



# THE INNER TEMPLE

## INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE PANEL

5.30pm, Monday 28 February 2022

Speakers (in order of appearance)

EU Law

**Kieron Beal QC**

Blackstone Chambers (Called 1995)



Kieron was Called to the Bar by The Inner Temple in 1995 and took Silk in 2012. He practices from Blackstone Chambers and is recognised as a leading Silk for his expertise in commercial and civil law. His practice encompasses European law, competition law, sports law, telecommunications, judicial review and human rights, VAT and other direct and indirect taxes.

Kieron is regularly instructed by central Government, regulators and private clients in advisory work and in proceedings before all levels of Courts and Tribunals in England and Wales, EU courts, the Competition Appeal Tribunal and the Competition and Markets Authority in all areas of EU law and in private competition law claims.

Kieron also acts in a wide variety of civil liberties and human rights cases for and against Government bodies, both in domestic courts and before the CJEU and the European Court of Human Rights. He has acted as a special advocate in cases before the Special Immigration Appeals Commission (SIAC) and the High Court.

Called to the Bar of Ireland in 2020, Kieron was also Chairman of the Bar European Group from July 2018 to July 2020. He was elected a Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple in 2016 and is the Chair of the Inn's International Committee, a member of the Executive Committee, a member of the Student Engagement and Support Committee, Assistant Master of the European Circuit and Master of the Drama Society. He is the Consultant Editor for Halsbury's Laws Volume 18 on Competition, fifth edition, 2022.

BIOGRAPHIES

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## Immigration & Human Rights

### Adrian Berry

Garden Court Chambers (Called 1998)



Adrian was Called to the Bar by The Inner Temple in 1998 and practices from Garden Court Chambers in a range of inter-related public law areas concerning citizenship, immigration, human rights, international protection and social assistance. He practises in Courts and Tribunals at all levels from the First-tier Tribunal and County Court, through to the Senior Courts and the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU).

Adrian has an extensive practice in British nationality law. He regularly advises on the conflict of nationality laws for people with multiple nationalities, who hold or seek to hold both British nationality and other foreign nationalities, where the other countries are intolerant of multiple nationalities. He also acts and advises in relation to Statelessness cases, including cases concerning Stateless Persons in detention, the regularization of Stateless Persons, and the welfare of Stateless Persons. He is a member of the Advisory Council of the European Network on Statelessness (ENS).

Adrian acts for clients seeking to enter and remain in the UK under the Immigration Rules and on the options outside of the Immigration Rules, as well as those who are unlawfully detained and those facing deportation as 'foreign criminals' or facing removal proceedings. He also acts for clients with complex and sensitive asylum and international protection claims – many of whom have extensive political and economic interests in the country from which they have fled, have a high profile and are also liable to extradition.

He is widely known, not just for his casework, but also for his policy work and contribution to debates on immigration and nationality law. He writes a blog on migration, citizenship and free movement called Cosmopolis. He also has a blog on Nationality and Citizenship law.

## International Crime & Extradition

### Mark Summers QC

Matrix Chambers (Called 1996)



Mark was Called to the Bar by The Inner Temple in 1996 and took Silk in 2014. He practices from Matrix Chambers and is a leading international criminal law specialist. Mark was previously Chair of the Extradition Lawyers' Association and is recognised as one of the country's foremost extradition lawyers, regularly instructed to advise and appear on behalf of individuals and foreign governments in proceedings in the United Kingdom and abroad. Mark has particular experience in anti-terrorism prosecutions as well

as international fraud and financial crime.

He is regularly instructed to prosecute and defend high-profile cross-border complex fraud cases. Mark also has significant experience in public law human rights challenges in the criminal law context. He is often brought into cases which where the boundaries of criminal law require testing against human rights and ECtHR norms.

His caseload has included: Julian Assange; the attempted Regicide of the King of Spain; the Madrid train bombings; the 9/11 attacks; KGB espionage in the former Soviet bloc; "operation Norbury"; the plot to blow up the London Stock Exchange; "Operation Overt"; the 21/7 London bombing attempts; USA v Michael Lynch (sale of Autonomy to Hewlett Packard); Mexico v Tubilla (corruption prosecution of wife of Governor of Veracruz state); the collapse of Enron (the "NatWest 3").

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## International Commercial Arbitration

### Belinda McRae

Twenty Essex (Called 2014)



Belinda was Called to the Bar by The Inner Temple in 2014 and is a barrister at Twenty Essex. She has a particular specialisation in private international law, public international law and international arbitration.

Belinda has appeared in the UK Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, High Court and county courts. She has also appeared, both as sole counsel and as junior counsel, in international arbitrations under a variety of institutional rules, seated in London, Paris, New York, Lausanne, Geneva,

Kuala Lumpur, The Hague and Cairo. Belinda has also been appointed as a sole arbitrator on several international commercial cases, and is ranked in both the Legal 500 and C&P directories as a leading junior in international arbitration.

Before coming to the Bar, Belinda amassed a wealth of international legal experience. She was an Associate at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP in Paris, where she specialised in international arbitration and public international law. Belinda has also worked in international courts and tribunals in Cambodia, Tanzania and Australia, including as an associate to the Hon. Justice Dyson Heydon AC, at Australia's highest court.

### Helen Davies QC

Brick Court Chambers (Called 1991)



Helen was Called to the Bar by The Inner Temple in 1991 and is the joint Head of Brick Court Chambers. She has extensive experience in all aspects of Commercial Litigation, EU and Competition Law and regulatory/public law, having appeared as an advocate in numerous cases in the Commercial Court and Chancery Division of the High Court, as well the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court and the CJEU. Her experience

(both as an advocate and in an advisory capacity) ranges from various contractual disputes to energy, banking, insurance/reinsurance, financial services and professional negligence.

Helen has appeared in numerous commercial arbitrations, both international and domestic, many of which have involved claims of very substantial value. She also sits as an arbitrator. She has been identified as one of the leading practitioners in the Commercial Litigation, Competition/European, Arbitration, Energy and Insurance/Reinsurance fields by the Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners for many years. In 2019 she won Commercial Litigation Silk of the Year in the Legal 500 UK Bar Awards.

Helen was elected a Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple in 2010. She is a member of the Executive Committee and the Education & Training Committee, Vice Chair of Outreach for the Scholarships & Outreach Committee, and the Inn's Trustee for the Council of the Inns of Court.

**Public International Law**

**Naina Patel**

Blackstone Chambers (Called 2005)



Naina was Called to the Bar by The Inner Temple in 2005. She practices from Blackstone Chambers and is recognised as a leading barrister in a broad range of areas including administrative and public law, civil liberties and human rights, commercial, employment, EU & competition, immigration, police law, professional discipline and regulatory, public international law, the rule of law and sanctions.

Naina is experienced in litigating before a wide variety of courts and tribunals, including the Administrative Court, the Chancery Division, the Commercial Court and the European Court of Human Rights. She has appeared in over ten cases before the House of Lords/Supreme Court, several Privy Council matters and numerous Court of Appeal cases, including as sole Counsel.

Naina acts regularly in claims for judicial review involving public international law. She has also advised in relation to international agreements and the compatibility of domestic legislation with international legal obligations. Naina advises domestic and foreign governments, private sector organisations and NGOs on rule of law issues arising in the field of international development, as well as providing training on related issues. This builds on Naina’s experience prior to coming to the Bar, focusing on the role of law in post-conflict reconstruction efforts. After leaving university, she researched comparative access to justice and its human rights implications across the developing world for the British Institute of International and Comparative Law. While at Harvard, Naina spent a year teaching international human rights with Professor Michael Ignatieff. Thereafter, Naina worked for organisations including the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development in Afghanistan, the United Nations Development Program and the charity International Rescue Committee, advising on furthering local and national economic objectives through human-rights-promoting development programming. This work took her to Rwanda, Kosovo, Azerbaijan and Afghanistan before coming to the Bar.

Naina is a member of the Attorney-General’s Civil and Public International Law Panels, the Equality and Human Rights Commission’s Panel and the UNHCR’s Pro Bono Panel. She is also an expert member of HMG’s Civilian Stabilisation Group, providing justice and security advice to the Ministry of Defence, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Department for International Development. Naina is a Senior Rule of Law Fellow at the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law and a widely published author on rule of law issues around the world. She regularly speaks and provides training in this area to governments and civil society in the UK and overseas.

Naina has held a number of significant posts in public office, accommodated around her legal practice. These include a Director-level post at the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law (September 2012-March 2015), Rule of Law Advisor to DFID (January 2013-April 2013) and Senior Justice Advisor to the Helmand Provincial Reconstruction Team (June 2010-July 2011).