lucy accepts instructions from economic operators and authorities in cases involving the application of the procurement and subsidy rules. She brings experience in this field from her time as a solicitor in Freshfields' Dispute Resolution Team and previously contributed to the creation of a post-graduate module for King's College London (assisting Michael Bowsher KC and Jane Jenkins).

Lucy recently acted pro bono in a successful bid challenge for a charity (led by Jason Coppel KC).

# Achievements

## Publications

"Cost-capping in 'public interest proceedings': *Good Law Project Ltd v Minister for the Cabinet Office* "

P.P.L.R. 2021, 5, NA155-NA159 (with Kate Gough)

"Non-compliant bids and disqualification: *Stagecoach East Midlands Trains Ltd v Secretary of State for Transport*"
P.P.L.R. 2020, 6, NA281-NA285 (with Kate Gough)

## Education

University College Cork, BCLI, First Class Honours

The London School of Economics, L.L.M. (Public International Law), Distinction Legal Practice Course, Distinction

## Awards

2015, Valedictorian of the Washington Ireland Programme 2015, UCC College of Business and Law Award

2015, Winner, Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition – Irish National Rounds 2013, Finalist, James D. Donegan Moot Court Prize

2013, Winner, Irish National Law Debates

## Memberships

VYAP

COMBAR

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## Other

In the 2019-2022 legal year, Lucy was a Judicial Assistant assisting Lord Justice Singh in his capacity as a Lord Justice of Appeal and President of the Investigatory Powers Tribunal with cases including *Begum v Special Immigration Appeals Commission* (SIAC) [2020] EWCA Civ 918 (Shamima Begum appeal), *Plan B Earth and others v Secretary of State for Transport* [2020] EWCA Civ 214 (the challenge to Heathrow's third runway) and *Privacy International v Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs* IPT/17/86 & 87H (a challenge to the purported "authorisation" of criminal offences by officials and agents of the Security Service).

Lucy has also held a range of academic research roles, including work for Professor Devika Hovell (LSE) researching the universal jurisdiction trial of Nepali Colonel Kumar Lama (2016) and her role as Foreign Law Intern conducting research in response to Congressional requests at the Law Library of Congress, International Law Division (2015).