

Ava Mayer

Year of call: 2021
Degree: LLM (Cantab) (First Class), GDL (Distinction), BSc (Economics & Philosophy, LSE) (First Class)



Ava accepts instructions in all areas of Chambers' practice. She commenced practice in September following the successful completion of her pupillage.

Recent highlights of Ava's experience include assistance with the following cases:

- a successful challenge to the Home Secretary's blanket policy of seizing, retaining and extracting data from the mobile phones of migrants arriving by small boat (R (HM) v SSHD [2022] EWHC 695 (Admin)) (with Tom de la Mare QC, Tom Hickman QC, Jason Pobjoy, Gayatri Sarathy and others).
- a multi-jurisdictional fraud claim brought against 17 separate defendants for damages of more than USD \$1 billion (with Tony Peto QC, Victoria Windle QC, Peter Head, Shane Sibbel and Andrew Trotter).
- securing family reunion in the UK between individuals fleeing persecution in Afghanistan and their son, who had been granted asylum. The case raised issues regarding the Immigration Rules, Article 8 ECHR, and Article 3 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (with Jason Pobjoy).
- successfully obtaining interim injunctions in the High Court for an employer seeking to protect its confidential business information and enforce post-termination restrictive covenants against a former employee (Technology Sourcing Ltd v Chadli [2022] EWHC 1741 (QB)) (with Craig Rajgopaul).

Before coming to the Bar, Ava trained as a solicitor with Linklaters in the financial regulation, commercial and litigation teams.

She went on to work as Judicial Assistant to Lady Black in the UK Supreme Court and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, working on complex and high-profile cases across a range of disciplines. She then served as the Policy Analyst to the House of Lords Constitution Committee, where she supported the Committee with its legislative scrutiny of public bills and co-drafted reports on constitutional topics. She has also taught Administrative Law at the University of Cambridge.

EXPERIENCE

Public & Regulatory

Ava accepts instructions in all areas of public & regulatory law.

Cases

Proposed judicial review of the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (2021)

Advised the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency in a proposed judicial review of its alleged failure to properly categorise a biomedical research company under domestic and EU law (assisting Fraser Campbell).

X v Y Government (2022)

Advising an individual who had been arbitrarily arrested and detained incommunicado. The case raised issues of international law, human rights and torture (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

R (HM) v SSHD

[2022] EWHC 695 (Admin)

For the Claimant in a successful claim challenging the Defendant's operation of a blanket policy to seize, retain and extract data from the mobile phones of migrants arriving by small boat (assisting Jason Pobjoy)

Pension Protection Fund Advice

[2021]

Advised the trustee of a pension scheme in assessment with the Pension Protection Fund regarding its obligations to provide minimum levels of benefits to members of the scheme (assisting Fraser Campbell).

[Confidential] Advising an educational institution on the right to freedom of expression (2022)

Advising an educational institution on the restrictions on the right to freedom of expression that may lawfully be implemented within an internal misconduct and harassment policy (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

R v [Individual]

[2021]

For the Crown Prosecution Service in an action for civil recovery of property suspected to have been obtained through unlawful conduct (assisting Fraser Campbell).

[Confidential] Advising a public body on the interaction between human rights and equalities law (2021)

Written advice regarding the right to freedom of expression and the legality of restrictions upon it for the purposes of prohibiting discrimination (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

R (JD) v Secretary of State for Justice and Parole Board

[2022] EWHC 1238 (Admin)

For the Parole Board in judicial review brought by the first Parole Board member in its 54-year history to be removed for misconduct. Permission was refused in respect of complaints of procedural unfairness after an oral renewal hearing; reasonableness challenge to be heard in due course (assisting Fraser Campbell).

R (YA & ors) v SSHD (2022)

For a family seeking reunion with a family member who had been granted asylum in the UK. The case raised issues regarding the Immigration Rules, Article 8 ECHR, and Article 3 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

R (FDA) v Prime Minister

[2022] 4 WLR 5

For the respondent Prime Minister and others in a challenge to the Prime Minister's decision that the Home Secretary had not breached the Ministerial Code following allegations that she had shouted and sworn at civil servants (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

R (PSCU & Ors) v SSHD

[2022] EWHC 823 (Admin)

For Freedom from Torture in challenge to the UK Government's refugee pushback policy on the basis that it was ultra vires and incompatible with the 1951 Refugee Convention and Articles 3 and 4 ECHR (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

R (Harvey & Others) v NHS England & Others

CO/4311/2021

For claimants in a challenge to the delays in NHS trans healthcare provision (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

R (Good Law Project & Runnymede Trust) v Prime Minister & Secretary of State for Health

[2022] EWHC 298 (Admin)

For the successful respondents in a challenge to Ministerial appointments during the Covid-19 pandemic (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Advice on a proposed appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (2021)

Advised the respondent public body on the merits of an appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. The case raised complex issues concerning ouster clauses, procedural exclusivity, and breach of statutory duties (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Keighley v BBC (2021)

For the BBC in a challenge to its framework for monitoring compliance with its due impartiality obligations (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Commercial

Ava accepts instructions in all areas of commercial law.

Cases

Re. Preferred Management Limited

[2021] EWHC 2953 (Ch)

For the successful respondents to an unfair prejudice petition regarding an English company holding shares in a major Russian insurer. The Court rejected the petitioner's case that it was in truth a 50/50 shareholder and inheritor of a quasi-partnership interest, following evidence regarding discussions between Russian principals over two decades (assisting Fraser Campbell).

Global Plastic v Inivos

[2022]

For the claimant in respect of an oral contract, alternatively for a quantum meruit, arising from the supply of PPE during the pandemic (assisting Victoria Windle QC).

Chep Equipment Pooling v ITS Ltd

[2022] EWHC 741

For the claimant at a one day hearing challenging jurisdiction in a claim involving issues of breach of fiduciary duty, dishonest assistance and conspiracy brought against parties domiciled in five different jurisdictions (assisting Victoria Windle QC).

Rahbarpoor v Said

2022] EWHC 1093 (Ch); [2021] EWHC 3319 (Ch)

Dispute regarding ownership of substantial West London property, based on a disputed Declaration of Trust. Preliminary hearings regarding remote attendance, third party disclosure and adjournment on the basis of the disappearance of a key witness (assisting Fraser Campbell).

Suppipat & Others v Narongdej, Siam Commercial Bank and Others

[2022]

For the claimants in a multi-jurisdictional fraud claim against 17 separate defendants, for damages of more than \$1 billion. The claim raises issues of limitation, characterisation of loss and conflict of laws (assisting Victoria Windle QC).

London Oil & Gas Ltd

[2022]

For a defendant to a claim for fraudulent trading and breach of directors' duties, valued at over £200 million and brought by administrators (assisting Victoria Windle QC).

Re. sale of vintage car

[2021]

For the defendant to claim of misrepresentation regarding the seven-figure sale by auction of a vintage racing car (assisting Fraser Campbell).

Re. sale of national gym business

[2021]

For multiple defendants to breach of warranty claims following the sale of a chain of gyms (assisting Fraser Campbell).

Public International Law

Ava accepts instructions in all areas of public international law.

Cases

X v Y Government (2022)

Advising an individual who had been arbitrarily arrested and detained incommunicado. The case raised issues of international law, human rights and torture (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

EU Law

Ava accepts instructions in all areas of EU law.

Cases

Colley v Motor Insurers' Bureau

[2022] 1 WLR 2930

For the Motor Insurance Bureau in the Court of Appeal, in a claim regarding the scope and effect of European Union motor insurance law (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Civil Liberties & Human Rights

Ava accepts instructions in all areas of human rights law.

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Employment

Ava accepts instructions in all areas of employment law.

Cases

[Former employee] v [Employer]

(2022)

Acting for the highly paid claimant trader employee who brought sex discrimination and victimisation claims against her former employer in the Employment Tribunal (assisting Craig Rajgopaul).

[Former employee] v [Employer] (Employment Tribunal, 2022)

For the defendant employer defending claims brought by former employees alleging race discrimination, whistleblowing detriment, disability discrimination, harassment, victimisation and unauthorised deduction from wages (assisting Craig Rajgopaul).

Advice re an internal disciplinary investigation

(2022)

Advising a partner of an international law firm regarding allegations of misconduct against him by fellow partners and an ensuing internal disciplinary investigation, including advice in relation to the enforceability and consequence of various provisions in the LLP agreement (assisting Craig Rajgopaul).

Team move advice

(2022)

Advising an employer hedge fund regarding a suspected team move and breach by former employees of their post-termination restrictive covenants (assisting Craig Rajgopaul).

Technology Sourcing Ltd v Chadli

[2022] EWHC 1741 (QB)

For the claimant employer, a specialist IT recruitment business, which successfully obtained interim injunctions requiring the defendant former employee to deliver up confidential business information and comply with the post-termination restrictive covenants in her employment contract (assisting Craig Rajgopaul).

ACHIEVEMENTS

Education

- LLM (Cantab) (First Class; winner of the Russell Vick Prize for outstanding academic achievement in Law)
- Legal Practice Course (University of Law) (Distinction)
- Graduate Diploma in Law (University of Law) (Distinction)
- BSc Economics and Philosophy (LSE) (First Class; winner of LSE100 prize for outstanding academic achievement)

Professional Experience

- 2020-21: Policy Analyst, House of Lords Constitution Committee
- 2019-20: Judicial Assistant to Lady Black, UK Supreme Court
- 2019-20: Supervisor in Administrative Law, Sidney Sussex College
- 2016-2018: Trainee Solicitor, Linklaters

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