

Natalie Lucas



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Profile

Prior to joining the bar, Natalie trained and qualified as a solicitor at an international law firm where she represented clients in complex, high-value international arbitration and litigation proceedings.

Before commencing pupillage, Natalie worked as a legal officer at REDRESS specialising in strategic litigation against torture and ill-treatment and promoting reparations for victims. In this role, Natalie coordinated REDRESS and the UK Anti-Corruption Coalition's work on financial accountability for perpetrators of human rights violations and serious corruption through the use of sanctions and asset recovery mechanisms. Alongside delivering training to civil society organisations on the UK's sanctions framework, Natalie supported groups in the gathering of evidence and development of sanctions submissions to various governments around the world. She also led various policy initiatives to improve the UK's use of sanctions in human rights contexts and co-authored multiple reports including on the **multilateralisation of targeted financial sanctions**, the **impact of targeted financial sanctions** and the **role of civil society organisations in their use**.

While at REDRESS, Natalie developed her expertise on the use of torture and other ill-treatment particularly in the context of dissent, protest and freedom of expression. Her work

included preparing third party interventions before the European Court of Human Rights, responding to developing crisis situations around the world and supporting civil society partners in developing strategic litigation cases against torture.

Natalie has previously worked as a Visiting Professional in the Trial Chamber of the International Criminal Court. Throughout her career, she has maintained a busy pro bono practice including managing a University of Cambridge Pro Bono Project and supporting clients before the first tier of the disability benefits appeals tribunals and providing advice at the Citizens Advice Bureau of the Royal Courts of Justice and a homeless mission in Whitechapel.

Education

LLB (Hons) – University of Exeter (First Class), 2011-2014

Postgraduate Diploma in International Legal Practice – University of Law (Distinction), 2014-2015

LLM (International Law) – University of Cambridge (First Class), 2020-2021

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