



## Jennifer Robinson

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### Profile

Jen has joined Doughty Street to contribute to a broad range of chambers' practice areas, including media law, public law, international law and extradition.

Prior to joining chambers, Jen was a solicitor in the media and international team at Finers Stephens Innocent LLP, acting in key freedom of speech and freedom of information cases on behalf of media organisations, journalists and human rights organisations. She advised on a wide range of media law issues, including defamation, privacy, contempt, freedom of information, national security and reporting restrictions, and intervened regularly on behalf of the media in strategic cases before UN bodies, the European Court of Human Rights and the English courts. Jen has advised individuals, states and international organisations on public international law, extradition and human rights issues and has given expert evidence to the UN. She has also worked as a judicial associate.

Alongside legal practice, Jen has taught at the University of Sydney on the social justice clinical program. She also created the Bertha Justice Initiative, a global program and network to support



emerging lawyers into public interest law, providing support and advice to lawyers conducting strategic public law and human rights litigation. She has a key interest in comparative constitutional and human rights jurisprudence.

Jen serves on the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Law Association, the advisory board of the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights and is a trustee of Article 19. She is also a founding board member of the Grata Fund, Australia's first independent public interest litigation fund. She has conducted trial observation and human rights missions for the International Bar Association in Malaysia and Syria.

Jen is a contributing author to media law texts *Borrie and Lowe: The Law of Contempt* (2010, 4th edition) and Philip Coppel QC, *Information Rights and Practice* (2014, 4th edition).

### Case Work as a Solicitor

- **Mohammed Jabar and Others v HM Treasury [2010] UK SC 1:** acted on behalf of media interveners in the first application before the UK Supreme Court in a seminal case on anonymity and reporting restrictions.
- **Swedish Prosecution Authority v Julian Assange (2010):** defended Julian Assange in extradition proceedings.
- **United States v Manning (2011):** represented WikiLeaks and Julian Assange in intervention in military proceedings of alleged source Chelsea Manning.
- **Sanoma Uitgevers B.V. v the Netherlands, Application no. 38224/03, European Court of Human Rights (Grand Chamber), Judgment 14 September 2010:** intervened on behalf media in relation to police seizure of journalistic material.
- **Thesing and Bloomberg Finance v European Central Bank, Application T-590/10, European Court of Justice, Judgment of the General Court (Seventh Chamber), 29 November 2012:** filed first ever freedom of information case in European Court of Justice against European Central Bank for access to information related to Greek financial crisis.
- **Browning v Information Commissioner & Department for Business, Innovation & Skills EA/2011/0044:** represented Bloomberg journalists challenging failure to provide information in relation to export controls to Iran and the use of closed hearings.
- **Don Van Natta v Information Commissioner and Metropolitan Police Service, EA/2011/0106 & 0107:** represented NYTimes in freedom of information claims against Metropolitan Police Service in relation to phone hacking investigations and advised on publication of related stories about the failure to prosecute key editors.
- **Mosley v United Kingdom [2011] 53 E.H.R.R. 30:** intervened on behalf of the media on the right to privacy.



- **Mohamed, R (on the application of) v Secretary of State for Foreign & Commonwealth Affairs (No 2) [2010] EWCA Civ 158**: intervened on behalf of the media on access to information related to UK use of torture.
- **General Suharto v Time Magazine (2008)**, Jakarta Supreme Court: co-authored amicus brief for international interveners.
- **John Alexis Mardas v New York Times [2008] EWHC 3135 [QB]**: represented NYTimes in “libel tourism” defamation claim.

### Bar Admissions

Called to the Bar of England and Wales (2016)

Solicitor of England and Wales (2016)

Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia (2006)

### Education

LLB (First Class Honours), Australian National University

BA Asian Studies (Distinguished Scholar), Australian National University

BCL (Distinction), Balliol College, Oxford

MPhil in Public International Law, Balliol College, Oxford

### Awards and Scholarships

UK Attorney-General Pro Bono Hero

Rhodes Scholarship

University Medal in Law, Australian National University

Attorney-General’s Award for Outstanding Achievement in Law

### Languages

Indonesian (fluent)



Malay (competent)