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Naima Asif accepts instructions in all areas of Chambers' work.

Naima was called to the Bar in 2012 and qualified as an Advocate of the High Courts in Pakistan in 2015. She has a keen interest in protecting the rights of vulnerable individuals and has been commended for her analytical mind and ability to draw out the essential points of a case.

Naima has a strong interest in all areas of family law, including, international family law, and cases concerning human rights and social justice issues. Naima accepts instructions in international and private law children matters, care, injunctive Family Law Act proceedings and financial remedies.

She is currently instructed to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.

Naima has defended in a wide range of criminal cases in the Magistrates' Court and appears regularly in the Crown Courts. She has experience of cases involving offences against the person, criminal damage, aggravated burglary, arson and 'possession of Class A drugs with intent to supply.

Naima has accepted instructions in personal injury matters, including MOJ Stage 3 hearings, credit hire, possession claims and disputes under the Data Protection Act.

Prior to pupillage she spent a year with the Bar Pro Bono Unit as a caseworker as part of the Justice First Fellowship. She is the co-founder of a project, which aims to educate children in cases involving local authority intervention, forced marriage, FGM and domestic violence.

She is dual-qualified and has spent significant time in Pakistan gaining experience in cases involving forced/child marriage, domestic and honour based violence, stranded spouse, international child abduction and Islamic law.

As a staunch opponent of the death penalty Naima successfully acted as sole counsel in an appeal in the High Court

in the case of *State v Farman* in which a sentence of death was commuted to one of life imprisonment. She collaborated with Justice Project Pakistan for the production of a training manual for the judiciary of Pakistan on the rights of mentally ill defendants in capital cases under domestic and international law.

Naima also has a strong interest in public international law and has assisted in extensive research on the rights of human rights defenders in the Americas for the former UN Special Representative of the Secretary General on Human Rights Defenders.

## Qualifications

- BPTC, BPP Law School
- LLM, University of Birmingham
- LLB, University of Leicester

## Publications

- United we stand divided we fall; terrorism as an international crime versus terrorism as a transnational crime, Birmingham Student Law Review (2016)
- Women, children and minorities in Pakistan; status, rights and vulnerabilities, Lincolns Inn (2014)
- Children increasingly face neglect amid failing national systems, Family Law ICLIP Jordans Publishing (2013) (co-author)