



# Amanda Weston QC

YEAR OF CALL: 1995 | YEAR OF SILK: 2018



Amanda is a leading public and administrative law silk. She co-authors *Judicial Review: A Practical Guide* (Lexis Nexis) and is a member of the 'A' Panel of preferred Counsel who act for the Equality & Human Rights Commission.

"A standout barrister intellectually." "Very clear and persuasive."

CHAMBERS UK, 2019 (IMMIGRATION)

"Creative, ingenious and committed"

LEGAL 500, 2020 (PUBLIC LAW)

"She has a first-class legal brain, her written notes are outstanding and she provides excellent legal analysis and advocacy."

CHAMBERS UK, 2020 (CIVIL LIBERTIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS)

"Clients are particularly impressed by her fearless advocacy and grasp of the academic and human elements of a case."

LEGAL 500, 2020 (COMMUNITY CARE)

"Amanda is very knowledgeable and passionate in this area, and is very proactive and helpful. She is a font of all knowledge and is incredibly accessible and easy to work with."

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## ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC LAW

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Amanda has over 20 years' experience in judicial review at all levels including the Supreme Court. Substantive areas of her leading public law practice include community care, mental health and mental capacity, immigration, unlawful detention, trafficking, national security measures such as deprivation of citizenship, prison law, human rights, criminal procedure and discrimination. She has particular experience in challenges to both local and central government policy, rules and subordinate legislation. She is currently leading the judicial review challenge to the fees imposed on children's citizenship applications, brought by the Project for the Registration of Children as British Citizens (PRCBC).

The breadth of her expertise can be seen from her leading cases. They include *McNally*, the successful judicial review of the Education Secretary's decision to intervene in a teacher's disciplinary proceedings where natural justice principles were 'read-in' to primary statute and *AHK* on the principles which apply where the Secretary of State wishes to rely on undisclosed material in judicial review. She writes, teaches and trains other lawyers on the cutting-edge of public law and is co-author of *Judicial Review: A Practical Guide* (Lexis Nexis). She has extensive experience in systemic and public interest JR including cost-capping orders.

Amanda's paper on the threats to children's rights in public law, delivered at the Public Law Project's 2016 Conference in London, can be [read here](#). Her keynote speech on Human Dignity in a Time of Austerity, delivered to the inaugural LAG conference on Support for Migrants in 2018 can be [read here](#).

### NOTABLE CASES

#### ***AG v FTT and CICA* [2013] UKUT 357 (AAC) (23 July 2013)**

The court's duties to provide a fair opportunity for a rape victim to put her case for compensation to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority where the police had failed adequately to investigate.

***W, R (On the Application Of) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2019] EWHC 254***

Successful judicial review challenge to the imposition of 'restricted leave' on a mentally-disordered migrant with learning disabilities who had been acquitted in the 'Ricin' trial.

***CL, R (on the application of) v The Secretary of State for the Home Department [2018] EWHC 3333 (Admin)***

Challenge brought against the policy of recording incidents of 'sexting' among school children as sexual offences recorded against the child's name.

***R (ILPA) v Tribunals Procedure Committee [2016] EWHC 218 (Admin)***

Challenge to rule 13 of the 2014 First tier Tribunal Procedure Rules (leading Sadat Sayeed).

***R (ota Taylor) v Secretary of State for Justice & others [2015] EWHC 3245 (Admin)***

Whether the failure to release a prisoner for 18 months pursuant to the Parole Board's direction for release arose from a discriminatory failure to make disability-adapted approved premises available (leading Felicity Williams).

***R (ota Rahman) v the Passport Service [2015] EWHC 1146 (Admin)***

Challenge to a refusal to issue a new passport.

***R (ota Secretary of State for the Home Department) v SIAC, AHK & others Interested Parties [2015] EWHC 1236 (Admin)***

The Secretary of State's challenge to SIAC's ruling on the scope of disclosure on an application for statutory review.

***R (ota Whiston) v Secretary of State for Justice [2014] UKSC 39; [2015] A.C. 176***

Supreme Court case on whether recall after release on Home Detention Curfew triggered a right to an oral hearing.

***R (ota FI by his litigation friend GI) v SSHD [2014] EWHC 2287 (Admin)***

Challenge to refusal to register a child as a British citizen.

***R (ota DP) v Secretary of State for Justice [2013] EWHC 3613 (Admin)***

The status of Mental Health Tribunal decisions when considering a warrant under s.50 Mental Health Act 1983 for transfer from hospital to prison.

***R (ota BB) v SIAC [2012] EWCA Civ 1499***

Whether a hearing to determine bail conditions engaged Article 6 ECHR.

***R (ota AHK & others) v SSHD [2012] EWHC 1117 (Admin)***

Whether the Administrative Court has the power to order a closed material procedure and the correct balancing exercise in public interest immunity hearings in challenges to refusal of naturalisation on national security grounds.

***R (ota SM & others by their litigation friends) v SSHD [2013] EWHC 1144 (Admin)***

Successful judicial review challenge to the Secretary of State's policy of granting Limited Leave to Remain to children who cannot be removed from the UK.

***R (ota Benmahfoud) v SSHD [2010] EWHC 2057 (Admin)***

Successful challenge to detention of foreign national offender where there was no prospect of removal.

***R (ota Omer) v SSHD [2010] EWHC Admin***

Challenge to lawfulness of detention where decision-triggering power to detain was flawed.

***R (ota Daq) v SSHD [2009] EWHC Admin***

Successful challenge to detention of foreign national offender.

***R (ota) Appiatse & Samuels v LB Enfield [2008] EWHC 1886 (Admin)***

Whether the decision to place a child on the at risk register was lawful.

***R (ota) Karas & Milandinovic v SSHD [2006] EWHC 747 (Admin)***

Finding by the Administrative Court that the Secretary of State had acted with 'improper purpose' in detaining the claimants and denying them access to legal advice. Substantial damages awarded including exemplary damages. This case received national news coverage, including in [The Guardian](#).

***R (ota) N v LB Lambeth [2006] EWHC 3427 (Admin)***

Successful challenge to local authority refusal to support and accommodate a destitute asylum-seeker with HIV.

***McNally v SS Education & Employment [2001] EWCA ELR 348, Independent June 26 2000***

Secretary of State's powers to intervene in disciplinary proceedings, instructed by the NASUWT.

## **CHILDREN'S PUBLIC LAW**

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Amanda acts in cases in the Family Division, Administrative Court and appeal courts where the rights of children and young people are in play. Her particular areas of 'crossover' expertise involve safeguarding, local

authority corporate parenting duties, deprivation of liberty, immigration and citizenship matters and sensitive cross-cultural areas including FGM, radicalisation and forced marriage. She advises on and undertakes human rights claims for children and young people. Amanda originally trained in family and child law as pupil to Elizabeth Woodcraft.

Amanda acted for the local authority (leading Amanda Meusz) in *T (A Child)* [2018] EWCA Civ 2136 (04 October 2018) a complex and difficult appeal concerning the court's jurisdiction to make an order depriving a 'Gillick competent' trans-gender teen of her liberty where section 25 secure accommodation was not available.

She provides representation and advises courts, the Official Solicitor and local authorities on cross-cutting duties to children and young people, including care leavers, arising under the Children Acts, Care Act, Mental Capacity Act and Mental Health Act, Human Rights Act and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. She acted in the test case following the introduction of s 69 Immigration Act 2016 and the 'National Transfer Protocol' for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children: *R (JA) v LB Croydon* (Home Secretary, Interested Party) CO/2669/2017 (settled, with costs).

Amanda also acts for 16/17 year olds in the Court of Protection (instructed by the Official Solicitor) and in complex 'age assessment' cases. She has extensive experience of 'closed material' procedures and representing children and adults on the autistic spectrum.

## **NOTABLE CASES**

### ***T (A Child)* [2018] EWCA Civ 2136 (04 October 2018)**

Test case concerning the court's jurisdiction to make an order depriving a 'Gillick competent' trans-gender teen of her liberty.

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Whether the court had jurisdiction to make a secure accommodation order under s 25 Children Act 1989 for a 17 year old, court's jurisdiction to make post-18 arrangements by way of declarations in the Court of Protection.

### ***CL, R (on the application of) v The Secretary of State for the Home Department* [2018] EWHC 3333 (Admin) (06 December 2018)**

Challenge brought against the policy of recording incidents of ‘sexting’ among schoolchildren as sexual offences recorded against the child’s name.

***Birthright citizenship: R (K) v SSHD C1/2018/2085***

Amanda is instructed (with Alex Burrett of 1 Pump Court) for K in the Home Office appeal against the declaration of incompatibility made under the Human Rights Act by the Administrative Court regarding the paternity provisions in s50(9A) British Nationality Act 1981. The issue concerns the right of a child born outside marriage to inherit the nationality of her birth father.

***ZX, R (on the application of) v The Secretary of State for Justice [2017] EWCA Civ 155***

The weight to be attached to children’s rights and the impact of section 11 Children Act 2004 safeguarding and welfare duties on the probation service and licence conditions for ex-offenders.

***R (Y a minor by his litigation friend) v (1) LB Croydon (2) Secretary of State for the Home Department (Interested Party) JR/8568/2015 judgment October 2017***

(Leading Maria Moodie instructed by Nina Rathbone-Pullen at Wilsons) Lack of relevance of (1) dental evidence (2) facial comparison photographs to age assessment - proper approach to social work records, relevance of foster carer evidence.

***FI, R (on the application of) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2014] EWHC 2287 (Admin)***

Successful challenge to refusal to grant discretionary citizenship to a settled teenager.

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## **IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY LAW**

Amanda has a long history of upholding the rights, including citizenship rights, of migrant communities.

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### **ASYLUM**

Amanda has acted in hundreds of asylum and human rights appeals including in high-profile and sensitive cases and those involving extradition. She recently succeeded in obtaining a fresh hearing in a complex ‘Cart’ JR in the Court of Appeal in *PA (Iran) v SSHD* [2018] EWCA Civ. Her cases include gender and sexuality cases, complex political and religious cases and appeals for children and vulnerable adults.

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### **IMMIGRATION**

Amanda acts for businesses and individuals, and has particular expertise in financial and free-movement sanctions imposed pursuant to money-laundering and counter-terror measures. Her reported cases include *R (Granovski) v SSHD* [2014] EWHC (Admin) a successful challenge to a refusal of settlement outside the rules and *R (SM & others) v SSHD* the successful challenge to the discretionary leave policy default grant of limited leave to children.

## IMMIGRATION DETENTION

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Amanda's many ground-breaking detention challenges include *Karas & Milandinovic* (2006) in which the court accepted the submission that the Home Secretary had acted with 'improper purpose' in seeking to 'spirit the claimants out of the jurisdiction' before they could obtain legal advice and *MDA* (2017) in which the court found the Home Office had breached common law duties of fairness in detaining a mentally-disordered former child soldier. Settlements and mediations in which Amanda has negotiated have achieved substantial damages, including exemplary damages.

## CITIZENSHIP

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Amanda has an excellent track-record in challenging refusals to grant discretionary registration to children under s 3(1) British Nationality Act 1981 and in advising applicants and their parents. She has also succeeded in obtaining declarations of British citizenship in disputed passport cases: see e.g. *R (Rahman) v SSHD* [2014] EWHC (Admin).

### NOTABLE CASES

#### ***PA (Iran) v SSHD* [2018] EWCA Civ 2495**

Successful 'Cart' JR appeal in the Court of Appeal concerning the failure by the FtT and UT judges to understand the significance of the evidence of the appellant's learning disability. Fresh asylum appeal reordered.

#### ***MS & MBT v The Secretary of State for the Home Department* [2017] EWCA Civ 1190 (31 July 2017)**

Whether the Home Office 'restricted leave' policy was lawful and compatible with article 8 ECHR and section 55 Borders Citizenship & Immigration Act 2009.

#### ***Rahman, R (on the application of) v Secretary of State for the Home Department* [2015] EWHC 1146 (Admin) (28 April 2015)**

Successful challenge to refusal to renew a British passport.

***FI, R (on the application of) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2014] EWHC 2287 (Admin) (11 July 2014)***

Successful challenge to refusal to grant discretionary registration of British citizenship to a teenager under s 3(1) British Nationality Act 1981

***VC, R (On the Application Of) v The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Rev 1) [2018] EWCA Civ 57***

Leading case on reasonable adjustments and lawfulness of detention for mentally disordered immigration detainees.

***MDA , R (On the Application Of) v The Secretary of State for the Home Department [2017] EWHC 2132 (Admin)***

Immigration detention in excess of 14 months found to be unlawful by reason of the failure to ensure adequate procedural safeguards for a mentally disordered former child soldier who lacked capacity to instruct a representative.

***R (ota Granovski) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2015] EWHC 1478 (Admin)***

Successful challenge to the refusal to grant settlement (ILR) to a family who could not meet the Home Office limit on absences.

***JCWI & ECCA (R ota) v SSHD [2010] EWHC 3524 (Admin)***

Successful challenge to cap on non-European Economic Area (EEA) migrant care workers.

***Calvin Broadus v SSHD***

Snoop Dogg's successful appeal against exclusion from the UK. This case was reported in the *Wall Street Journal*.

***R (ota MAJERA) v SSHD [2009] EWHC Admin 825***

Secretary of State was wrong to reject fresh claim where previous decisions had failed to take into account important evidence that the claimant was a minor.

***AM (Cameroon) v AIT (No.2) [2008] EWCA Civ 100***

Court underlined residual right of access to judicial review remedies in cases of breach of natural justice in the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal (AIT).

***R (ota Trevor Smith aka Busta Rhymes) v SSHD***



Successful challenge on behalf of Busta Rhymes and Rockcorps Inc to SSHD's refusal to admit Busta to the UK for a concert at the Royal Albert Hall. This case was reported in [\*The Guardian\*](#).

### ***B v SSHD* [2000] UKHRR 498**

Proportionality as a question of domestic law.

## **COURT OF PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY CARE**

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Amanda regularly appears in the Court of Protection or the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court, particularly in the context of deprivation of liberty of vulnerable adults and capacity to refuse medical treatment. She has a particular interest in cases concerning care of elders wishing to remain at home, safeguarding policy and the rights of those with learning disabilities to lead independent lives. She also acts in community care judicial review matters (including securing appropriate s 117 aftercare in detained mental Health Act cases) and human rights and Equality Act claims. She represented Mark Neary in his successful application for the return of his son, Steven, home. Mark wrote about this extraordinary case in his book *Get Steven Home*, available on Amazon.

Amanda uses her expertise in mental capacity law and safeguarding practice to inform her approach to representation of vulnerable adults and their litigation friends.

### **NOTABLE CASES**

#### ***GW v A Local Authority & Anor* [2014] EWCOP 20 (31 July 2014)**

Whether the lower court's approach to assessment of capacity where P's capacity was affected by Huntingdon's disease, was flawed.

#### ***Neary v LB Hillingdon* [2011] EWHC 413 (COP)**

Leading case on misuse of local authority powers to deprive a young person with autism, who lacks capacity, of his liberty, important ruling on press attendance at hearings.

## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

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Amanda acts for individuals subject to counter-terror measures outside the Criminal Justice System including civil and immigration measures such as exclusion, passport withdrawal, bespoke licence conditions, measures taken through the family courts and deprivation of citizenship. She is deeply experienced in the use of 'closed

material procedures' or CMPs by courts and tribunals.

Having been instructed in many of the leading cases on deprivation of citizenship (e.g. Abu Hamza's case) and refusal of naturalisation for national security reasons, this has become a niche specialism for Amanda who has been involved in driving the case law on procedural fairness in this developing area in SIAC, domestic appellate courts and the European Court of Human Rights.

She acted in *Ignoua* on the Home Secretary's powers to certify and thereby 'terminate' judicial review under the Justice and Security Act 2013 and in the successful challenge in SIAC to the 'deportation with assurances' of six men to Algeria. She has successfully represented individuals who have wrongly been accused of terrorism involvement in clearing their names for the purposes of meeting the 'good character' requirement for naturalisation as a British citizen.

Amanda has appeared on BBC Radio 4's *Law in Action* and at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law speaking about deprivation of citizenship and the rule of law. She also writes and lectures on the subject.

## **NOTABLE CASES**

### ***W2 And IA, R (On the Application Of) v The Secretary of State for the Home Department* [2017] EWHC 928 (Admin) (26 April 2017)**

Collateral judicial review challenge to the procedure adopted by the Home Office in depriving W2 of his citizenship while outside the UK. Amanda represented IA, W2's wife, and their children.

### ***S1, T1, U1 & V1 v Secretary of State for the Home Department* [2016] EWCA Civ 560 (16 June 2016)**

Leading case on the scope of deprivation of citizenship appeals and extra-territorial reliance on article 3 ECHR in sovereign matters of British citizenship.

### ***BB, U, PP, Y & W v SSHD* SC/39/2005 18 April 2016 (SIAC)**

Successful long-running appeals against 'deportation with assurances' that 6 Algerian appellants would not be tortured. SIAC found that the assurances were inadequate to protect against the risk.

### ***L1 v SSHD* [2013] EWCA Civ 906, [2015] EWCA Civ 1410**

Whether the Secretary of State's conduct in deliberately delaying service of a decision to deprive L1 of his British citizenship until after he had left the UK was unlawful and an abuse of power.

### ***BB, PP, QJ & Y v SSHD* 16 December 2014 (SIAC)**

Successfully resisted Secretary of State's attempt to impose GPS tagging on 4 SIAC appellants on bail

***R (ota Ignaoua) v SSHD [2013] EWHC 2512 (Admin)***

Test case on the lawfulness of certification of a direction to exclude the claimant from the UK and whether that had the effect of unilaterally terminating the claimant's extant judicial review.

***R (ota G1) v SSHD [2012] EWCA Civ 867***

Whether a decision to exclude G1 from the UK pending his appeal against deprivation of British citizenship was unlawful, and whether deprivation decisions engage EU law.

***IR (Sri Lanka) & others v SSHD [2011] EWCA Civ 704***

Impact of Article 8 ECHR procedural guarantees on disclosure in national security cases.

***Abu Hamza SC/23/2003 [2010]***

Abu Hamza's successful challenge to deprivation of British citizenship. This case was reported in [\*The Telegraph\*](#).

***MK (Tunisia) (R ota) v SSHD [2010] EWHC (Admin) (upheld by Court of Appeal)***

Established in-country right of appeal against revocation of refugee status and leave to remain on national security grounds.

## **CIVIL ACTIONS**

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Amanda acts in civil claims such as false imprisonment, abuse of power, misfeasance and discrimination by the police, security and immigration services.

### **NOTABLE CASES**

***TW v LB Enfield, Secretary of State for Health Intervening [2013] EWHC 1180 (QB), [2014] EWCA Civ 362, [2014] WLR 3665***

Whether s.139 Mental Health Act 1983 is compatible with Articles 5, 8 and 6/14 ECHR and the meaning of 'reasonably practicable' under s.11(4) MHA 1983, whether the MHA Code of Practice requires amendment.

***Hossain v Home Office [2015]***

Unlawful immigration detention of 2 months, damages awarded over £35,000 after a contested hearing on quantum

***A v SSHD [2014]***

Unlawful immigration detention of a schizophrenic man for over three years, settled for a six-figure sum This case was reported in [The Guardian](#).

### ***AY Children v SSHD***

Detention case involving longest immigration detention period of children in the UK Settled for a six-figure sum. [“Child asylum seekers win compensation for 13-month detention”](#). *The Guardian*. 6 January 2012.

### ***S v Home Office [2011]***

Unlawful detention and removal, aggravated assault by escorts. Damages in excess of £12,000 awarded by court.

## **WHAT OTHERS SAY**

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Amanda is ranked in the *Legal 500* and *Chambers UK* in the fields of Civil Liberties and Human Rights, Immigration and Court of Protection (Welfare).

*“Phenomenally knowledgeable about this area of law. She’s also excellent at the academic side of things.”*

*“She’s brilliant, a proper human rights lawyer who’s really creative and open-minded.”*

### **Chambers UK 2019 (Court of Protection)**

*“Her tenacity is impressive. She is bright and able.” “She is speedy, clever and leaves no stone unturned.”*

### **Chambers UK 2019 (Civil Liberties and Human Rights)**

*“A standout barrister intellectually.” “Very clear and persuasive.”*

### **Chambers UK 2019 (Immigration)**

*“Experienced and approachable.”*

### **Chambers UK 2019 (Community Care)**

*“She is a genuinely fearless advocate and often runs difficult cases and difficult legal points.”*

### **Legal 500 2019 (Administrative and Public Law)**

*“She is hugely committed and does not give in easily, especially in cases involving children.”*

### **Legal 500 2019 (Immigration)**

*“A passionate and committed advocate with a huge breadth and depth of knowledge.”*

### **Legal 500 2019 (Civil Liberties and Human Rights)**

*“She is very knowledgeable.”*

**Legal 500 2019 (Court of Protection)**

*“Speedy and clever, she leaves no stone unturned.” “She is a real fighter.” “Amanda is very committed and never gives up.”*

**Chambers UK 2018 (Civil Liberties and Human Rights)**

*“She’s a very clever and effective advocate,” who is “very committed to her clients and has a real feel for vulnerable groups.”*

**Chambers UK 2018 (Community Care)**

*“The best thing about her is her intrinsic knowledge about human-rights damages claims and public law proceedings, she adds that even deeper level of insight.”*

**Chambers UK 2018 (Court of Protection)**

*“She is a machine gun for hire.” “She is extremely clever, has a very creative legal brain, and I like the street-fighter side to her.” “She does really tricky cases in a really brainy way.”*

**Chambers UK 2018 (Immigration)**

*“At the top of her game in national security and human rights cases.”*

**Legal 500 2017 (Administrative and Public Law)**

*“She is absolutely fearless and tireless in pursuit of the best outcome for her clients.”*

**Legal 500 2017 (Court of Protection)**

*“Quick and creative; a determined advocate.”*

**Legal 500 2017 (Civil Liberties and Human Rights)**

*“It is a real pleasure to work with her; her knowledge and ingenuity is second to none.”*

**Legal 500 2017 (Immigration)**

*“She has vast experience and a huge amount of knowledge.” “She is extremely bright, tactically excellent, tenacious and determined.”*

**Chambers UK 2017 (Civil Liberties and Human Rights)**

*“She is an absolute standout claimant barrister.” “She does lots of complex work for vulnerable clients and always does an excellent job.”*

**Chambers UK 2017 (Immigration)**

*“She’s a very persuasive advocate in court, who is also very good in pre-court discussions.”*

**Chambers UK 2017 (Court of Protection)**

*“She can be relied upon for incisive, intellectual and cutting-edge argument.”*

**Legal 500 2016 (Civil Liberties and Human Rights)**

*“She can turn what looks like a lost cause into a winning case.”*

**Legal 500 2016 (Immigration)**

*“She has a brilliant legal mind, not only academically but also in terms of tactics.”*

**Legal 500 2015 (Civil Liberties and Human Rights)**

*“Thoughtful, tactical and really good at seeing the overall strategic picture. Excellent.” “She has top creative skills – she never misses a point and is well loved by the judiciary.”*

**Chambers UK (Immigration)**

*“If you were backed into a corner and wanted somebody to fight for you, Amanda would be the best one. She fights and she’s clever.”*

**Chambers UK (Court of Protection)**

*“She is very tenacious and known to be a fighter on behalf of her client.”*

**Chambers UK 2015 (Civil Liberties and Human Rights)**

*“Experienced and expert; thinks outside the box.”*

**Legal 500 2014 (Civil Liberties and Human Rights)**

*“Very passionate and committed.”*

**Legal 500 2014 (Immigration)**

*“Sparky and imaginative” in the way that she deals with some of the most difficult cases involving terrorist suspects and reoffending foreign criminals. “It is important to go the extra mile and she does.”*

*“takes the most difficult cases, and is a leading radical lawyer.”*

**Chambers UK 2014 (Immigration)**

*“She is great. She gets excellent results in court and has very good judgement. You feel you are in very safe hands.”*

**Chambers UK 2014 (Civil Liberties and Human Rights)**

*“Solicitors commend Amanda for her ‘excellent tactical acumen’ and ‘amazing eye for detail’.”*

**Legal 500 2013**

Sources comment that *“she is an amazingly dedicated barrister who works incredibly hard for her lay clients.”*

Amanda Weston *“has expertise in cases concerning exclusion and refusal of naturalisation on national security grounds, and has recently been instructed in the Court of Appeal”*. Instructing solicitors praise her intellect and *“ability to always get a very good result.”* Amanda has a *“practice that largely revolves around vulnerable adults, and proves particularly adept at acting for private individuals. In the past year, she has acted in LB Hillingdon v Steven Neary & Mark Neary, the much-publicised case concerning a young man’s deprivation of liberty”*. Solicitors observe that she brings a deft and reassuring approach to complex and distressing cases and inspires confidence in her clients.

### **Chambers UK 2013**

*“A ‘true fighter’ who displays ‘breathtaking determination at times.’* Instructing solicitors comment that she adds value to a case due to her wealth of immigration experience and the fact *‘she never misses a point.’* Weston handles complex cases for vulnerable clients where human rights issues versus government policy scenarios come into play. She is *‘recommended for her commitment to producing work of the highest standard.’* She has *‘a blend of experience in community care and immigration work which is particularly useful,’* say instructing solicitors, who further comment on her brilliance in cases concerning mental incapacity and unlawful detention.”

### **Chambers UK 2012**

*“Amanda Weston’s unflappable judgement and increasing experience make her a top choice.”*

*“Amanda is highly intelligent and extremely thorough.”*

### **Legal 500 2012**

***“Excellent ... rapidly identifies the issues and finds novel solutions.”***

Legal 500 2011

Amanda Weston is *“unstoppable on immigration related-issues,”* sources enthuse. She was involved in a test case regarding the procedure for challenging refusals of citizenship on human rights grounds.

Amanda Weston’s administrative and public law practice focuses on human rights and immigration. Sources describe a barrister who is *“highly intelligent, instinctive, creative and great fun to work with.”*

### **Chambers UK 2010**

*“Of the juniors, Amanda Weston ‘has a wealth of experience,’ and ‘a good tactical approach.’”*

### **Legal 500 2009**

## BACKGROUND

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Amanda taught public law, including the theory and practice of judicial review, at Birkbeck College, University of London before being called to the Bar in 1995. Since being called to the Bar, she has specialised in judicial review and civil actions against public authorities notably in the fields of mental health and community care, immigration and civil liberties generally. She has a particular interest in representing people on the autism spectrum who face discrimination and inappropriate treatment from public authorities.

## PUBLICATIONS

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*Judicial Review: A Practical Guide*, Jordans (2017) 3rd ed (co-author)

*Judicial Review: A Practical Guide*, Jordans (2012) 2nd ed (co-author)

*Judicial Review: Law & Practice*, Jordans (2011) 1st ed (contributor)

*Macdonald & Webber* 5th, 6th & 9th eds (contributor)

'A witness of truth' *Immigration and Nationality Law and Practice*, Vol 12, No 3 1998

## TRAINING AND SEMINARS

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Amanda regularly trains and lectures on public law-related subjects.

## AWARDS

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Amanda was a finalist for the Legal Aid Barrister of the Year Award 2013.

## EDUCATION

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- LLB Hons 1st Class



- Sweet & Maxwell Prize
- ERASMUS Scholar (Orléans)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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- Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)
- Mental Health Lawyers Association (MHLA)

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