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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Inquests, Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Civil Procedure, Property, Property Damage, International & Travel



Achas enjoys a varied practice in 12KBW's core areas. She is keen to tackle research on complex points, including procedural ones and those involving a crossover between different spheres of law. She welcomes instructions in matters that cross the boundary between tort and public law. She is currently instructed in the *Public Inquiry into Undercover Policing* and the *Lampard Inquiry* into mental health provision in Essex. She previously had a longstanding involvement in the *Infected Blood Inquiry* and the *Kenya Emergency Group Litigation*. Achas is recommended in the Legal 500 2025 directory for 'Inquests and Inquiries'.

She acted as a junior in *Coventry v Lawrence (No. 3)* [2015] UKSC 50, the landmark Supreme Court case concerning whether the costs regime under the Access to Justice Act 1999 complied with human rights law.

She was also instructed in *X v Kuoni Travel* [2019] C-578/19, both in the Supreme Court and before the Court of Justice of the European Union, alongside William Audland KC and Nina Ross.

Achas is a Senior Lecturer in Law at Oxford Brookes University, where she teaches tort law and medical law.

International & Travel

Following her supervision by William Audland KC, she has a particular interest in cases with an international element (including accidents abroad). She acted as a junior in *X v Kuoni Travel* [2019] UKSC 37 in the Supreme Court and CJEU alongside William Audland KC and Nina Ross. She had an ongoing involvement in the *Kenya Emergency Group Litigation* (known colloquially as 'the Mau Mau litigation'). She assisted in the preparation of an urgent injunction to restrain conduct in Africa affecting English proceedings and successfully defended a complicated claim combining shipping law, travel law and disability discrimination law.

Qualifications & Awards

DPhil in Law, University of Oxford (2022)

BCL (with distinction), University of Oxford (2013)

- Full AHRC scholarship

Prizes for:

- Medical Law and Ethics;
- Comparative Human Rights.

BPTC (Outstanding), BPP Law School (2012)

- Lord Denning Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn

LLB (Hons) Law (first class), University of Leeds (2011)

Prizes:

- Hughes Scholar Prize for Outstanding Graduate;
- Hughes Extended Essay Prize for best dissertation;
- BPP Prize for Torts;
- Margaret Simpson Harrison Prize in Equity & Trusts;
- OUP Prize in Child Law;
- Ford & Warren Prize for top marks in the first year;
- Routledge-Grant Prize for top marks in the first year

Publications

- 'A "right not to be offended" under Article 10(2)? – Concerns in the construction of the "rights of others."' [2012] *European Human Rights Law Review* 193. Cited by the High Court of Australia in *Monis v the Queen* [2013] HCA 4
- 'What does it mean to suffer loss?' (2014) 77(6) *Modern Law Review* 994
- 'Beyond pragmatism: defending the "bright line" of birth' (2014) 22(4) *Medical Law Review* 494
- 'Case comment: *Reaney v Staffordshire NHS Trust* – clinical negligence – causation' (2014) 130 *Personal Injury Law Journal* 22
- '*Coventry v Lawrence*: the unbearable burden of one's wrongdoing' (2015) 34(4) *Civil Justice Quarterly* 303
- 'Book review: *Damages and Human Rights* by Jason Varuhas' (2018) 34(3) *Journal of Professional Negligence* 159
- 'The positive duty of prevention in the common law and the Convention' (2020) 40(2) *Legal Studies* 209
- 'Public trust(s)', chapter in Barradas de Freitas and Io Laconi (eds) *Trust Matters* (Hart 2022)
- With Shreya Atrey, 'Unleashing the anticipatory reasonable adjustment duty: _____'
- 'Vicarious Liability Restricted for Intentional Torts in English Law', *Journal of European Tort Law*, December 2024
- Achas is the editor of 12KBW's personal injury blog.