

Alexandra Tampakopoulos

"Fantastically good with clients and super helpful. Her advocacy is great."
Chambers UK 2018



Year of Call: 2007

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Alexandra Tampakopoulos has cultivated a diverse practice flowing from her experience defending and prosecuting serious crime. She has developed an expertise in Inquests and Public Inquiries and has been instructed in a number of complex and high profile cases including in relation to Alexander Litvinenko, Hillsborough and the 'SAS Inquest' involving the death of three army reservists from heat illness in the Brecon Beacons. Most recently she has been instructed to act in relation to the Grenfell Tower Public Inquiry as well as the inquests into the Manchester Arena bombings.

Alexandra is also recognised as a defence specialist in all matters of Health & Safety and has recently been instructed to advise in relation to the Didcot A Power Station collapse.

Alexandra speaks fluent Russian and is frequently instructed in matters requiring her Russian language skills and specialist knowledge of Russia and the CIS region.

Alexandra is a ranked individual for Inquests and Public Inquiries and Health & Safety in the 2018 Chambers & Partners UK legal directory.

Alexandra was nominated as Health and Safety Junior of the Year in the Chambers UK Bar Awards 2018. She is also nominated as Public Law Junior of the Year by The Legal 500.

Before coming to the Bar Alexandra lived in Russia for several years where she worked for Human Rights Watch and then BP.

Alexandra accepts **Direct Access** instructions.

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What others say:

“An extremely capable advocate, and a go-to junior.” – Legal 500 2017

“Very good client-relationship skills. She is also very intelligent, sympathetic and compassionate.” – Chambers UK 2017

“A good and steady advocate and excellent to work with.” – Chambers UK 2017

“She is very good with clients and explains concepts clearly and sensitively.” – Chambers UK 2016

“She is just the person you want at an inquest.” – Chambers UK 2016

Criminal Regulatory

Alexandra has acted in a wide range of criminal regulatory matters relating to breaches of Health & Safety, Food Safety and Fire Safety legislation.

In the Health & Safety field, her practise covers the full range of offences from corporate to gross negligence manslaughter to prosecutions under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 arising from fatal and non-fatal accidents. She has significant experience advising and acting for clients across a wide range of industries including Construction, Retail, Manufacturing and Agriculture.

Alexandra has extensive experience advising in matters related to Food Safety, Hygiene and Labelling and has defended a number of prominent restaurants, food chains and manufacturers.

Alexandra has also advised in matters related to breaches of Fire Safety legislation.

She is a specialist defence advocate and is ranked as a leading individual in the Health & Safety section in Chambers UK 2018.

Notable and Recent Cases

Grenfell Tower Public Inquiry

Acting in relation to the Public Inquiry into the Grenfell Tower fire which resulted in the deaths of 71 people on 14th June 2017.

Didcot A Power Station

Advising in respect of the Didcot A Power Station collapse which resulted in the deaths of four men on 23rd February 2016.

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Westminster City Council (Environmental Health) v RT

Defended a renowned and long standing Soho food establishment and its director in respect of a Food Safety and Hygiene prosecution.

Inquest re SH

Representing the Site Manager at Inquest and in criminal proceedings following the death of an employee and serious injuries caused to another employee at a recycling plant. Both workers had been working within a trammel designed to sift waste when the machine was inadvertently activated.

Inquest re DM

Representing a lifeguard at an inquest concerning the drowning of a young man with epilepsy at a swimming pool.

Inquest re SS

Representing a water utility company in relation to an inquest involving the death of a young man who suffered fatal injuries when he crashed his car on a flooded road known for flooding.

Inquests & Public Inquiries

Alexandra is a recognised specialist in Inquests and Public Inquiries and advises and acts in complex and high profile cases on behalf of a wide range of interested persons and core participants.

She is ranked as a leading individual in the Inquests and Public Inquiries section in Chambers UK 2019.

Notable or Recent Cases

Manchester Arena Inquests

Acting alone in relation to the inquests into the Manchester Arena bombing on 22 May 2017 which resulted in the deaths of 22 people.

Inquest re CW

Representing a tube station Supervisor in the inquest into the death of a young woman in the early hours of New Years' Day who fell on the tracks (a fall visible from several CCTV cameras) and died from multiple injuries sustained by a passing train several minutes after her fall.

Grenfell Tower Public Inquiry

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Inquest touching the deaths of Cpl Matthew Hatfield and Cpl Darren Neilson, Royal Tank Regiment

Acting alone on behalf of the family of two soldiers who died following an explosion of a Challenger 2 battle tank during live firing training on 14th June 2017.

Inquest touching the deaths of Corporal James Dunsby, Trooper Edward Maker and Lance Corporal Craig Roberts

Acting alone for the family of Lance Corporal Craig Roberts, one of the three soldiers who died of heat exhaustion following an SAS selection exercise in the Brecon Beacons in July 2013.

The Litvinenko Inquiry

Instructed as second junior counsel to the Public Inquiry into the death of Alexander Litvinenko, the former Russian FSB agent allegedly poisoned by Polonium 210 in London in 2006.

Criminal Defence

Alexandra's criminal practice encompasses both defence and prosecution work. She acts in cases involving serious violence, drugs supply and serious, sexual offences. She has also acted in a number of terrorism related matters and was instructed as junior counsel in the trial of Erol Incedal and Mounir Rarmoul-Bohadjar accused of serious terrorist offences. Following an unprecedented Court of Appeal decision the core of the trial was held in secret on the grounds of national security.

Professional Discipline

Alexandra has substantial experience in presenting and defending cases before a range of Professional Conduct Panels and Committees. She regularly appears in matters before the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC), the General Dental Council (GDC) and the General Medical Council (GMC). She also appears in the High Court on statutory appeals and judicial reviews of regulatory decisions.

Licensing

Alexandra appears before licensing sub-committees and Magistrates' Courts (on appeal) all over the country as well as advising in a wide range of licensing matters. In particular she has experience in the following areas:

- licensed entertainment under the Licensing Act 2003
- special treatment premises
- street trading

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Accreditations



Appointments & Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Health & Safety Lawyers Association
- Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers

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