



## CHRISTINA LYONS

Year of call  
2004

Christina is a highly experienced barrister with sound judgment and expertise in civil group litigation, public inquiries and family law.

Christina has a well-developed practice specialising in civil claims arising out of recent and non-recent sexual and physical abuse. Christina represents claimants in group and multi-party actions. She is respected by clients for her strategic sense and ability to build rapport and trust with clients experiencing stressful life events. She is currently instructed as junior counsel by the Commissioner for the Metropolitan Police Service in the Undercover Policing Inquiry, chaired by Sir John Mitting.

Christina is a passionate advocate for racial equity and social mobility. As a trustee of an inner-city London school, she contributes to governance in order to support the school in creating strong foundations for the future of its pupils. Christina is a role model with 'Inspiring Tomorrow's Leaders', an initiative to educate, inspire and empower school-age girls of African and African Caribbean heritage to unlock their full potential. As a mentor through schools and other initiatives, Christina derives immense pride supporting young people to realise their potential despite the many obstacles put in their paths.

## LEGAL EXPERTISE

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### Public Inquiries and Inquests

Christina has considerable experience in Public Inquiries. Since 2017 she has been instructed as junior counsel to the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service in the Undercover Policing Inquiry, chaired by Sir John Mitting. Representing the Commissioner at a number of hearings, Christina has developed expertise in matters relating to public interest immunity and national security. Christina is a popular advocate who works well in a team. She recognises the importance of attention to detail and is fully acquainted with the workings of Inquiry information technology.

Over the years Christina has represented bereaved families in complex inquests and in subsequent claims and proceedings.

## Group Litigation

Christina has spent more than 10 years working on high-profile and complex abuse claims. She has represented child abuse victims against large, institutional defendants including local authorities, schools, hospitals and social care facilities. Group actions in which she represented claimants include Manchester Children's Homes (No. 2), St William's, Calderdale, Kirklees and Redbank. Christina has also acted for individual claimants, successfully achieving settlement in claims arising out of abuse at The Aycliffe Assessment Centre, Medomsley Detention Centre, Rosehill Care Home, Skircoat Lodge Children's Home and Underley Hall.

## Family Law

Christina has particular expertise acting on behalf of the police in the High Court in complex public law cases involving child trafficking, honour-based violence, and intra familial sexual abuse.

## Memberships

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- Association of Child Abuse Lawyers
- Association of Personal Injury Lawyers
- Family Law Bar Association
- ALBA