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**Immigration Appeals Update 2013**

In aid of Sri Lankan Lawyers in the UK Tsunami Charity (No: 1108341)

**This Course is accredited with 3 CPD hours with the SRA and the BSB**

57-60 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, Greater London WC2A 3LJ

Tube: Holborn (**Central** and **Piccadilly** lines)

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2013 6.00pm to 9.00pm**

The topics are;

1. Immigration Appeals Update - In Country
2. Immigration Appeals Update - ECO Appeals
3. Asylum and Human Rights Appeals Update

Presenters;  
**Mr. Duran Seddon**  
**Mr. Raza Halim**  
**Ms. Sonali Naik**

05.30 – 06.00	Registration
06.00 – 06.55	Immigration Appeals Update – In Country – <i>Duran Seddon Barrister</i>
06.55 – 07.50	Immigration Appeals Update – ICO Appeals – <i>Raza Halim Barrister</i>
07.50 – 08.05	Break and networking
08.05 - 09.00	Asylum and Human Rights Appeals Update – <i>Sonali Naik Barrister</i>
09.00	Close and Dinner

**Only 60 places are available. Bookings are taken on first come first serve basis**

**Members only: £35.00**

**Non-members: £50.00**

Course materials *and* Sri Lankan Dinner (Rice & Curry) will be provided

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# Speakers.....



## Durran Seddon

Durran Seddon practices in all areas of immigration, asylum, nationality and human rights. He also practices in other areas of public law such as welfare and social security.

Durran has been involved in a range of leading and high profile cases over the years including *Onibiyo* (first major asylum 'fresh claim' case and first return to Nigeria following the execution of the Delta campaigners); the Oakington Detention Centre case; the Afghan-Hi-jack case; *Singh & Singh* (first SIAC asylum case); *Huang & Kashmiri* (leading article 8 case); *Szoma -v- DWP* (social security and lawful presence); *R (C) -v- Minister of Justice* (breach of article 3 in use of restraint on children in Detention Training Centres); *EB (Kosovo)* (leading case on article 8 and delay) (a list of significant reported cases follows below).

In the last few years, Durran has been instructed to assist, advise and represent in cases involving very senior political and business figures from Russia, the republics of the former Soviet Union, Nigeria, Bangladesh (and most recently, Egypt) who have been subject to politically motivated prosecution for alleged offences of fraud and corruption. The cases have involved applications before the Europe Court of Human Rights as well as lengthy applications (investor 'switching', asylum, human rights) and appeal processes in the UK.

He continues to act for clients at all levels, from international cricket and basketball stars to impoverished Chagos Islanders seeking residence and support in the UK.



## Raza Halim

Raza provides representation and advice in all areas across the range of immigration and asylum law and regularly appears before the Tribunal, High Court and Court of Appeal.

Raza has a busy Judicial Review practice encompassing a broad range of work, to include claims concerning detention, mental health, nationality and fresh claims, as well as applications seeking injunctive relief against removal. Raza is always very keen to work collaboratively in seeking to formulate challenges to policy.

Raza specialises in appellate work in the National Security arena. He has acted in discrete proceedings for several of the defendants convicted of offences arising out of the '21/7' attempted bombings in London in 2005, both in deportation and bail proceedings. Raza is also experienced in acting in ancillary challenges to anonymity orders. Raza regularly appears in the Court of Appeal concerning appeals against conviction where those seeking asylum have been wrongly convicted of possessing false identity documents/failing to possess an immigration document.

His cross-jurisdictional experience positions him adroitly to provide both advice and representation in appellate work straddling immigration/asylum and criminal law.



## Sonali Naik

Sonali specialises in advice and representation in all aspects of immigration, asylum and nationality law.

In immigration, she has particular experience in family reunion cases and in cases outside the immigration rules involving policy considerations and human rights principles. She has also dealt with cases involving deportation following criminal convictions. She also has an interest in nationality work including naturalisation, domicile issues and certificates of entitlement to the right of abode.

She has extensive experience in appeals before the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal, Administrative Court and a developing Court of Appeal practice.

Sonali has delivered training on the Human Rights Act and the various aspects of asylum and immigration legislation for the Legal Services Commission (LSC) and also to various organisations including JUSTICE, Liberty and the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI), Central Law Training, as well as to other advice agencies and community organisations.

She regularly contributes to seminars and conferences in relation to immigration and asylum. She has also contributed to Legal Network Television training programmes on immigration and human rights and has also regularly appeared in the media, TV, radio and press - writing articles in broadsheet newspapers and legal journals alike. She is also a contributor to a leading text in the immigration field '*Macdonald's Immigration Law and Practice*'.