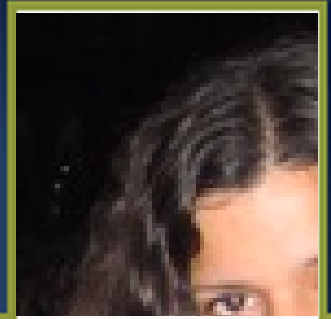




## Barrister profile

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## Practice

Sareta specialises in international humanitarian and human rights law. She is currently the Analyst on the United Nations' International Commission of Inquiry on Libya, examining alleged violations of international law by the pro-Ghaddafi forces, the anti-Ghaddafi armed groups and NATO.

Immediately prior to this, Sareta was based in the Hague as the Legal Adviser to the Office of the Public Counsel for the Defence (OPCD) in the International Criminal Court. In 2009, Sareta worked as a Legal Consultant to the United Nations Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict, also known as the Goldstone Inquiry, and was part of the team that conducted investigations and drafted the final Report.

From 2004 to 2009, Sareta was Co-Counsel on the Defence team representing Issa Sesay (interim Leader of the Revolutionary United Front) before the Special Court for Sierra Leone. She has a continuing interest in access to justice issues in Sierra Leone and, as part of this, has worked as an ad hoc consultant to the Open Society Institute and Open Society Justice Initiative. Sareta is on the roster of defence legal consultants to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (the Khmer Rouge trials) and the Special Tribunal for Lebanon. She is also a Deployable Civilian Expert (Justice Sector) with DfID.

When in England, Sareta is a criminal defence practitioner with a growing Crown Court practice. She is particularly interested in cases involving freedom of expression and political protest. She undertakes work with the Bar Pro Bono Unit.

## Background

Sareta worked as a legal researcher on issues surrounding violence against women in the Washington DC-based National Organization for Women before completing her Masters in International Humanitarian Law at Harvard Law School. She researched her thesis at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. In 2002, Sareta worked in the West Bank assisting in investigations of allegations of violations of international humanitarian law following 'Operation Defensive Shield' in 2002. She is a national of Trinidad and Tobago and is also called to the Bar there.

## Publications

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