



# Natasha Barnes

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## Appointments

Attorney General's Panel of Civil Counsel  
A Counsel – September 2022

## Education

Called to the Bar (Gray's Inn): July 2010

BVC at BBP Law School, London – *James Crouch Scholar*

CPE at City Law School, London – *Gray's Inn Scholar*

BA Hons in History at Cambridge  
– *Dorothy Forster Sturman Scholar, Ligner Scholar*

## Practice Overview

Natasha is ranked by the legal directories as a leading junior in Indirect Tax, Administrative and Public Law, Immigration and Civil Liberties and Human Rights. Recent directory comments have included '*I am trying and failing to think of a better junior*', '*superb on her feet*', '*an excellent drafter*' and a '*pleasure to work with*'. The Court of Appeal commended her as '*outstandingly able*' following a two day tax appeal.

Natasha has a broad indirect tax and public law practice. She acts for a wide spectrum of clients in high value tax disputes including individuals, companies, public authorities and government departments. She has also been instructed in many of the most high profile judicial reviews in the last few years including:

- the challenge to the introduction of VAT on private school fees;
- the winter fuel payments case;
- the ban on prescribing puberty blockers to transgender children;
- the Rwanda deportation challenge; and
- the Government's challenge to the Covid Inquiry's decision to require disclosure of Ministers' WhatsApp messages.

She regularly appears before the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, the Administrative Court and the Tribunals (Tax and Immigration Chambers), often as sole counsel. She is a member of the Attorney General's A Panel.

## Recommendations

Client/solicitor testimonials and legal directory recommendations:

2024:

## Chambers and Partners

### Ranked in:

- Immigration: *"She is clear, direct and a pleasure to work with. She is incredibly clever and really in demand."* *"Formidable but fair."*
- Administrative & Public Law: *"Natasha is really impressive and she has a very collaborative approach to working."* *"She is very clever and hard-working."*
- Tax: *"Both an excellent drafter and really good on her feet."* *"A very confident advocate, who presents authoritatively."*
- Civil Liberties and Human Rights: *"I am trying and failing to think of a better junior. Her written work is up there with any barrister I can think of. She is clear, direct and a pleasure to work with. Incredibly clever and really in demand."*

## The Legal 500

### Ranked in:

- Tax – VAT and Excise: *Rising Star*
- Administrative Law and Human Rights: *Leading Junior*
- Immigration: *"Natasha is extremely bright, quick to see the key points in a case and very good on her feet. She has a real in-depth knowledge of Immigration law."*

### 2023:

## Chambers & Partners

### Ranked in:

- Tax: *"Natasha is great at cross-examining and compelling in terms of her oral submissions". "She is very crisp and on point with submissions, and just an excellent advocate"*
- Administrative & Public Law: *"Natasha is a really excellent junior: very bright, efficient and utterly dependable". "She is extremely good with clients and really nice to work with"*
- Civil Liberties: *"An excellent practitioner"*

## Legal 500:

### Ranked in:

- Administrative Law & Human Rights: *'Superb written work. Excellent client skills. A very reliable team player.'*
- Immigration: *'Superb written work. Excellent client skills. A very reliable team player.'*
- VAT & Excise: *A rising star.*

2022:

Chambers & Partners

Ranked in:

- Administrative & Public Law: *'She is incredibly diligent, reliable and an excellent team member. It's a really great experience working with her.'* *'A fantastic, extremely hard-working junior barrister.'*
- Human Rights: *'Natasha Barnes is brilliant. I would recommend her very highly.'*
- Immigration: *'An intelligent and thoughtful junior who is impressive.'*
- Indirect Tax: *'She argues her cases well, is bright and has great judgment.'* *'She is hard-working and has a very strong understanding of tax law.'*

Legal 500:

Ranked in:

- Administrative & Public Law: *'She is very clever and hard-working. She has great judgement – you feel much better knowing that she is in the team.'*
- Immigration: *'Very thorough and one of the best juniors around at drafting.'*
- VAT: *'Extremely hard working and a strategic thinker. Excellent client manner. Efficient. Responsive. A pleasure to work with. A highly talented all rounder.'*

Comments from previous directories:

- *'She is very responsible and always goes the extra mile. Very bright and easy to get along with'. 'She is very responsible and always goes the extra mile.'* (C&P 2021)
- *'A rising star with enormous capacity for hard work. She grasps the technical detail extremely well and is superb on her feet too.'* (Legal 500 2020).

## Beyond the Bar

Away from work, Natasha loves the outdoors and enjoys trying to improve her cooking.