



GARDEN COURT CHAMBERS

Dr Susie Alegre

YEAR OF CALL: 1997



Susie is a senior public international lawyer with high level experience in policy strategic leadership, decision making, oversight and governance.

She is an experienced communicator with regular media engagement and has provided evidence to Parliament.

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INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS

Susie has undertaken legal policy work for international organisations, including the European Union in Uganda (Governance and Accountability), and the OSCE ODIHR (Human Rights and Counter-Terrorism) in Warsaw, Poland.

She has also undertaken diplomacy & advisory and consulting work for UN bodies, as well as the Council of Europe, OSCE and the European Parliament.

In her work on human rights and technology, Susie has also advised the Equality and Human Rights Commission (most recently on the implications of emerging technology for equality and human rights) and the Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation.

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

Susie is a Public International Law Consultant and has provided high-level strategic and international law advice to civil society, governments, NHRI's and international organisations (EHRC, UN, OSCE, Council of Europe).

Susie has given evidence on public international law in the UK and European Parliament. As an associate at Doughty Street, Susie previously provided legal advice and representation, advocacy and policy development.

DATA, PRIVACY AND TECHNOLOGY

Susie is currently a Member of the Commission for Control of Interpol's Files, the body responsible for oversight of Interpol's red notice system. She is the only UK lawyer to have been appointed to the body since its inception. She was the Interception of Communications Commissioner for the Isle of Man from 2014-2022.

She has also advised the Equality and Human Rights Commission (most recently on the implications of emerging technology for equality and human rights) and the Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation.

Susie's book, *Freedom to Think* (Atlantic Books, 2022) was listed as one of the Technology Books of the Year 2022 in the [Financial Times](#) and the [Daily Telegraph](#), and was shortlisted for a [Royal Society of Literature Christopher Bland Prize 2023](#). Her forthcoming book, *Human Rights, Robot Wrongs* (Atlantic Books, 2022) is due out 2 May 2024.

UK CROWN DEPENDENCIES & OVERSEAS TERRITORIES

Susie has developed a niche expertise in small island jurisdictions, particularly UK Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories, being originally from the Isle of Man.

She is the founder and director of the [Island Rights Initiative](#), a non-profit organisation supporting human rights and the rule of law in small island jurisdictions, and was the Interception of Communications Commissioner for the Isle of Man from 2014-2022.

Susie has advised the Isle of Man Government and the St Helena Government on legislative reform and constitutional issues, and represented the St Helena Equality and Human Rights Commission in a Privy Council appeal.

BACKGROUND

Susie has both direct and indirect experience of regulatory and oversight bodies, having been an Ombudsman at the Financial Ombudsman Service, working on high impact complex cases for several years.

Susie is the founder and director of [Island Rights Initiative](#), a consultancy to promote and support human rights in small island jurisdictions.

Susie previously worked at JUSTICE as a senior legal adviser, and Amnesty International as an executive officer.

Susie originally practiced criminal law and extradition at 3 Raymond Buildings, before developing an international career in human rights and the rule of law.

PUBLICATIONS

Freedom to Think: The Long Struggle to Liberate Our Minds (2022), Atlantic Books

EDUCATION

PhD, International Human Rights Law - University of Roehampton (2021)

LLM, International & European Human Rights Law - Nantes, France (2019)

Bar Vocational Course - Inns of Court School of Law (1997)

Common Professional Exam in Law (Commendation) - University of North London (1996)

MA, Honours in French & Philosophy - University of Edinburgh (1993)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Commission for Control of Interpol's Files

LANGUAGES

Spanish (fluent)

French (fluent)

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