

Karlia Lykourgou



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Profile

Karlia Lykourgou is a barrister whose practice spans crime and regulatory work, with an emerging focus on developing technologies, cyber-crime, and data protection.

She achieves excellent results for clients through persuasive and tenacious advocacy and provides clear-eyed advice on a range of complex and novel legal issues.

Criminal and Investigative Experience

Karlia has extensive experience in serious criminal cases, acting from charge through to appeal in matters including allegations of murder, manslaughter, sexual offences, fraud and other grave allegations.

Her work frequently involves:

- expert medical evidence
- large-scale electronic disclosure and digital evidence
- vulnerable individuals subject to intersecting criminal or regulatory processes

She is particularly experienced in cases involving the death or injury of foetuses, babies and infants, including allegations of murder, manslaughter, infanticide, cruelty and neglect. She is the founder of the **Perinatal Legal Project**, which seeks to improve outcomes for women charged with offences during pregnancy and the perinatal period.

Karlia is regularly instructed in cases involving civil behaviour orders, in particular Sexual Risk Orders (SROs) and Sexual Harm Prevention Orders (SHPOs) and has written a **Guide to Sexual Risk Orders** which outlines best practice in this area.

She is also able to assist clients with pre-and post-charge ancillary services including representations to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), applications for deletion of personal data from police data bases, take-down notices and pre-action letters to social media companies, and victim's right to review (VRR) challenges.

Technology and Data Protection

Karlia's criminal and regulatory experience and her interest in developing technologies, make her particularly well placed to advise on data protection and technology regulation, cyber-crime, social media and freedom of expression cases.

Public Law, Regulation and Inquiries

Karlia has acted in a range of public law and regulatory contexts, including junior counsel in the Grenfell Tower Inquiry and the Undercover Policing Inquiry.

Karlia acts in professional discipline and regulatory proceedings, advising both individuals and regulators in matters involving competence, misconduct, serious injury and death.

She is also able to advise individuals on licencing matters and appeals.

Advisory Work and Client Care

Karlia undertakes advisory work for individuals, institutions and businesses offering clear advice tailored to the practical needs of clients.

She is particularly suited to:

- early-stage advice and risk assessment
- written opinions on complex or novel issues
- support for organisations navigating regulatory change and legal proceedings

She is direct access qualified and welcomes instructions for advisory, written and ongoing work.

Contact her clerks [here](#) to arrange a discovery call on how Karlia may be able to assist.

Education

- Law with American Legal Studies LLB, University of Leeds
- Public International Law LLM, University of Leiden, The Netherlands
- AI Law, Policy and Governance Certificate, London School of Economics
- Tech Law Essentials 2, Society for Computers and Law

Languages

English

Greek

Related practice areas

Criminal Law

Criminal Appeals

Professional Discipline and Regulation

Administrative & Public Law

Artificial Intelligence

Data Protection and Information Law