

Yasmin Waljee OBE

International Pro Bono Partner
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 Partner.

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 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



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Areas of focus

Sustainable Finance & Investment

Education and admissions

Education

B.A., University of Durham

M.A., University of Essex

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
 - Victims of Islamic State War Crimes take their case to the UN Committee on Torture
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells completes three-year partnership with PeaceTech Lab
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells partners with London's Air Ambulance Charity for pro bono project
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells, Goldman Sachs, AVIARD Inspires and Mentivity Collaborate on The AMANI Project
- Press releases
 - Manchester Arena Public Inquiry - Second report published
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Odesa Fine Arts Museum and other cultural institutions on protecting Ukraine's heritage and avenues for legal redress for war crimes.