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Galina is a specialist public and property law barrister, frequently instructed in cases at the intersection of those specialisms.



Expertise

Property, Public and Administrative, Rating and Valuation

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Practice Summary

Galina acts for a wide range of individuals, corporate and public bodies, and charitable and professional organisations, from tribunals up to the highest courts. She has appeared in numerous high profile cases concerning issues as diverse as the availability of relief from forfeiture of a licence, the rateability of ATM sites and the alleged discriminatory impact of welfare reform measures.

Galina's practice encompasses the full spectrum of public and property law. Prior to taking silk, she was a member of the Attorney General's "A" Panel of junior counsel and was described in Legal 500 as "*one of the very best juniors at the Administrative Bar*" and in Chambers and Partners as "*always a very impressive opponent*".

In silk, Galina continues to act regularly both for and against central and local government and other public bodies. Her recent public law work has focussed on healthcare and community care, including disputes between public bodies about which is responsible for funding care in various situations. She has also appeared in a number of the leading cases on the interpretation of the Withdrawal Agreement and citizens' rights post-Brexit. Her property law work has a strong cross-over with her public law expertise, and includes a number of cases in which the use of land by public bodies is subject to human rights or other statutory restrictions.

Galina has been recognised for many years as a leading practitioner in education law, and has extensive experience of judicial review claims in education matters, ranging from exclusion and admissions to school organisation and university funding issues. Her work also includes acting on behalf of public bodies tasked with regulating those who work in education, as well as representing those subject to that regulation. She has represented the Department for Education in a number of strands of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse and more recently in the Covid-19 Inquiry.

Property

Galina acts for a diverse range of clients, from social housing tenants and public bodies to major property companies, in all areas of commercial and residential property law. She is “very approachable, very thorough and creative” (Chambers and Partners) and “very articulate and extremely thorough whilst looking at the end objective and for practical solutions” (Legal 500). She has particular expertise in cases at the intersection of public and property law, such as issues concerning land for schools and other public services, and property litigation that raises human rights and/or Equality Act points.

Public and Administrative

Galina has a growing practice in healthcare and community care, with a particular focus on disputes about which public body is responsible for providing services. She has extensive knowledge of the law relating to the NHS, and has acted for and advised a number of NHS bodies and other stakeholders in the system, as well as individuals challenging commissioning decisions, and for the full range of participants in the Court of Protection. She was a contributor to the late Stephen Knafler KC’s books on Adult Social Care Law and Children’s Social Care Law and continues to act regularly for individuals and local authorities in this area.

Galina continues to be highly regarded in the fields of education and immigration law, in which she is consistently recognised by both main directories as a leading practitioner. Her recent work has also focussed on citizens’ rights post-Brexit and she has appeared in several of the leading cases in this area.

Rating and Valuation

Galina “really knows her way around rating” (Chambers and Partners) and is “Very calm, thorough, good with clients” and “Good at gauging prospects” (Legal 500). In addition to advising and appearing on behalf of the Valuation Office Agency, billing authorities and individual ratepayers in both statutory appeals and liability order claims, she has recently been involved in a number of judicial reviews relating to rating, particularly concerning measures taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Qualifications

- Law with German Law at Magdalen College, Oxford, and the University of Konstanz, Germany

Recommendations

"She is brilliant, very responsive and clear in arguments and very good in court."

Administrative and Public Law, immigration, Education, Rating and Valuation, Chambers and Partners, 2024

"She is very thorough and clear."

Real Estate Litigation, Chambers and Partners, 2024

"Galina has great judgement and is incredibly responsive. She is brilliant to work with."

Education, Legal 500, 2024

"Galina is a safe pair of hands, has excellent judgement, is very clever and is strong on her feet. The court trusts her." "Previously one of the top juniors at the immigration Bar, the meticulous thoroughness of Galina's preparation is reflected in the exemplary quality of her written work, often praised by the bench for its authoritative and measured qualities."

Immigration (including Business Immigration), Legal 500, 2024

"Galina is a very calm, composed and assured silk. A safe pair of hands who has excellent judgement. The court trusts her."

Administrative Law and Human Rights, Legal 500, 2024

"Galina is approachable, easy to communicate with, very articulate and extremely thorough whilst looking at the end objective and for practical solutions." "Excellent client manner, very approachable, very intelligent, excellent advocate, and able to keep things simple when others seek to over-complicate."

Property Litigation, Legal 500, 2024

"Very intelligent." "Galina has got great judgement and is brilliant to work with."

Local Government (including Rating Law), Legal 500, 2024

"She is very pleasant to deal with and has good knowledge of the law."

Administrative and Public Law, Chambers and Partners, 2023

"Galina Ward has always delivered even when we are up against really tight deadlines, and we have been impressed with her approach and technical expertise." "Galina is very good with clients."

Real Estate Litigation, Chambers and Partners, 2023

"She is an impressive barrister. Galina offers a very thorough analysis of the legal principles." "Galina is good on the detail and clearly knowledgeable in the area of education."

Education, Chambers and Partners, 2023

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Immigration, Legal 500, 2023

"She prepares meticulously and has everything at her fingertips, which gives you a very real confidence." "She is always a very impressive opponent and a barrister who is reasonable and pleasant to deal with."

Administrative and Public Law, Chambers and Partners, 2022

"She is very good and very reasonable." "She really knows her way around rating."

Rating and Valuation, Chambers and Partners, 2022

"She is very good and delivers a very forensic analysis." "An excellent barrister."

Education, Chambers and Partners, 2022

"She can distil thousands of pages into a killer point, and is very good on her feet in court."

Immigration, Chambers and Partners, 2022

"She is very approachable, very thorough and creative. She uses out-of-the-box thinking."

Real Estate Litigation, Chambers and Partners, 2022

"One of the very best juniors at the Administrative Bar, the meticulous thoroughness of Galina's preparation is reflected in the exemplary quality of her written work, often praised by the bench for its authoritative and measured qualities."

Administrative and Public Law, Legal 500, 2022

"Very calm, thorough, good with clients. Good at gauging prospects."

Local Government, Legal 500, 2022

"Galina is very approachable, easy to communicate with, very articulate and extremely thorough whilst looking at the end objective and for practical solutions."

Property Litigation, Legal 500, 2022

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Immigration, Legal 500, 2022

"Her advice is very prompt, accessible and demonstrates her clear expertise in education law." "She is very approachable, responsive and deals with matters pragmatically to get the best result possible."

Education, Chambers and Partners, 2021

"Galina is great to work with; she is like a walking encyclopaedia and is calm and level-headed when the pressure is on." "Her analytical skills and ability to cut straight to the point are astounding." "She has an easy way of explaining complex matters to clients."

Immigration, Chambers and Partners, 2021

She is known for her work in social housing as well as commercial and residential landlord and tenant disputes. Ward also works in claims brought under the Electronic Communications Code. She has a strong practice representing government entities in property-related tax matters. "Very personable and bright." "Excellent."

Real Estate Litigation, Chambers and Partners, 2021

"Excellent all-round." "She has great judgement and is very measured."

Immigration, Chambers and Partners, 2020

"She is always responsive and impressive." "Very intelligent, easy to talk to and pays attention to all the small details."

Real Estate Litigation, Chambers and Partners, 2020

"An excellent junior and a very safe pair of hands. She's very sensible, approachable and easy to deal with."

Education, Chambers and Partners, 2020

Cases and inquiries

14 03 24	Court of Appeal decision on the position of EEA 'extended family members' post-Brexit
08 11 23	Court of Appeal applies Article 1 of EU Charter of Fundamental Rights on right to dignity to destitute EU citizens post-Brexit
08 02 22	R (DK) v Revenue and Customs Commissioners [2022] EWCA Civ 120; [2022] 4 WLR 23
17 09 21	R (King) v Secretary of State for Education [2021] EWHC 2509 (Admin)
03 08 21	R (Anderson) v Liverpool City Council [2021] EWHC 2205 (Admin)

09 07 21	R (SC) v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions [2021] UKSC 26; [2022] AC 223
21 05 21	R (Trinity College (CSP) Ltd v Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government [2021] EWHC 1355 (Admin)
18 12 20	R (on the application of RS) v Brent LBC [2020] EWCA Civ 1711
22 10 20	Supreme Court hears challenge to two child limit in child tax credit and universal credit – R (SC & others) v SSWP
07 08 20	R (on the application of Article 39) v Secretary of State for Education [2020] EWHC 2184 (Admin)
16 03 20	R (on the application of AR (A Child)) v Waltham Forest LBC [2020] EWHC 622 (Admin)
10 03 20	R (on the application of British Pregnancy Advisory Service) v Secretary of State for Health and Social Care [2020] EWCA Civ 355
18 02 20	AH v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions [2020] UKUT 53 (AAC)
13 02 20	OA v Secretary of State for Education [2020] EWHC 276 (Admin)
23 10 19	Manchester Ship Canal Co Ltd v Vauxhall Motors Ltd (formerly General Motors UK Ltd) Supreme Court [2019] UKSC 46
25 09 19	(1) Cardtronics Europe Ltd (2) Tesco Stores Ltd & Tesco Personal Finance Plc (3) Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd & Sainsbury's Bank Plc (4) Co-Operative Group v Chris Sykes (Valuation Officer) & Ors (Valuation Officers): Chris Sykes & Ors v Tesco Stores Ltd
25 09 19	R (On The Application Of British Pregnancy Advisory Service) v Secretary of State for Health & Social Care [2019] EWHC 1397 (Admin)
25 09 19	AR v (1) Secretary of State for Work & Pensions (2) Revenue & Customs Commissioners (3) LR (CSM) (No.2) [2019] UKUT 151 (AAC)
25 09 19	R (on the application of (1) SC & 3 Children (2) CB & 5 Children) (Appellants) v (1) Secretary of State for Work & Pensions (2) Lords Commissioners of HM Treasury (3) Revenue & Customs Commissioners (Respondents) & Equality & Human Rights Commission
25 09 19	Hilda Deakin v Secretary of State For Defence, Sub Nom HD v Secretary of State For Defence [2019] EWCA Civ 571
25 09 19	R (on the application of Hersi Guled) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2019] EWCA Civ 92

25 09 19	Manchester Ship Canal Co Ltd v Vauxhall Motors Ltd (Formerly General Motors UK Ltd) [2018] EWCA Civ 1100; [2019] 2 WLR 330; [2019] Ch 331
25 09 19	Sherif El Gazzaz v Secretary Of State For The Home Department [2018] EWCA Civ 532
19 09 19	Revenue and Customs Commissioners v Daknėviciute (C-544/18) European Court of Justice (Fourth Chamber) EU:C:2019:761
09 07 19	Supreme Court hears case on whether relief from forfeiture is available for licences
08 06 18	Sideeq v London Borough of Harrow [2001] ELR 88
07 06 18	R v Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, ex parte Hindmarsh and others [2002] QB 794
07 06 18	T-Mobile, 3G & Orange v. FSS & Harrogate BC 12/11/04 - Court of Appeal [2004] EWCA Civ 1763
06 06 18	Cardiff County Council v Dummett & SENTW
06 06 18	R (M) v Sutton London Borough Council
05 06 18	L&C Investments Ltd v Chevis
05 06 18	Ellis Jenkins v London Borough of Bromley
05 06 18	West Bromwich Building Society v Mash
05 06 18	R (M) v Sutton London Borough Council [2007] EWCA Civ 1205
05 06 18	Accent Peerless Ltd v Kingsdon & Kingsdon [2007] EWCA Civ 1314
31 05 18	R (on the application of YH) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2010] EWCA Civ 116
31 05 18	R (on the application of A) (Claimant) v Independent Appeal Panel For Sutton London Borough Council (Defendant) & (1) B School Head Teacher & Board Of Governors (2) Secretary Of State For Children, Schools & Families (Interested Parties) [2009] EWHC 1223
31 05 18	R (on the application of AM) v Secretary Of State For The Home Department : R (on the application of SS) v Secretary Of State For The Home Department [2009] EWCA Civ 833
31 05 18	Judith Elizabeth Wilson v Josephine Coll (Listing Officer) [2011] EWHC 2824 (Admin)

31 05 18	R (on the application of (1) Paula Gallagher (2) Mary McCarthy v Basildon District Council & Commission for Local Administration in England [2010] EWHC 2824 (Admin)
30 05 18	Disclosure & Barring Service (Formerly Independent Safeguarding Authority) v Peter Harvey [2013] 1 WLR 2867, [2013] RA 295, [2013] PTSR 1256
30 05 18	Lidl (UK) GMBH v Janet Ryder (Valuation Officer) [2013] UKUT 348 (LC)
30 05 18	John Reeves (Listing Officer) v Randy Northrop [2013] EWCA Civ 362
30 05 18	R (on the application of Daniel Roque Hall) v (1) University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (2) Secretary of State for Justice [2013] EWHC 198 (Admin)
30 05 18	R (on the application of Parratt) v (1) Secretary of State for Justice (2) Parole Board for England & Wales [2014] EWCA Civ 1478
30 05 18	Independent Safeguarding Authority v SB & Royal College of Nursing (Intervener) [2012] EWCA Civ 977
30 05 18	Sheridan & ors v Basildon Borough Council [2012] EWCA Civ 335
30 05 18	Alexey Pallovich Buydov v Entry Clearance Officer, Moscow [2012] EWCA Civ 1739
29 05 18	JH v Revenue & Customs Commissioners [2015] UKUT 479 (AAC)
29 05 18	Dudley Muslim Association v Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council [2015] EWCA Civ 1123
29 05 18	Shahjahan Tarafdar v Revenue & Customs Commissioners [2014] UKUT 362 (TCC)
29 05 18	R (on the application of Duncan Lewis Solicitors) v Lord Chancellor [2015] EWHC 2498 (Admin)
29 05 18	Charlott Corkish (Listing Officer) v (1) Andrew Wright (2) Stacy Hart [2014] EWHC 237 (Admin)
29 05 18	Kathleen Slattery v Basildon Borough Council [2014] EWCA Civ 30
25 05 18	R (on the application of LB by her litigation friend SB) v Independent Appeal Panel of Newport City Council & (1) Newport City Council (2) Governing Body of B Comprehensive School [2017] EWHC 2216 (Admin)
25 05 18	R (on the application of S) v Secretary of State for the Home Department
24 05 18	King's Lynn & West Norfolk Council v Michelle Paula Bunning [2016] EWCA Civ 1037
24 05 18	R (on the application of Hockerill Anglo-European College Academy Trust) v Schools Adjudicator & (1) Secretary of State for Education (2) Hertfordshire CC

24 05 18	Budana v The Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust [2017] EWCA Civ 1980
24 05 18	R (on the application of Ronald Dalton) v Secretary of State for Work for Work & Pensions [2017] EWHC 213 (Admin)
24 05 18	R (on the application of Daniel Cummings) v Secretary of State for Justice [2017] EWHC 266 (Admin)
24 04 17	Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd & 5 ors v Chris Sykes & ors (Valuation Officers) [2017] UKUT 138 (LC)