



## Isha Shakir

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Isha has a broad commercial litigation practice, appearing regularly in the County Court, Winding Up Court, and High Court. She has frequently appeared unled in the High Court and is currently instructed as sole counsel in an ongoing High Court commercial matter. Additionally, she has been instructed as sole counsel in relation to an insolvency matter worth £3m.

Isha is instructed as Junior Counsel for the Inquiry in the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry, where she has supported experts in corporate management and governance in producing their expert report while also assisting the Inquiry more broadly. She is also instructed as Junior Counsel to the Inquest in respect of the Gleision Mine fatalities where four miners sadly lost their lives in 2011.

Isha is currently assisting a major retailer in a high-profile equal pay group litigation. She is also led by Geraint Webb KC and Ognjen Miletic in an international commercial case involving jurisdictional challenges and novel duty of care arguments.

Isha has worked on matters across a spectrum of practice areas within Chambers, encompassing group litigation, public inquiries, product liability, property, health and safety, employment, consumer credit, data protection, civil fraud, and harassment cases.

In 2023, Isha embarked on a one-month secondment with Griffiths and Partners in the Turks and Caicos Islands, gaining invaluable experience while working closely with the litigation team on a range of cases.

Isha graduated top of her year in Law at the University of York and has completed the BCL at the University of Oxford. She received the Queen Mother scholarship from Middle Temple. Isha has also spoken at the House of Lords. Before starting pupillage, she volunteered for the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Isha welcomes instructions in all practice areas within Chambers, both as sole and junior counsel.

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## Commercial

Isha has received instructions in a range of commercial cases, encompassing civil fraud trials, economic tort claims, and interim applications.

During her pupillage, Isha actively contributed to various group actions, some with international aspects. Her specialisation in conflict of laws during the BCL has equipped her with a deep understanding of intricate jurisdictional frameworks and the nuances involved in representative actions.

### Representative Cases

- *International Commercial Matter*  
Isha is led by Geraint Webb KC and Ognjen Miletic on an international commercial matter involving jurisdictional challenges and novel duty of care arguments.
- *Civil Fraud Trial*  
Isha acted as sole counsel in a civil fraud trial on behalf of an energy company.
- *High Court*  
Isha is appearing in the High Court as sole counsel in a commercial matter worth over £200,000.
- *Breach of Contract*  
Isha represented a member of the Saudi Arabian royal family bringing a breach of contract claim concerning a share purchase agreement. She was before a Circuit Judge.

## Group Actions

Isha has assisted members of chambers on a range of group actions during tenancy and pupillage. She has been instructed to act for a major retailer in a equal pay group litigation.

### Representative Cases

- *Equal Pay Group Litigation*  
Isha has been instructed to act for a major retailer in a high profile equal pay case.

## Public Inquiries

Isha acts on Public Inquiries. She is instructed as Junior Counsel for the Inquiry in the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry.

## Representative Cases

- *Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry*

Isha has been instructed as Junior Counsel in the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry for the Inquiry. Her involvement relates to Phases 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Inquiry. She has also assisted experts in corporate management and governance in producing their expert report.

## Insolvency and Bankruptcy

Isha has considerable experience in insolvency cases. She has handled claims under the Insolvency Act 1986 and represented clients in Winding Up Court. She has been instructed as sole counsel in relation to a matter worth £3m. She has also advised on bankruptcy petitions, winding up petitions and insolvency procedure.

### Representative Cases

- *Winding Up Court*

Isha has regularly appeared in the Insolvency and Companies Court on behalf of various companies including in the energy, construction and investment sectors.

- *Bankruptcy*

Isha acted for a football club and succeeded in obtaining a bankruptcy order.

## Consumer

Isha has been instructed as sole counsel by major UK lenders and companies to appear in Consumer Credit Act 1974, Consumer Rights Act 2015, mishandling of personal data and harassment claims.

### Representative Cases

- *Motor Finance Commission claims*

Isha is regularly instructed to attend final hearings concerning allegations of breach of statutory duty, bribery, half-secret commission, and unfair relationship claims in relation to motor finance commission payments made by lenders to dealers/brokers in respect of Hire Purchase Agreements or Conditional Sale Agreements.

- *Payment Protection Insurance claims*

Isha has acted in various trials, raising questions of unfairness under the Consumer Credit Act 1974 concerning PPI policies linked to credit agreements.

- *Harassment*

Isha defended an energy company against a claim of harassment.

## Inquests & Health and Safety

Isha has assisted members of chambers on inquests and regulatory investigations and prosecutions. She is instructed as Counsel to the Inquest in relation to the Gleision Mine fatalities.

### Representative Cases

- *Gleision Mine Fatalities Inquest*

Isha is currently instructed as Junior Counsel to the Inquest in relation to the Gleision Mine fatalities before the Senior Coroner for Swansea and Neath Port Talbot.

## Property

Isha has extensive experience in property law disputes. Her expertise spans various aspects of landlord and tenant disputes, including disrepair claims, obtaining gas and electrical injunctions, and advising on commercial lease agreements.

### Representative Cases

- *High Court*

Isha appeared as sole counsel in the High Court in a Part 8 claim brought in relation to an estate worth over £600,000.

- *Advice on a commercial lease*

Isha advised a client on a £90,000 claim in relation to being overcharged by its landlord for both gas and electricity, including being charged for supplies to other tenants on the industrial estate. She also advised on the responsibility for repairs and maintenance of the client's electricity system.

## Employment

Isha has assisted as junior counsel and during pupillage on various employment matters, including equal pay, discrimination and unfair dismissal cases. Some cases involved an international aspect.

### Representative Cases

- *Equal Pay Group Litigation*

Isha has been instructed to act for a major retailer in a high profile equal pay case.

- *Pro Bono*

Isha represented a claimant pro bono in a case involving allegations of sex discrimination, victimisation, and unfair dismissal against a UK and US-based tech company.

## Data Protection

Isha is familiar with data protection claims. She has worked on matters concerning compliance with subject access requests, sought an injunction for the delivery up of documents, and advised on loss and the right to erasure and destruction.

### Representative Cases

- *Mishandling of personal data*  
Isha acted as sole counsel and applied to strike-out mishandling of personal data claims relating to alleged non-compliance with subject access requests.

## Offshore

During four weeks in the Turks and Caicos Islands in February and March 2023, Isha saw a broad range of offshore litigious work. This included contentious trust matters, a property case involving the ownership of accreted land, a contractual dispute where a restriction (freezing order) had been obtained on valuable parcels of land, and a TCI Islander Status judicial review case. Isha also drafted pleadings on a high-net-worth ancillary relief claim. She assisted on various hearings, including on a complex recusal application with significant implications for the judiciary in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Isha is comfortable advising on substantive offshore matters as well as assisting ancillary support matters within the jurisdiction of the English courts.

## Competition

Isha welcomes instructions on competition matters. She studied collective proceedings with leading academics (Professor Adrian Zuckerman and Andrew Higgins) during the BCL at the University of Oxford.

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### Appointments

- Government Legal Department, Junior Junior scheme (11/08/2023 to 16/09/2027)

### Memberships

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### Education

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- First Class Bachelor of Law degree, University of York
- BCL, University of Oxford
- Bar Course

#### Awards and Scholarships

- Middle Temple, Queen Mother Scholarship
- Oxford University Press, York Law School Best Graduating Student Prize
- York Law School, Top Performing Student Year 2 Award
- York Law School, Top Performing Student Year 1 Award
- Middle Temple, Access to the Bar Scholarship
- Darlington Council, Exceptional Young Volunteer Finalist Award