

Brenda Efurhievwe

Call: 2019

Specialist in:

- Personal Immigration
- Business Immigration
- Civil Law
- Court of Protection
- Civil Actions Against Public Authorities
- Family Law – Public
- Specialist Family & Immigration Team



Experience

Brenda has a busy immigration and public law practice and accepts instructions on both a publicly and privately funded basis. She regularly represents individuals in the Immigration and Asylum Chamber of the First-Tier and Upper Tribunals in asylum and immigration appeals, human rights claims, deportation appeals, judicial reviews and bail applications. She also advises on and acts in judicial reviews and urgent interim relief applications in the High Court.

Following over a decade of working and volunteering in human rights organisations in the UK, Poland, Greece and the US, Brenda is particularly skilled at assisting vulnerable clients with experiences of complex trauma.

Due to her diverse professional experience, Brenda is also particularly interested in matters at the intersection of civil and public law, with a focus on claims against public authorities. She represents Claimants in matters including claims for damages for unlawful detention, civil penalty notice appeals, data protection breaches, claims relating to personal injury and cross border matters.

Brenda regularly delivers seminars on matters relating to asylum and immigration law. Her recent webinar on “Afghan clients: quasi refugee routes and issues in contemporary asylum claims” can be accessed on Free Movement. She is also a contributing author and panel

member of the LexisNexis Immigration Law panel.

Brenda is fluent in Polish and holds a Masters of Law (Magister Prawa) degree from the University of Wroclaw; she is happy to accept instructions in Polish.

Prior to the Bar, Brenda gained a diverse professional experience in immigration, human rights and financial services. She completed an LL.M. at Columbia Law School as a Human Rights Fellow, where she received a Best-in-Class award for the Human Rights course with Professor Sarah Cleveland and Amal Clooney. During her LL.M, Brenda was able to pursue her academic interests in immigration law, critical race theory, and business and human rights.

Brenda has a longstanding relationship as a volunteer with Bail for Immigration Detainees and she continues representing its clients in bail applications, deportation appeals and asylum support appeals. She also undertakes pro bono work with a number of other organisations, including the Windrush Justice Clinic. During her time as a 2025 Pegasus Scholar, Brenda volunteered with Stowarzyszenie Interwencji Prawnej (the Association for Legal Intervention) in Poland, where she assisted asylum seekers stranded at the Polish-Belarusian border.

Brenda's other interests include human rights advocacy, racial justice, LGBTQ+ rights, as well as public and private international law. She has been involved with a number of social justice organisations and movements as a campaigner and organiser.

Education

OISC Level 3 Immigration Adviser; OISC Level 3 Asylum and Protection Adviser (June 2024)

LL.M. (3.78) – Columbia Law School (2020-2021)

BPTC part-time (Outstanding, first in cohort) – BPP (2017-2019)

Magister Prawa (4.5) – University of Wroclaw (2014-2017)

LLB Sandwich (First Class Honours) – University of Surrey (2007-2011)

Memberships

Bail for Immigration Detainees

Human Rights Lawyers Association



Inner Temple

ILPA

Windrush Justice Clinic

Awards

Pegasus Scholar (2025)

Parker School International and Comparative Law award – Columbia Law School (2021)

Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar – Columbia Law School (2021)

Human Rights Fellow – Columbia Law School (2020/2021)

Fulbright All Disciplines Award – UK Fulbright Commission (2020/2021)

International Peace Scholarship – PEO (2020/2021)

Princess Royal Scholarship 2017 – Inner Temple (2017)

International Postgraduate Bursary – BPP (2017)

