



## Practice

Nadine is an experienced junior, who practices in the field of public law and civil liberties. Many of her cases involve children and their families in an immigration or community care context. She also represents parties in the family courts where there is an immigration element. In addition she is regularly instructed to provide expert reports in such cases. She also has a special interest in human trafficking and has represented many victims of trafficking over the years. A large number of her cases involve points of law arising from the European Convention on Human Rights and other international human rights instruments.

She also has a civil liberties practice, involving civil actions against the police and claims for false imprisonment and assault in immigration detention.

Nadine is being contracted by the UNHCR and UNICEF to work on best interests of children for an international judicial conference and new guidelines for Europe.

## Background

Nadine initially worked as a community worker in the voluntary sector, campaigning for better recreational facilities for children. She later moved into community development work and, whilst employed by the London Borough of Haringey in Tottenham, worked with the Broadwater Farm Youth Association and a number of local women's groups.

Nadine then became a policy analyst at the Greater London Council, where she worked on race, gender and policing issues. In the last months of the GLC she moved to the Police Monitoring Unit to work for a group of London boroughs for the next year and a half, producing a number of pamphlets and articles on the policing of the Irish Community.

After two years as a Women's Development Worker in the London Borough of Ealing, Nadine studied for a Diploma in Law and came to the Bar.

## Notable Cases

**Birmingham City Council v Amalea Clue, Secretary of State for the Home Department (Interested Party) & Shelter (intervening)** [2010] EWCA Civ 460. Reported at (2009) 1 All ER 1039

Successful application for judicial review of local authority's decision to stop funding housing costs of family unlawfully residing in the country and instead fund the removal of the family, breaching the family's human rights.

**The Queen on the application of AC v Birmingham City Council** [2008] EWHC 3036 (Admin). Reported at (2009) 1 All ER 1039

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**HC & RC (Trafficked women) China CG** [2008] UKAIT 00027

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1991

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### Education

BA (Hons) English and American Literature (University of East Anglia), Diploma in Law (University of Westminster)

### Practice Areas:

Nadine Finch is a member of the following Practice Areas:

- Claims Against The Police & Public Authorities
- Community Care
- Extradition Law
- Family
- Immigration - Asylum and Human Rights
- Immigration - Business and Private
- International Advice and Litigation
- Public & Administrative Law

### Garden Court Chambers

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**AA (Afghanistan) v Secretary of State for the Home Department** [2007] EWCA Civ 12. Reported at Times February 2, 2007  
Concerned the proper approach to the return of unaccompanied minors to their countries of origin

**The Queen on the application of Miloja v Secretary of State for the Home Department** [2005] EWHC 2833 (Admin)

**ID & Others v The Home Office** [2005] EWCA Civ 38 27/1/05. Reported at (2006) 1 WLR 1003  
Intervened on behalf of Bail for Immigration Detainees and the Immigration Law Practitioners Association in order to raise concerns about the detention of children in immigration removal centres and consequent breaches of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

**Behre & Others v Hillingdon London Borough Council** [2003] EWHC 2075 (Admin). Reported at (2004) 1 FLR 439  
Assistance provided to unaccompanied asylum-seeking child

**Sepet v SSHD** [2003] UKHL 15. Reported at (2003) 1 WLR 856.  
Refugees and conscientious objection to the performance of military service

## Training and Conferences

Nadine has provided training courses to a number of different organisations including the NSPCC, barristers and solicitors in Glasgow, Manchester City Council, and the Northern Ireland Law Centre.,

Nadine has also spoken at a number of conferences on subjects relating to children's rights. The most recent of these include:

- Garden Court Chambers Children's Rights Day
- Public Policy Exchange - 23rd February 2010
- Care Matters - 22nd April 2010
- Child Health & Well-Being Symposium - 22nd June 2010
- Every Child Matters - 9th September 2010
- Private Fostering Symposium - 26th October 2010
- Working Together to Protect Trafficked and Vulnerable Children - 7th December 2010

In addition she has participated in a number of expert's seminars, including:

- The Rights of the Child experts meeting on the incorporation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into UK law (2010)
- Joseph Rowntree Trust - Forced Labour Seminar (2010)
- Human Rights Watch - on the return of unaccompanied and separated children to their countries of origin (2010)

## Memberships

Immigration Law Practitioners' Association ("ILPA") , Administrative Law Bar Association, Family Law Bar Association and Children's Rights Alliance for England



## Other activities

Nadine represents ILPA on the Refugee Children's Consortium, which is comprised of the representatives of the major children's charities, and also on the Human Trafficking NGO Advisory Group which meets with government ministers to discuss the UK Action Plan on Human Trafficking. . Nadine is also on the Advisory Group for the NSPCC National Child Trafficking and Information Line and a member of ILPA's Children's Sub-committee. In addition, she was one of the three founders of the Trafficking Law and Policy Forum.

## Publications

Nadine is the co-author of

***Levelling the playing field: A UNICEF UK report into provision of services to unaccompanied or separated migrant children in three local authority areas in England*** UNICEF (2010) [Click here to view the Report](#)

***Putting Children First: A guide for immigration practitioners*** (LAG) (2002)

***Seeking Asylum Alone Unaccompanied and Separated Children and Refugee Protection in the UK*** (Harvard University Committee on Human Rights) (2006)

Nadine has contributed to chapters to :

***A Practical Guide to International Family Law*** by David Hodson published by Family Law (2008)

***Integrating Diversity The collected papers of the 2007 Interdisciplinary Conference***, Dartington Hall published by Family Law at which Nadine was a speaker.

She has also contributed articles to:

***International Family Law*** [2006] IFL 119 - 179

***Family Law November 2006***

Nadine is a co-author of a forthcoming book for Jordan Publishing Ltd which is provisionally entitled **Immigration Practice and Procedure in Family Proceedings**.

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