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Profile

Nani Jansen Reventlow is an internationally recognised human rights lawyer and expert in **human rights litigation** responsible for groundbreaking freedom of expression cases across several national and international jurisdictions. Nani has represented clients before the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, which led to a landmark decision on criminal defamation; litigated a case against Burundi resulting in the first press freedom judgment of the East African Court of Justice; and represented an Azerbaijani investigative journalist at the European Court of Human Rights. She regularly delivers trainings on strategic litigation, freedom of expression and human rights.

Nani is the founding Director of the **Digital Freedom Fund**, which supports partners in Europe to advance digital rights through strategic litigation.

Between 2011 and 2016, Nani has overseen the litigation practice of the **Media Legal Defence Initiative** (MLDI) globally, leading or advising on cases before the European Court of Human Rights, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the UN Human Rights Committee, the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and several African regional forums. Nani obtained the first freedom of expression judgment from the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (Konaté v. Burkina Faso) and from the East African Court of

Justice (Burundi Journalists' Union v. Burundi).

While she was a Fellow at the Berkman Klein Center, for Internet & Society at Harvard University, Nani developed the **Catalysts for Collaboration** website, which offers a set of **best practices** and **case studies** encouraging activists to collaborate across disciplinary silos and use strategic litigation in digital rights campaigns.

A Dutch-qualified attorney, Nani graduated from the University of Amsterdam and specialised in human rights at Columbia Law School and the European University Institute. She has **developed and delivered training sessions** on freedom of expression and human rights litigation to dozens of lawyers from various jurisdictions, including India, Russia, Cambodia, Hungary, Botswana and Croatia. She is always happy to discuss bespoke in-house training.

Nani is an **Affiliate at the Berkman Klein Center**, where she was a **2016-2017 Fellow**. She has been an **advisor to Harvard's Cyberlaw Clinic** since 2016. Nani is a Lecturer in Law at **Columbia Law School** where she teaches a seminar on strategic litigation in international freedom of expression cases.

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Professional Memberships

Nani is a strategic adviser to **GQUAL**, campaign for gender parity in international representation and a member of the Media Law Committee of the International Bar Association. She is a board member of the **Prince Claus Fund for Culture and Development**, the **Media Development Investment Fund**, and **Security Council Report**.

Publications

Nani's **scholarly writing** on issues in international law, human rights, data protection and international arbitration have been published around the world.

Languages

Dutch
English
French
Italian

Related practice areas

International Media Defence
Children's Rights Group