



Barrister

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Specialist in  
Personal Immigration  
Business Immigration  
Public Law  
Civil Law  
Modern Slavery & Trafficking Team  
Specialist Family & Immigration Team  
Direct Access Trained

## Experience

Allan has specialised in immigration and asylum law since becoming a barrister in 2001. He is a recommended barrister in Chambers & Partners 2020 which includes “*He manages to bring together a good corporate head and a human rights heart*” and “*An excellent junior, especially with EEA and LGBT-related cases.*”

Allan has a broad practice within immigration and asylum law and represents clients at all level of tribunal and court. His asylum practice includes a particular specialisation in LGBTQI+ refugees. He is a former trustee of and remains an active volunteer with the UK Lesbian & Gay Immigration Group and has [written for the Birkbeck Law Review on LGBT asylum and procedure.](#)

Allan is regularly instructed in cases involving business immigration, including Tiers 1 and 2, sponsor licence compliance and challenges to suspension and revocation. He has lengthy experience of defending against ‘Civil Penalties’ imposed for allegedly employing illegal workers and has had considerable success. After 14 years as a barrister Allan became a partner in Blake Morgan LLP, where he headed up the firm’s immigration team, before returning to the Bar in 2016. His time at the Blake Morgan gave him a deep understanding of commerciality and issues such as ‘right to work’. Allan recently successfully represented a major university in civil proceedings relating to a breach of duty of care claim in the university’s compliance with its Tier 4 sponsor licence duties.

Allan has many times acted as an immigration expert in family law proceeding and his work has been commended by the Family Court.

In addition to immigration and asylum law, Allan is able to advise on modern slavery and trafficking issues, in particular to organisations that wish to ensure there is no modern slavery or human trafficking in their supply chains. Allan has advised many organisations on their responsibility to prepare an annual ‘transparency statement’ under the Modern Slavery Act, including a major European airline, housing associations, an international charity, a US software giant, and a department store chain, to name a few examples.

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### Successful appeal against the imposition of a Civil Penalty of £40,000 issued to a small business

Allan Briddock succeeds in an appeal at Luton County Court against the imposition of a Civil Penalty of £40,000 issued to a small business.

Although the individual encountered at the business in June 2024 had no right to work at that time, the Appellant maintained that he was not employed, despite the fact that the individual himself had said he was working there and gave details of his salary and working hours.

The Home Office aggressively defended the appeal and threatened the small business with huge increased costs for not agreeing to settle the day before the appeal. However, in his judgment, HHJ Davies found that one of the Immigration Officers was an unreliable witness and preferred the evidence of the Appellant.

The Home Office was ordered to pay the Appellant's full costs, despite the Home Office arguing that the costs award should be reduced as the Appellant had 'relentlessly tried to undermine the Respondent's case' in the days before the appeal.

The small business took a huge financial risk taking this to appeal, but refused to give up, even when the Home Office made offers to settle.

Allan Briddock was instructed on a direct access basis and is authorised by the Bar Council to conduct litigation.

Area of Law:

Business Immigration, Civil Penalties

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## SSHD v Viscu

[2019] EWCA Civ 1052

Leading case on whether a Detention and Training Order imposed on a child amounts to 'imprisonment' for the purposes of the Citizens Directive and the Immigration (EEA) Regulations 2016.

<https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Civ/2019/1052.html>

Area of Law:

Personal Immigration

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