



Grace Brown

YEAR OF CALL: 1995



Grace Brown is a public law practitioner with a particular focus on human rights, immigration and refugee law. She commenced practice in 1995 inspired by the desire to promote the rights of the under privileged and disadvantaged and quickly established herself as a well-respected and busy human rights and immigration barrister.

Grace is appointed to the Equality and Human Rights Commission's preferred Panel of Counsel.

"Ms Brown navigated her way through her written submissions in the most lucid and helpful way".

JUDICIAL COMMENT, TRIBUNAL CASE

"Miss Brown, who has served this applicant particularly well both before the immigration judge and before us in arguing with frankness and clarity..."

JUDICIAL COMMENT, COURT OF APPEAL CASE

"Grace is a great person to work with, a magnificent drafter, and has achieved considerable success for [our clients] before the [Tribunal] and

higher courts."

PROFESSIONAL CLIENT

"Your [draft pre action protocol] letter is superb, thank you very much for putting so much effort in to it, we really appreciate what you have done".

LAY CLIENT

"Gracious in person, she was with us all the way. Up to date and considered in her submissions, persisting in spite of the odds. Her meticulous attention to detail saved the day when she pointed out a crucial omission by the Home Office, all together in a successful outcome."

PUBLIC ACCESS CLIENT

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IMMIGRATION LAW

Grace's in-depth areas of expertise include cases involving:

- **Family and private life**
- **Domestic violence and gender-based claims**
- **Deportation**
- **Unlawful detention**
- **Trafficking**
- **International protection claims**
- **Age disputes**
- **Family reunion**
- **Entry clearance**
- **Points Based System**
- **Construction and interpretation of rules and law**

Grace is a busy practitioner and works for a wide range of clients. She has extensive knowledge and experience

in claims, appeals and judicial review which enables her to authoritatively advise in a range of case-types and appear in hearings in the Immigration Tribunals and Higher Courts. In addition, her written work is widely regarded as being effective in a significant proportion of cases in producing the desired results, be it for example in obtaining permission to appeal, permission to apply for judicial review and/or in managing to persuade the Secretary of State to reverse an adverse decision. Grace is also an experienced Public Access trained and qualified practitioner and regularly takes instructions direct from the public.

NOTABLE CASES

Kazim & Anor, R (on the application of) v SSHD[2018] EWCA Civ 1163 Tier 1 (Entrepreneur) case, whether funds were 'available' for investment.

QUB v SSHD [2017] EWHC 1494 (Admin) - unlawful detention

EM (Kosovo) v SSHD C5/2016/1951 - obtained settlement in Court of Appeal case concerning deportation where the Upper Tribunal hearing had taken place in the client's absence.

AO (Nigeria) & ors v SSHD C5/2016/2467 - obtained settlement in Court of Appeal case concerning asylum and long residence children.

AK (Afghanistan) C7/2015/3743 - obtained settlement in Court of Appeal case concerning an asylum claim of a minor and article 8 ECHR.

RT v SSHD C2/2014/2013 - obtained settlement in Court of Appeal case concerning long residence/overstaying and health (HIV).

AZ (Asylum-'legacy' cases) Afghanistan [2013] UKUT 00270. Whether removal was unlawful under paras 8-10 of Schedule 2 to the 1971 Act

VN (Chicago Convention - s 86(4)) Iran [2010] UKUT 303 (IAC)

AR & FW [2009] EWCA Civ 1310 and Rabah & Ors [2009] EWHC 1044 (Admin); test case on question of whether a person can be kept on temporary admission in circumstances where it cannot be said there is 'some prospect' of their removal from the UK.

KJ [2008] EWCA civ 468; reasonableness of relocation of Iraqi Christian convert to the KRG.

Lim [2007] EWCA Civ 773; questions arising under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 s.10 are to be regarded as appealable and reviewable.

Tosun [2006] EWCA Civ 958; risk on return to Turkey.

B [2006] EWCA Civ 954; effect of delay in processing appeal.

COMMUNITY CARE LAW

Grace has developed an impressive practice in community care judicial reviews for which she is well-suited given her extensive experience in public law. She has particular expertise in cases involving the non-provision of services to children who lack secure immigration status in the UK and who need accommodation and support from local authorities. Grace has successfully acted in a number of cases involving destitute children and adults who need urgent access to the Court in order to challenge unlawful decisions and/or processes.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Grace has a long-standing interest in conservation, ecology and the environment. She is currently instructed, alongside a number of other barristers, by a charity-objector to the Welsh Government's proposed M4 corridor (relief road) around Newport. A scheme with an estimated cost of £1 billion; [see here](#).

In 2011, Grace was part of a legal team, led by Michael Mansfield QC, advising and assisting a legal team in Canada supporting the challenge by indigenous people there to a fracking project, known as the tar sands projects. She maintains her interest in this challenge and Campaign; [see here](#).

Grace has advised a local action group on 140-dwelling development proposed by the London Borough of Haringey.

PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Grace advises and has appeared in professional conduct proceedings and regulatory matters, having previously served as a Disciplinary Tribunal member.

PRO BONO WORK

Grace is a Trustee of the [Haringey Migrants Support Centre](#) where, from 2013, she started providing free

immigration advice and free representation to services users.

She has also provided legal advice at Windrush Legal Clinics and is working pro bono on a large number of Windrush and Windrush-related cases.

Grace is a mentor on the [Inner Temple Mentoring Scheme](#) and a [Pegasus Scholar Host](#) and has, since 2001, mentored and hosted many students studying for the Bar and junior barristers.

She is a volunteer supervisor for the immigration law clinic at Exeter University.

PUBLICATIONS

Contributor to the Ninth Edition and update to Ninth Edition of Macdonald's Immigration Law & Practice (published 2017), the leading practitioner text in immigration law.

General editor of Butterworths Immigration Law Service

Contributor to the Lexis Nexis Immigration PSL Q&A Panel

Contributor to the Legal Action Group 'Recent Developments in Immigration Law' from 2010 to date.

Contributor to the Free Movement immigration law blog.

TRAINING AND SEMINARS

Between 2003 and 2009, Grace delivered regular training seminars for the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI), the Immigration Advisory Service and HJT.

She has also delivered many in-house seminars to professional clients on areas covering the best interests of the child, deportation, EEA migration, disputed age and ETS fraud/deception cases.

Mentor on the Inner Temple Mentoring Scheme and has, since 2001, mentored many students studying for the Bar.

Pegasus Trust Scholar Host

Grace has attended Traveller Movement training on working with Gypsy, Roma and Traveller clients (2016).

APPEARANCES

Grace appeared on The Limehouse Podcast on 8 May 2018. She was interviewed by William Porteous about Windrush. You can [listen on SoundCloud](#).

On 22 June 2018, Grace was among a panel of speakers which included the Director of the Runnymede Trust at the *Race and Migration: Expanding Windrush Scholar-Activism Conference*, held at the British Library and on 17 July was a panel member alongside David Lammy MP and Janet Daby MP at a Parliamentary meeting launching a widening Windrush campaign.

On 18 July 2018, she appeared in an article in the Independent as one of the leaders in a campaign to widen the categories of Windrush claimants; [see here](#).

Grace has been an invited speaker at Black History Month events arranged by groups including departments in the London Boroughs of Islington and Camden and also for the Dorchester Multicultural Society and has provided motivational talks to school students in Year 11 and above.

On 25 January 2020, Grace spoke at the [Widen Windrush Oxford Meeting](#). The event is one of a series organised by Movement for Justice to campaign for a broadening of the Windrush Scheme so that it makes provision for a broader range of Windrush descendant to obtain settlement in the UK or leave to remain.

EDUCATION

- BA (Hons)
- BVC (Inns of Court School of Law)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Immigration Law Practitioners Association
- Family Law Bar Association

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