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King's Bench Walk

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Industrial Disease, Group Litigation, International & Travel, Inquests, Product Liability, Aviation

Aliyah Akram is acknowledged as a leading junior in personal injury, industrial disease and product liability litigation. She is renowned for her expertise and experience in group litigation in all of the core areas in which she practices. Many of her cases have an international aspect and give rise to both jurisdictional issues and conflicts of laws.

The value and complexity of Aliyah's cases means that the vast majority of her work is in the High Court of Justice.

Aliyah is a robust and persuasive trial advocate. She prides herself on working closely as a team with instructing solicitors, not just in group litigation, but in every case in which she is involved. Her focus is always on maximising the client's prospects of success. She is able to cut through the background noise and gets straight to the issues.

She is a contributing author of *Asbestos: Law & Litigation* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2019). She has been described by *Chambers & Partners* as a 'rising star'.

Personal Injury

Aliyah's personal injury practice tends to involve cases that are high value, complex or both. She acts for claimants and defendants in claims that involve serious injury, including injuries of the utmost severity, and often with an international law element. For example, she is currently instructed in a claim on behalf of a young girl who was nearly drowned in a swimming pool while on holiday in Spain and suffered a catastrophic brain injury. The estimated value of the claim is in excess of £20M. She recently secured damages of more than £8M for a young Romanian woman injured in road traffic accident.

More generally, Aliyah's analytical approach, which does not take received legal wisdom for granted, has led to her being regularly instructed in cases that give rise to novel legal issues and a number of test cases in different areas. She has been instructed as the senior junior in a large group action against the Ministry of Defence for non-freezing cold injuries. She is currently instructed in a claim arising from 'sick building syndrome', a condition developed as a result of living in a defective new build home.

Aliyah has particular expertise in high-value fatal accident claims. Unusually, since most cases of this type settle, she has appeared in the High Court in a number of such cases and has real experience of how the Courts deal with these cases. This experience has proved invaluable in nearly all areas of her practice. She frequently lectures on related issues.

Qualifications

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Bar Professional Training Course, Kaplan Law School

LLM in European Law, Newnham College, University of Cambridge

MA, Law, Newnham College, University of Cambridge

Memberships

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