



# Maaha Elahi

YEAR OF CALL: 2019



Maaha joined Garden Court Chambers as a pupil in October 2022 under the supervision of Sonali Naik KC (first six) and Tom Wainwright (second six).

She hopes to develop a broad practice in public law, community care, immigration, housing and employment & discrimination law.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC LAW

Maaha is developing a practice in Administrative and Public Law.

## **IMMIGRATION LAW**

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Maaha is developing a practice in Immigration Law.

## **COMMUNITY CARE LAW**

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Maaha is developing a practice in Community Care Law.

## **HOUSING LAW**

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Maaha is developing a practice in Housing Law.

## **EMPLOYMENT AND DISCRIMINATION LAW**

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Maaha is developing a practice in Employment & Discrimination Law.

## **BACKGROUND**

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Prior to pupillage, Maaha represented children and young people in prison at the Howard League. She successfully challenged the lengthening of sentences, unlawful restraint and solitary confinement of young prisoners. She also drafted representations for asylum-seekers and individuals subject to extradition requests at Payne Hicks Beach.

Maaha worked as a Paralegal in the Infected Blood Inquiry. She drafted witness statements for those affected and conducted research relating to the cover-up of infections. Whilst working in Parliament, Maaha drafted representations to state bodies regarding the government's handling of the coronavirus pandemic, the deportation of migrants and overcrowded housing conditions.

Maaha has volunteered as a Researcher for notable organisations, such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Redress and Human Dignity Trust. Maaha volunteers as a Legal Supervisor at the Islamophobia Response Unit. She taught debating classes to prisoners through the Gray's Inn 'Vocalise' programme. She successfully represented appellants in the Social Security Tribunal as a Free Representation

Unit volunteer.

In her free time, Maaha mentors school and university students from disadvantaged backgrounds in relation to their university studies and career.

## TRAINING AND SEMINARS

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‘How do we define Islamist Extremism?’, Nordic Conference on Violent Extremism, Sweden (September 2022)

## AWARDS

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McMahon Law Studentship, St John’s College, Cambridge (BPTC, MPhil)

Aziz Foundation Scholar (MPhil)

## EDUCATION

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Law (BA), University of Cambridge (St John’s College)

Criminology (MPhil), University of Cambridge (St John’s College)

BPTC LLM, City Law School

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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Administrative Law Bar Association

Young Legal Aid Lawyers

Aziz Foundation

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