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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Inquests, Inquiries, International Law

Annahita specialises in international law, human rights and inquiries.

International law

Annahita acts before international human rights mechanisms and diplomatic procedures in cases concerning criminal and administrative detention abroad, state hostage-taking, diplomatic protection, consular duties and communications with the Foreign Office, ill-treatment and torture, land, natural resources, healthcare, and sanctions. She has worked on cases before the African Commission, UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, UN Committee Against Torture and other UN Special Procedures; with the Respondent States in her cases based in Western Europe, Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and North Africa. Annahita is on the International Criminal Court's List of Assistants to Counsel. She has acted as a legal expert to the Council of Europe on separate matters concerning international minimum standards on administrative detention conditions.

Annahita advises on domestic civil and human rights claims associated with her international cases, where there is UK jurisdiction.

Human Rights Act 1998

Annahita's domestic human rights practice includes claims under Article 3 concerning local authority failures to remove children, and neglect in care homes; and claims under Article 8 predominantly relating to failures by healthcare and other public bodies to notify family members of the foreseeable deaths, or the deaths, of their loved ones.

Other work

Annahita acts for core participants and inquiry teams in public inquiries.

Inquiries

Annahita is regularly instructed on inquiries. She has significant experience with drafting Rule 9 requests for Inquiry Legal Teams, and responding to Rule 9 requests for state and non-state core participants. She has acted on:

- Lampard Inquiry
- Independent Inquiry Relating to Afghanistan
- COVID-19 Inquiry
- Undercover Policing Inquiry
- Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry

Annahita has represented bereaved families in inquests concerning emergency medicine, neonatal and paediatric medicine, pharmaceuticals, community mental health, work at height regulations, and social care.