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Aliyah Akram is acknowledged as a leading junior in **personal injury** and industrial disease litigation. She is renowned for her expertise and experience in group litigation in all of the core areas in which she practices. Many of her cases have an international aspect and give rise to both jurisdictional issues and conflicts of laws.

Aliyah is a robust and persuasive trial advocate. She prides herself on working closely as a team with instructing solicitors, not just in group litigation, but in every case in which she is involved. Her focus is always on maximising the client's prospects of success. She is able to cut through the background noise and gets straight to the issues.

She is a contributing author of *Asbestos: Law & Litigation* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2nd edition, 2022).

She is ranked by the legal directories as a leading junior in Personal Injury, Industrial Disease and Travel: International Personal Injury.

Areas of Expertise

Personal Injury & Industrial Disease

Aliyah is well known for her cutting-edge work in the personal injury field.

She has extensive expertise in catastrophic injury claims and has acted for numerous claimants who have suffered traumatic brain injury in road traffic and cycling accidents. She is currently instructed in a claim on behalf of a girl who nearly drowned in a swimming pool in Spain and suffered a brain injury.

Aliyah also acts in fatal accident claims and has appeared in several significant High Court cases including the family of a teenager involved in a go-karting accident and a mother killed in a hit-and-run accident.

Military Claims

Aliyah has represented a number of serving and former military personnel in individual and group claims against the

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Ministry of Defence. Such claims arise from asbestos exposure, non-freezing cold injuries and noise-induced hearing loss.

She is also experienced in acting for members of the Armed Forces who have experienced sexual assault and harassment in service.

Industrial Disease

A key area of Aliyah's practice is her industrial disease work. Her experience in mesothelioma and asbestosis claims has afforded her a number of appearances in the Court of Appeal and the High Court. She is/has worked on ground breaking claims of product liability against a major asbestos manufacturer and claims seeking to redefine public liability insurance for asbestos claims.

She has significant expertise in cases involving issues surrounding immunotherapy costs.

Her industrial disease practice crosses over with her international injury law expertise, acting in a group of claims brought by South African claimants exposed to asbestos from mining operations.

Capitalising on her industrial disease and medical injury knowledge, Aliyah is fast becoming a go-to barrister in claims involving harmful environmental exposures, including 'sick building syndrome', a condition resulting from living in a defective new build home, and claims involving mould and asthma.

Group Litigation

Aliyah is well known for her work on group litigation claims and has been involved in some of the largest group actions ever brought in the UK including;

Currently instructed in a group claim brought by military personnel against the Ministry of Defence for personal injury whilst in service.

Instructed by leading industrial disease solicitors in product liability test cases pursued against a major asbestos manufacturer.

Instructed in a large group litigation claim brought by South African claimants exposed to asbestos from mining operations.

She has previously been instructed in a number of cross-border group claims, including in *Vilca & Ors v Xstrata Plc & Xstrata Tintaya* in which she dealt with quantum issues for Peruvian environmental protestors who had been attacked and tortured as a result of their involvement in a demonstration.

She was also instructed in *The Bodo Community v The Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria* in a claim brought by a fishing community for extensive environmental damage caused by an oil spill in the Niger Delta.

Travel Law

Aliyah's personal injury practice frequently involves a cross border element and she is specifically adept at high-value cross-border personal injury cases. These cases frequently involve serious personal injury and private international law and so combine some of the key elements of Aliyah's practice. Her advice is often sought concerning jurisdiction or the conflict

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of laws. She also regularly acts in aviation law and maritime law claims.

Her international injury experience includes:

Acting on behalf of security personnel injured in the course of their work in Syria and Iraq.

Cosmetic Tourism claims – Aliyah has acted on behalf of a number of plastic surgery patients injured as a result of sub-standard care.

Acting on behalf of holiday makers involved in accidents around the world including in Europe, Sri Lanka, Thailand and the Caribbean.

Cross-border group claims

Vilca & Ors v Xstrata Plc & Xstrata Tintaya in which she dealt with quantum issues for Peruvian environmental protestors who had been attacked and tortured as a result of their involvement in a demonstration

The Bodo Community v The Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria – a group claim where she assisted with preparation for a mediation in a claim brought by a fishing community for extensive environmental damage caused by an oil spill in the Niger Delta.

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Memberships

- PIBA
- PEOPIL
- APIL

Publications

- Contributor: Asbestos: Law & Litigation, Sweet & Maxwell, 2nd edition, 2022 (Chapters: Causation, Asbestos: history and use, Product liability)

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