



Gemma Ralph

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Overview

Gemma Ralph is a civil barrister, specialising in clinical negligence, personal injury, commercial and property disputes and public law. Gemma acts for both Claimants and Defendants and combines meticulous advisory work with robust advocacy. She is listed as a Leading Junior in Clinical Negligence in Legal 500 2026.

Frequently instructed in high-value, complex clinical negligence and personal injury cases, Gemma is experienced with claims across all medical specialties, including brain injuries, spinal injuries, amputation, chronic pain, fatal accidents, optical, hearing loss, obstetric and gynaecological cases.

Gemma has also appeared in the County and High Courts on commercial and property matters, including freezing orders, breach of contract, rental arrears and possession and forfeiture of property. Before coming to the Bar, she worked as Business Manager to the CEO of Coutts Bank, and has a particular interest in high-value, cross-border matters.

Gemma has expertise in public law and public international law. She spent the first part of her career as a British Diplomat, serving both overseas and as Legal Researcher at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), where her work spanned the gamut of UK foreign policy. She recently represented the Secretary of State for the Home Office in the Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) Country Guidance case concerning Albanian trafficked boys and men, led by William Hansen.

Gemma speaks English and Spanish.

Public and Administrative Law

Gemma Ralph has particular expertise in public law and public international law.

Before being called to the Bar, she spent ten years as a British Diplomat, serving both overseas and as Legal Researcher at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), where her work spanned the gamut of UK foreign policy.

Gemma recently represented the Secretary of State for the Home Office in the Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) Country Guidance case concerning Albanian trafficked boys and men, led by William Hansen. She has also been instructed by GLD in several Afghan Resettlement claims. In addition, she has advised the Secretary of State for Justice on cases including a discrimination claim by a transgender prisoner and an historical sexual abuse claim with an international dimension.

Recommendations

Gemma Ralph is adept at acting for defendants and claimants in a wide range of clinical negligence matters, including delayed or missed diagnoses and negligent treatment.

'A steadfast junior who is analytical and precise.'

Legal 500 2026/Clinical Negligence/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit

Academic qualifications

- MA (Oxon) Jurisprudence (Law), University of Oxford
- BPTC The University of Law

Scholarships

- Astbury Scholar, Major Award, Middle Temple
- Winner, Middle Temple Young Barristers Association Moot (2017)

Professional bodies

- Personal Injury Bar Association
- The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple
- Western Circuit