

Yasmin Waljee OBE

International Pro Bono Director

London

Biography

Yasmin Waljee OBE has been key to establishing and embedding a pro bono culture within Hogan Lovells. The objective is to deliver an outstanding pro bono service to charities, individuals and social enterprises in need who would not otherwise be able to afford such advice. Yasmin helped the firm achieve this by designing and implementing pro bono projects which draw on the firm's commercial legal knowledge and skills to produce measurable outcomes nationally and internationally. Yasmin is an international human rights lawyer and has advised on issues relating to compensation for victims of crime and terrorism including the July 7 bombing victims, the right to life, and regularly works on public policy issues in this area. Yasmin co-leads the firm's award-winning social enterprise and social finance practice. She is the firm's International Pro Bono Director.

Her appointment in 1997 as a legally qualified, full time pro bono manager was the first of its kind in Europe. She is part of the firm's Citizenship panel and manages the worldwide giving initiative and community investment programme with members of the corporate responsibility and citizenship team. Yasmin is the Vice-Chair of Mosaic, the HRH Prince of Wales led initiative to support young Muslims and their peers growing up in deprived areas whilst breaking



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Education and admissions

Education

B.A., University of Durham

M.A., University of Essex

down the barriers and suspicions with British Society.

She sits on the Advisory Panel to the UK's Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner and is a member of the British Council's Society Advisory Group. Yasmin received an award for the most inspirational woman of the year, Daily Mail, 2008, 50 most influential women in the law 2007; finalist Asian Woman of the Year 2005 and Woman Solicitor of the Year 2000, The Times. In 2010, Yasmin was awarded an OBE in the HM Queen's New Year Honours list.

Representative experience

Represented families affected by 7 July London Bombings in compensation applications; represented campaign to secure legislative compensation scheme for British victims of terrorism abroad.

Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
 - Glaring gaps in equality legislation leave Parliament “above the law” on sexual harassment
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells raises the bar for Corporate Social Responsibility
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Finance for Restorative Justice: Using sanctions and terrorist financing legislation to fund reparations for victims of sexual violence in conflict
- Awards and Rankings
 - Hogan Lovells recognized as the best law firm in the UK for pro bono
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells once again named one of the most innovative law firms in Europe by the Financial Times
- Media Mention

- Yasmin Waljee OBE discusses the legal aid issues surrounding the London Bridge inquest with BBC News