

Natalia Kubesch

Position: Pupil | **Call:** 2026

Specialist in:

- Criminal Law
- Personal Immigration
- Prison Law
- Civil Law
- Modern Slavery & Trafficking Team
- Family Law – Public
- Specialist Family & Immigration Team



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Experience

Natalia brings eight years' experience in pursuing accountability for international crimes, investigating financial crime, and advancing human rights through survivor-centred advocacy.

Her practice spans work for international law firms and non-governmental organisations, including advocating for human rights through sanctions, asset recovery and universal jurisdiction, and conducting investigations involving money laundering, bribery and corruption. She has advised survivors, parliamentarians, corporates and public bodies.



Before pupillage, Natalia worked as a Legal Advisor at REDRESS, pursuing accountability for international crimes through universal jurisdiction, sanctions, asset recovery, and litigation. Her work included developing cases for criminal accountability, investigating economic complicity in international crimes, tracing the proceeds of atrocities, and exploring asset recovery as a means of securing reparations for survivors.

Most recently, she led a project developing criminal, civil and regulatory responses to enablers of human rights violations, focusing on networks linked to human trafficking, forced labour and cyber fraud in South-East Asia. She has also developed case files for universal jurisdiction investigations and Magnitsky sanctions designations concerning, among others, Myanmar, Iran and Eritrea. She further contributed to an intervention before the European Court of Human Rights in *Osman Kavala v Türkiye* concerning the relationship between torture and prolonged arbitrary detention.

Natalia has worked directly with survivors of torture, made submissions to UN Special Procedures, UN investigative mechanisms and parliamentary inquiries, and given oral evidence to the UK Treasury Committee on UK-Russia sanctions and the Australian Foreign Affairs Committee on the wrongful detention of Australian citizens overseas. Her work has involved developing innovative legal arguments grounded in empirical evidence and survivors' experiences, and applying domestic and international legal frameworks before judicial and other decision-making bodies.

Prior to REDRESS, Natalia practised as a solicitor in the disputes practice of A&O Shearman and the financial regulation group of Linklaters, representing financial institutions in regulatory investigations involving money laundering, bribery and corruption. Her practice involved managing complex factual and legal issues, preparing and testing evidence, interviewing witnesses and advising clients in contentious and high-stakes matters. Her pro bono practice included successfully representing LGBTQI+ applicants in UK asylum claims, as well as supporting victims of human rights violations in Kenya and a humanitarian organisation responding to the Rohingya refugee crisis in Bangladesh in 2017.

Natalia has published in *Just Security* and *Opinio Juris* and spoken at international forums, including side events at the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute and the UN General Assembly, as well as events organised by the IBA War Crimes Committee, Leiden University and King's College London. Her work has been featured in the *Guardian*, *Reuters*, *BBC* and *Sky News* and she has discussed her work further on podcasts including those



hosted by Reuters, RUSI and Asymmetrical Haircuts.

Her experience at the intersection of criminal accountability, human rights and financial crime provides a strong foundation for her developing practice in crime and immigration. She is particularly interested in cases involving arbitrary detention, modern slavery and trafficking, economic exploitation, and the protection of individual rights in criminal and immigration proceedings.

Education

MSc Human Rights, London School of Economics

LLM International Law, University of Cambridge

LLB Politics, Philosophy & Law, King's College London

Memberships

Admitted to the roll of solicitors in England and Wales

Languages

English, German

