



GARDEN COURT CHAMBERS

# Felicity Williams

YEAR OF CALL: 2000



Legal 500 2022, Leading Junior



Felicity Williams specialises in public law and human rights. She has particular expertise in representing young and vulnerable people through judicial review. Felicity is ranked for Civil Liberties and Human Rights in the Legal 500 2019.

"Vast knowledge on public law and an impressive advocate."

LEGAL 500, 2020

"Always a pleasure to work with."

LEGAL 500, 2019

"She has an outstanding and impressive range of public law knowledge. She is emerging as a key barrister for clients with disabilities."

CHAMBERS UK AND LEGAL 500 UK

"A work-horse, with impressive advocacy skills."

LEGAL 500 2017

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"Vast knowledge on public law and an impressive advocate."

LEGAL 500, 2021 (CIVIL LIBERTIES & HUMAN RIGHTS)

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## ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC LAW

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Felicity frequently acts in judicial review proceedings for individuals contesting the acts of public authorities. She has extensive experience of representing vulnerable adults and children.

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## CIVIL LIBERTIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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## COMMUNITY CARE LAW

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Felicity is experienced in complex community care work. She often acts in cases seeking urgent accommodation and support under the Children Act 1989. She represents individuals in need of assessment,

support and accommodation, including proceedings under the Care Act 2014, Equality Act 2010 and healthcare access.

## **COURT OF PROTECTION**

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Felicity regularly appears in the Court of Protection. Her casework includes deprivation of liberty issues, personal welfare applications and complex care packages. Felicity is experienced in community care and children act judicial review claims, which assists her approach to Court of Protection matters. Felicity acts for litigation friends, local authorities and family members.

## **PRISONERS' RIGHTS**

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Felicity undertakes wide-ranging prison law work. She advises on all matters of prison law including resettlement, discrimination, re-categorisation, segregation, adjudications, licence conditions, medical treatment, mental health and prison discipline. Much of her High Court casework has concerned the particular difficulties of prisoners during resettlement.

## **CRIMINAL DEFENCE**

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Felicity's jury trial work included offences of grievous bodily harm, firearms, Class A drug supply and sexual offences. Her domestic criminal work now consists of appellate cases. Felicity was admitted to the International Criminal Court list of Counsel in 2013 and is eligible to represent accused and victims before the court.

## **PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW**

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Felicity has extensive knowledge of international case work. Prior to pupillage, she worked on a range of international litigation including Al Skeini, Baha Mousa, the Gurkha discrimination cases and environmental cases such as *R (Friends of the Earth) v EA*. She was junior counsel at all stages of *R (Al Jedda) v SSD* [2008] 1 A.C. 332, HL. Felicity has been involved in the legal challenge to the exploitation of tar sands in Canada and fracking casework in the UK.

## BACKGROUND

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Felicity completed pupillage at Doughty Street Chambers in public law and crime before taking tenancy at 6 King's Bench Walk, where she won Young Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year 2008. She joined Tooks chambers in 2010 before moving to Garden Court Chambers in 2013.

## PUBLICATIONS

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['Boris Johnson combats allegations of misconduct in public office'](#), *Oxford Human Rights Hub* (5th June 2019)

'The Public Sector Equality Duty,' *Legal Action* 2013, Jan, 45-49 (co-authored with Catherine Rayner)

'Defendants and the Use of Registered Intermediaries,' *Crimeline Article* 2012 (co-authored with Shauneen Lambe, Just for Kids Law)

'European Arrest Warrants - Immunities and Amnesties', *The European Arrest Warrant in Practice*, (Nico Keijzer and Elies van Sliedregt Ed. 2009, TMC Asser Press) reviewed *European Constitutional Law Review* 2012, 8 (3), 523-533

'The Application of the European Arrest Warrant in the UK, Legislative Background and Human Rights Challenges', *Still not resolved? Constitutional Issues of the European Arrest Warrant*, (Elsbeth Guild and Luisa Marin Ed. 2009, Wolf Legal Publishers)

## EDUCATION

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- **LLM (with distinction) International and European Legal Studies, University of Durham**
- **LLB University of Birmingham**

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