

Niamh Quille

Second Six Pupil

CALLED 2019



Prior to undertaking pupillage at 9BR Chambers, Niamh worked on complex and high profile cases at leading human rights firms across a wide range of practice areas.

Niamh spent five years assisting leading solicitor, Gareth Peirce, in defending Julian Assange's extradition to the United States of America throughout the first instance proceedings and subsequent appeals since his arrest in 2019, up until his release in 2024.

Whilst working in the criminal defence department at Birnberg Peirce, she also assisted in number of appeals against deprivation of citizenship for British women detained in Syria, including the substantive SIAC appeal of Shamima Begum in 2022, and advised clients subject to financial sanctions, Temporary Exclusion Orders and anti-social behaviour injunctions.

Before being called to the Bar, Niamh worked as a paralegal in the human rights department at Leigh Day for three years, assisting a busy specialist judicial review team in a wide range of claims relating to victims of trafficking, welfare benefits, hospital closures, and the environment.

During her MSc in Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Oxford, Niamh developed a particular interest in sentencing principles, youth justice, and the intersection of immigration and the criminal law.

In 2018, Niamh was awarded a fellowship from the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights to complete a traineeship with the international crime team at the European Center of Constitutional Rights in Berlin.

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Achievements

Memberships

- Defence Extradition Lawyer's Forum

Publications

- Research Assistant in Hoyle, C. Tilt, L. (2019) 'Not innocent enough: state compensation for miscarriages of justice in England and Wales, *Criminal Law Review*, 2020(1), 29 – 51
- Quille, N, (2018) 'The Windrush Generation in Britain's 'Hostile Environment', *Criminal Justice, Borders and Citizenship Research Paper No. 3174533*

Awards

- Princess Royal Scholarship for the Graduate Diploma in Law, The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple
- Exhibition Award and Duke of Edinburgh Award for the BPTC, The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple
- Kalisher Trust Scholarship for the MSc in Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Oxford
- Senior Scholar, Wadham College, Oxford
- Runner-up, Border Criminologies, Oxford, Masters' Thesis Prize
- H.S Ferns Prize for Outstanding Merit in Political Science, University of Birmingham

Education

- Bar Professional Training Course with LLM Legal Practice (Very Competent)

- MSc in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Wadham College, Oxford
- Graduate Diploma in Law (Commendation)
- BA (Hons) Political Science, Class I, University of Birmingham