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Profile

Marisa is a public law practitioner specialising in immigration law and community care law with particular expertise in working with very vulnerable clients such as those with complex disabilities; minors; victims of torture including sexual violence; and victims of trafficking and exploitation. She regularly represents clients in applications for judicial review, including systemic challenges challenging policies and/or practice, Children Act 1989 claims, claims related to modern slavery, asylum support accommodation, unlawful detention, age assessment; and in statutory appeals.

Marisa is particularly well-placed to deal with those cases concerning overlapping immigration and community care issues.

Marisa enjoys working with clients from an early stage of a case through to its conclusion and is happy to regularly advise on queries relating to evidence, procedure and tactics. Recent cases have included:

- the ongoing appeal on behalf of the Appellant in *AJ (s 94B: Kiarie and Byndloss questions)* [2018] UKUT 115

- a systemic claim on behalf of WP challenging the lawfulness of the bail accommodation Schedule 10 system in *R (Humnyntskyi and ors) v SSHD* [2021] 1 WLR 320
- a systemic claim challenging the lack of support for potential victims of trafficking on remand or serving criminal sentences and related civil claims
- claims for judicial review challenging the imposition of a curfew and electronic monitoring by way of GPS surveillance
- claims on behalf of former relevant children challenging local authorities ceasing support on the basis of immigration issues

Education

University of Manchester Law with Politics BA Hons (First)

London School of Economics and Political Sciences LLM in Human Rights Law (Merit)

Manchester Metropolitan University BVC (Very Competent)

Languages

British Sign Language

Related practice areas

Administrative & Public Law

Housing, Social Welfare and Property

Immigration

Community Care and Health

Anti-Trafficking

Children's Rights Group

Immigration Detention Group

Immigration Asylum and Personal

Marisa's immigration practice includes complex asylum claims; immigration appeals involving minors; trafficking and exploitation; deportation and in particular where the offending was committed as a minor; EEA law; and bail applications. She has an extensive judicial review practice including challenges in respect of unlawful detention; fresh claims; certification; and trafficking.

Immigration Business and Personal

Marisa has provided advice in relation to business immigration matters and successfully represented appellants before the Immigration and Asylum Chamber.

Administrative and Public Law

Marisa practises extensively in judicial review and increasingly deals with cases involving complex procedural errors of law on the part of the Secretary of State for the Home Department. Marisa can advise on all procedural matters and tactics in relation to judicial review.

Community Care and Health

Marisa regularly acts deals with challenges under the Children Act 1989 and the Immigration Act 2016 including challenges on behalf of children with disabilities and their carers and age assessment challenges. Marisa is particularly well-placed to advise on community care entitlement for those who lack regularised immigration status and/or their children.