

Gayatri Sarathy

Year of call: 2017
Degree: BA (Hons) Jurisprudence (Oxon); BCL (Distinction) (Oxon)



Gayatri has a wide-ranging practice that encompasses all Chambers' main areas of work, with a particular focus on commercial disputes, public law and human rights, employment and privacy and data protection. She has appeared before the Employment Tribunals, High Court, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court and European Court of Human Rights.

She is presently instructed in two of The Lawyer's Top 20 Cases of 2020: Public Institution for Social Security of Kuwait v Al Rajaan & Ors and National Bank of Kazakhstan & Anr v Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV & Ors.

Before coming to the Bar, Gayatri taught EU law, tort law and land law at the University of Oxford. She also worked as a research assistant at the Law Commission and consultant to the International Bar Association.

EXPERIENCE

Commercial

Gayatri accepts instructions in all areas of commercial litigation.

Cases

Rowe & Ors v Ingenious Media Holdings Ltd

Business and Property Courts, 2020 –

Acting for the largest group of investors in a multi-million pound fraud claim against the promoters of the 'Ingenious Group' film and video game investment schemes and other intermediaries who recommended the schemes, following decisions by HMRC as to the correct tax treatment of those schemes (led by Andrew Hunter QC, Sam Grodzinski QC and Tom Cleaver)

Motorola Solutions Inc v Hytera & Ors

[2020] EWHC 980 (Comm)

Acted for the successful Claimants in an application for a freezing injunction and disclosure orders in support of US proceedings involving the alleged theft of trade secrets pursuant to CPR 25.1(1)(f), CPR 25.4(1)(a) and the "Chabra" jurisdiction (led by Tom Sprange QC)

Public Institution for Social Security of Kuwait v Al Rajaan & Ors

Commercial Court, 2020 –

Acting for an individual defendant in one of the largest claims brought in the English Commercial Court. The claimant is a public institution authorised to operate the State of Kuwait's social-security system and pension scheme. It brings a claim in respect of payments by various financial institutions and intermediaries that are alleged to be unauthorised secret commissions. The payments are said to have been paid over a period of approximately 20 years, in a total amount exceeding US\$840 million. The case was featured as one of The Lawyer's Top 20 cases of 2020 (led by Robert Weekes)

National Bank of Kazakhstan v Bank of New York New York Mellon SA/NV & Ors

[2020] EWHC 916 (Comm)

A complex multi-jurisdictional commercial dispute concerning the enforcement of an outstanding \$500m Swedish arbitration award obtained by the Stati parties. Acted for the Stati parties in an application for declarations concerning the parties to and obligations under an agreement by which assets beneficially owned by the Republic of Kazakhstan were held by the London branch of Bank of New York Mellon. The case was featured as one of The Lawyer's Top 20 cases of 2020 (led by Tom Sprange QC)

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McGarahan v Dickens Developments UK LLP & Ors

[2018] EWHC 3589 (QB)

Claim arising out of joint venture for development of residential property in South East London, involving claims in breach of trust, dishonest assistance and inducing breach of contract. Acted for the Claimant in successfully obtaining a substantial proprietary freezing injunction against all Defendants following a contested one-day application (led by Robert Weekes)

Sullivan v Ruhan & Ors

[2019] EWHC 1336 (Comm)

£38 million claim arising out of a joint venture for the purchase of a freehold interest in London commercial property, involving claims of fraudulent misrepresentation and unlawful means conspiracy. Acted unled for the Second and Third Defendants in successfully resisting an application for default judgment, raising issues of service out of the jurisdiction in the Isle of Man and Switzerland

Glaxo Wellcome UK Ltd (t/a Allen & Hanburys) & Anr v Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Europe Ltd & Ors

Business and Property Courts, 2019

Claim concerning EU registered trade mark infringement and passing off of the Claimants' dry powder inhaler. Acted for the Claimants in resisting an application by the First and Second Defendants to extend time for service of their Defence, raising issues of service out of the jurisdiction in Poland (led by Tom Hickman QC)

Renova Industries Ltd v Emmerson International Corporation

BVI Commercial Court, 2018

Claim in the BVI Commercial Court concerning a principal sum of approximately US\$1 billion and arising out of joint venture in relation to various power generation and distribution assets in Russia (assisting Robert Weekes and Ajay Ratan)

[Noteholders] v [International Bank]

2018

A holders of loan notes, worth several hundred million dollars, concerning rights and obligations under a subordinated loan agreement and ancillary agreements (assisting Andrew Green QC and Robert Weekes)

Re: 21st Century Fox Inc, Sky Plc, Walt Disney Company

2018

Advice regarding the implications of the proposed acquisition of 21st Century Fox by the Walt Disney Company under the Takeover Code (assisting Lord Pannick QC and James Segan QC)

Civil Fraud, Asset Recovery & Injunctive Relief

Gayatri accepts instructions in all areas of civil fraud. Gayatri has been instructed in several multi-jurisdictional fraud disputes and applications for freezing injunctions and ancillary orders.

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PCP Capital Partners LLP v Barclays Bank Plc

2018

£1.5 billion claim for deceit against Barclays Bank Plc arising out of the Bank's recapitalisation at the height of the financial crisis in 2008 (assisting Robert Weekes)

Public & Regulatory

Gayatri accepts instructions in all areas of public and administrative law. She has worked on public law matters for individuals, regulated entities, government and disciplinary bodies.

Cases

[Companies] v Russian Federation

European Court of Human Rights, 2020 –

Acting for Applicant companies in an application to the European Court of Human Rights against the Russian Federation for breaches of Article 6, Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 and Article 18 of the Convention (led by Shaheed Fatima QC and Paul Luckhurst)

R (Fratila) v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

Court of Appeal, 2020 –

Acting for the Claimants in a challenge concerning whether the Social Security (Income-Related Benefits) (Updating and Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, excluding holders of “pre-settled status” from access to benefits, are unlawfully discriminatory on the ground of EU nationality, contrary to Article 18 TFEU (led by Tom de la Mare QC)

Villiers v Villiers

[2020] UKSC 30; [2020] 3 WLR 171

Acted for the successful Respondent, Mrs Villiers, in an appeal concerning a maintenance application under s.27 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973, raising the issue of whether the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments (Maintenance) Regulation 2011 is ultra vires s.2(2)(b) of the European Communities Act 1972

R (the3million & Ors) v Minister for the Cabinet Office

Administrative Court, 2020 –

Acting for the3million in a judicial review concerning the legality of the Government's conduct of the 2019 European Parliamentary Elections (led by Dinah Rose QC)

Big Brother Watch & Ors v United Kingdom

App Nos 24960/15, 62322/14 and 58170/13, European Court of Human Rights, 2019 –

Acted for 10 Human Rights NGOs (including Liberty, Privacy International and Amnesty International) in a reference to the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights challenging the UK's legislation governing the surveillance of communications and the UK-USA intelligence sharing regime, following the disclosures by Edward Snowden (led by Ben Jaffey QC)

R (Privacy International) v Investigatory Powers Tribunal

[2019] UKSC 22; [2019] 2 WLR 1219

Acted for the successful Appellant, Privacy International, in an appeal on whether a decision of the Investigatory Powers Tribunal is amenable to judicial review and whether s.67(8) RIPA 2000 has the effect of ousting the High Court's supervisory jurisdiction (led by Dinah Rose QC, Sir Jeffrey Jowell QC, Ben Jaffey QC and Tom Cleaver)

R (Elan-Cane) v SSHD

[2020] EWCA Civ 363; [2020] 3 WLR 386

Acted for Christie Elan-Cane in a judicial review concerning the legality of the UK Government's policy of refusing to issue non-gender-specific "X" passports to UK nationals (led by Kate Gallafent QC and Tom Mountford)

R (Langton) v (1) SSEFRA; (2) Natural England

[2019] EWCA Civ 1562

Acted for Natural England in a judicial review of the decision to issue supplementary badger control licences, concerning the assessment of ecological risks under regulation 61 of the Habitats Regulations and the effect of the CJEU's decision in Case 323/17 People Over Wind v Coillte Teoranta (led by Paul Luckhurst)

R (Langton) v (1) SSEFRA; (2) Natural England

[2019] EWHC 597 (Admin)

Acted for Natural England in a judicial review of the decision to issue badger control licences, concerning the proper interpretation of a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) citation (led by Paul Luckhurst)

WA (Pakistan) v SSHD (UNHCR intervening)

[2019] EWCA Civ 302

Appeal concerning the compatibility of the country guidance in MN (Ahmadis: Country Conditions: Risk: Pakistan) [2012] UKUT 389 (IAC) with the principle in HJ (Iran) v SSHD [2010] UKSC 31, and the responsibility of tribunals to apply that principle to their factual findings irrespective of the positive case advanced by the Applicant. Acted for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (intervening) in support of the successful Appellant (led by Michael Fordham QC and Shane Sibbel)

Civil Liberties & Human Rights

Gayatri accepts instructions in all areas of civil liberties and human rights work. Before coming to the Bar, Gayatri worked as a reporter for the European Human Rights Reports. She wrote the headnotes of a number of decisions of the European Court of Human Rights.

Cases

(1) MN; (2) IXU v SSHD (The AIRE Centre and Anti-Slavery International intervening)

Court of Appeal, 2020 –

Appeal concerning the appropriate standard of proof for identifying and protecting victims of trafficking and whether the “balance of probabilities” threshold is consistent with the UK’s positive obligations under Article 4 ECHR and Article 5 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights to protect persons within its jurisdiction from being subjected to modern slavery or human trafficking, informed by the requirements of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings and the EU Anti-Trafficking Directive (led by Tom de la Mare QC and Jason Pobjoy)

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Di Caprio & Ors v Italy

(App Nos 39742/14, 51567/14, 74208/14 and 21215/15) European Court of Human Rights, 2020 –

Acting for the intervener, ClientEarth, in a high profile dispute concerning systematic environmental pollution in the South of Italy. The applications raise significant issues concerning the standing of individuals and organisations not resident in an area directly affected by pollution and the positive obligations of States proactively to address such pollution (led by Ravi Mehta)

Data Protection, Freedom of Information & Privacy

Gayatri accepts instructions in all areas of privacy and data protection law.

Cases

R (Open Rights Group) v Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

2020

Acted for Open Rights Group in a successful challenge concerning the Defendant's failure to conduct a DPIA prior to the deployment of the NHS Test and Trace Programme

Re: Technological Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic

2020

Advising Open Society Foundations on the legal framework on the right to privacy and protection of personal data applying to the smartphone contact tracing and other data driven proposals that were part of the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. A copy of the opinion is available [here](#).

Various Claimants v WM Morrison Supermarkets Plc

[2020] UKSC 12; [2020] 2 WLR 941

A rogue employee with a grudge against Morrisons disclosed the payroll data of 100,000 employees on to the Internet. Acted for the successful Appellant, Morrisons, in an appeal concerning whether: (i) Morrisons is vicariously liable at common law for the disclosure; and (ii) if so, whether such liability is excluded by the Data Protection Act 1998 (led by Lord Pannick QC)

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[Technology Company] v [State]

2020

Advising a global technology company in relation to a proposed challenge to controversial legislation introduced by a foreign government to address the spread of fake news and false information (led by Timothy Otty QC)

R (Privacy International) v Investigatory Powers Tribunal

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EU & Competition

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Cases

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Arbitration

Gayatri has worked on a number of arbitrations under the LCIA and ICC Rules. She has also been involved in the enforcement of arbitral awards and anti-suit and anti-enforcement injunctions in aid of arbitral proceedings.

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Environment

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Employment

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Cases

[Technology Company] v [Former Chief Executive Officer]

2017

Claim by a technology company for a declaration that it was entitled to summarily dismiss the former Chief Executive Officer following breaches of contract, fiduciary duties and confidence (assisting Paul Goulding QC and Diya Sen Gupta QC)

[Insurance Brokers] v [Former Shareholders]

2017

Claim by insurance brokers for an injunction to enforce restrictive covenants in a Share Purchase Agreement to prevent former shareholders from engaging in competitive employment (assisting Diya Sen Gupta QC)

[Insurance Brokers] v [Former Director]

2017

Advice on claims by insurance brokers against its competitor and former employee for soliciting clients in breach of restrictive covenants and effect of TUPE in circumstances where loss suffered by a third party company (assisting Diya Sen Gupta QC)

[Former Chief Financial Officer] v [Employer]

2017

Wrongful dismissal claim by former Chief Financial Officer where the employer asserted that the dismissal was due to gross misconduct (assisting Diya Sen Gupta QC)

Ahmed v Metroline Travel Ltd

Employment Appeal Tribunal, 2017

Claim by a bus driver for unfair dismissal and disability discrimination following a TUPE transfer of his employment (assisting Diya Sen Gupta)

[Former Employee] v [Fashion House]

Employment Tribunal, 2017

Whistleblowing claim by former employee against a fashion house (assisting Diya Sen Gupta QC)

Intellectual Property

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Media & Entertainment

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Education

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Prizes and Scholarships

- Conference Scholarship (ALBA, 2018)
- Phoenicia Scholarship (Bar European Group, 2018)
- Eastham Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn, 2017)
- Prize for Civil Advocacy (University of Law, 2017)
- Prize for Employment Law and Practice (University of Law, 2017)
- Winner, Lord Slynn of Hadley Cup (UKELA, 2017)
- Lord Denning Scholarship, Accommodation Award, Hardwicke Entrance Award (Lincoln's Inn, 2016)
- Provost's Award for Excellence (University of Law, 2016)

- Winner, Frances Patterson Shield (UKELA, 2016)
- Winter Williams Prize for European Business Regulation (University of Oxford, 2015)
- Francis Taylor Building Prize for Environmental Law (University of Oxford, 2014)
- Isaiah Berlin Prizes for Administrative Law and Jurisprudence (Corpus Christi College, 2013)
- Scholar of Corpus Christi College, University of Oxford (2011 - 2014)

Publications

- "Costs in Environmental Litigation" (2015) 27 Journal of Environmental Law 313
- "The Costs of Will Rectification in Marley v Rawlings (No 2)" (2015) 70(3) Conveyancer and Property Lawyer 273
- "Coventry v Lawrence [2015] UKSC 50: bad law makes hard cases?" (2015) 34(4) Civil Justice Quarterly 295

Volunteering and Pro Bono

Gayatri completed a six-month internship at ClientEarth in 2017. She has also worked pro bono for a number of organisations including the Free Representation Unit, Willesden County Court Duty Advice Scheme and Oxford Pro Bono Publico.

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