



Fatima Jichi

YEAR OF CALL: 2019



Fatima became a Garden Court Chambers tenant in October 2020 and is already building a practice in her own right and has a particular interest and expertise in public law, claims against the police and public authorities, inquests and mental health law.

Fatima is particularly suited to instruction in cases arising out of the Covid-19 pandemic because of her expertise in the juxtaposition of health and the law. Fatima worked as a senior medical statistician at UCL, and also at the Institute of Psychiatry (KCL). Please contact the clerks for further information.

She commenced pupillage in October 2019 under the supervision of Stephen Simblet QC (civil liberties) and Lucie Wibberley (criminal defence).

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BACKGROUND

In addition to working as a senior medical statistician at UCL Fatima also worked with the Institute of Psychiatry at KCL and the Division of Psychiatry at UCL. Her research changed clinical practice across Europe and she received recognition for her teaching, winning a UCL Arena Award.

Fatima helped set up Sufra Food Bank in NW London in 2013 and was an active trustee until 2019. Her community engagement inspired her to retrain as a barrister focusing on social justice issues. The food bank won the Special Recognition Award at Brent Council's Pride of Britain Awards 2017.

During her legal studies, Fatima worked with the then Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation, Max Hill QC, to review the operation of the Terrorism Acts as well as their impact on community and individual rights. She then worked as a consultant for Forward Thinking, an organisation that connects policymakers with marginalised communities, scrutinising the impact of counter terrorism police raids.

She was recently awarded the Ubuntu Scholarship by City Law School in recognition of her commitment to pro bono work, allowing her to spend the summer at the University of Western Cape, South Africa, where she created a podcast on contemporary legal issues including land rights, legal pluralism and the environment.

Fatima is a trustee of the Kalisher Trust, which works to support talented individuals from diverse backgrounds to enter the Criminal Bar. She is the legal affairs editor of an online comment site, The Platform, which advances marginalised narratives.

PUBLICATIONS

Fatima contributed to the Young Legal Aid Lawyers' 2018 report on Social Mobility in a Time of Austerity.

TRAINING AND SEMINARS

Fatima was invited by the British Institute of International and Comparative Law to chair a seminar on Returning ISIS Women and Fighters: What are the Options? Panellists included Amanda Weston QC (of Garden Court Chambers) and Lord Anderson. (March 2019)

Fatima also organised a Kalisher Trust event on obtaining a crime pupillage. (January 2019)

AWARDS

International Scholarship, The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple (2019)

Ubuntu Scholarship, City Law School (2019)

BPTC Scholarship, City Law School (2017)

BPTC Major Exhibition Award, The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple (2017)

EDUCATION

Bar Professional Training Course, City Law School

Graduate Diploma in Law, BPP Law School

MSc Medical Statistics, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

BSc Mathematics, Queen Mary, University of London

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

INQUEST Lawyers' Group

Police Actions Lawyers' Group

Immigration Law Practitioners' Association (ILPA)

Criminal Bar Association

Liberty

LANGUAGES

Arabic

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