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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 and Human Rights

Aliya practises in all areas of public law and human rights, including judicial review proceedings and claims under the Human Rights Act 1998.

Aliya gained considerable exposure to public law and human rights issues as a Judicial Assistant at the Supreme Court. While at the Supreme Court, Aliya was also appointed UK Focal Point to the European Court of Human Rights' Superior Courts' Network, in which capacity she provided assistance to the Strasbourg court on matters of English law.

Al-Haq v Secretary of State for Business and Trade

High-profile 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.

NSK v United Kingdom

Major challenge to the legality and human rights' compliance of the Government's Rwanda deportation scheme (led by Raza Husain KC and Phillippa Kaufmann KC, alongside Christopher Knight and Hannah Slarks).

POA v United Kingdom

Application before the European Court of Human Rights asserting that the ban on prison officers taking strike action is unlawful in the absence of adequate compensatory mechanisms (led by Daniel Stilitz KC).

Siderise and Artelia v Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

Challenges to the Council's decision to ban certain contractors and suppliers from being used in its building and development projects following the Grenfell Tower Inquiry phase 2 report (led by James Goudie KC).

Kyriacoi v Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

Challenge to voter ID requirements (led by Julian Blake).

Care North East Northumberland v Northumberland CC

[2024] EWHC 1370 (ADMIN); [2024] ACD 88

Challenge to local authority care home fee-setting (led by Joanne Clement KC).

Ben Bradshaw MP and others v United Kingdom

Application before the European Court of Human Rights asserting that Article 3 of the First Protocol ECHR obliges the UK positively to investigate allegations of Russian attempts to interfere with domestic elections (as a pupil, assisting Christopher Knight).

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).

Public International

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

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 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).

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.

Commercial Litigation

Aliya practises in a broad range of commercial litigation. Aliya also has significant experience in commercial litigation from her time as a solicitor in Slaughter and May's Disputes and Investigations team.

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).

Cardiff City Football Club v English Football League

Arbitration arising out of a failure to pay the transfer fee of Emiliano Sala on time (as a pupil, assisting Ruth Kennedy).

Gagliardi v Evolution Capital Management LCC

[2023] EWHC 1608 (COMM)

Application to the High 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).

Município de Mariana & Ors v BHP Group plc, BHP Billiton plc and BHP Group Ltd

[2020] EWHC 2930

Acting for the Defendants in a jurisdiction challenge relating to claims brought by over 200,000 claimants arising out of the collapse of the Fundão Dam in Brazil. The claim was considered to be the largest group action ever in English legal history, and was included in The Lawyer's Top 20 Cases for 2020 (as a solicitor at Slaughter and May, in a team led by Efstathios Michael).

Data Protection and Information Rights

Aliya 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.

Claim against challenger bank

Claim for compliance with DSAR in the context of a challenger bank's decision to de-bank a high net worth customer (led by Robin Hopkins).

Shubber v Information Commissioner and the Serious Fraud Office

[2024] UKFTT 1054 (GRC)

Successfully acting for the requester in an appeal concerning the costs of the SFO's failed investigation into the Unaoil corruption scandal. The information was reported in the FT .

Montague v Information Commissioner and Secretary of State for International Trade

Appeal concerning the aggregation of public interest factors under FOIA (as a pupil, assisting Christopher Knight).

Cabinet Office v Information Commissioner and Tommy Sheppard MP

Upper Tribunal appeal concerning a request for polling information on attitudes to the Union (as a pupil, assisting Raphael Hogarth).

Sport

Aliya accepts instructions in all areas of sports law.

Premier League Arbitration

Defending a Premier League football club in an arbitration under the Premier League Rules (led by Andrew Smith).

F1 High Court Claim

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).

English Football League Arbitration

An arbitration arising from Cardiff City FC's failure to pay the transfer fee of Emiliano Sala on time (as a pupil, assisting Ruth Kennedy).

Procurement

Aliya accepts instructions from economic operators and authorities in cases involving the application of the procurement rules.

Siderise and Artelia v Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

Challenges to the Council's decision to ban certain contractors and suppliers from being used in its building and development projects following the Grenfell Tower Inquiry phase 2 report (led by James Goudie KC).

R (Cambrian Offshore) v Norfolk County Council

2008 EWHC 1583 (QB)

challenge in the context of a project supported by the European Regional Development Fund (led by Jason Coppel KC).

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.