



## Rebecca Hadgett

Call: 2015

Rebecca Hadgett is an experienced junior with expertise across the spectrum of crime, financial crime, extradition, and public law.

## Crime

Rebecca is regularly instructed across the spectrum of serious crime, including homicide, organised crime and serious sexual offences, for both defence and prosecution.

She also represents clients in a range of related matters, including advice for victims of crime, pre-charge advice for suspects and ancillary orders post-conviction.

As well as appearing regularly for the Crown Prosecution Service, Rebecca has acted for other prosecution authorities and public bodies, such as the Financial Conduct Authority, Transport for London and the Information Commissioner's Office. Rebecca has experience acting and advising in relation to private prosecutions.

Rebecca has represented a number of vulnerable clients with learning difficulties and mental health conditions. As a result, she has significant experience instructing and examining experts on these issues and dealing with matters of fitness to plead. She has completed specialist training on dealing with vulnerable witnesses.

Rebecca also advises on appeals against sentence and conviction.

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## Financial Crime, Proceeds of Crime and Sanctions

Rebecca specialises in white-collar and financial crime. She appears in and advises on matters across the spectrum of financial crime and POCA, for both the defence and prosecution, including in complex frauds, confiscation, forfeiture, restraint, and civil recovery proceedings. She is on the B Panel of SFO Prosecution Counsel.

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Led junior counsel prosecuting for the Financial Conduct Authority. Two brothers ultimately entered guilty pleas to insider dealing offences.

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Rebecca assisted the legal team acting on behalf of Mrs Hajiyeva in relation to the first 'Unexplained Wealth Order' for the wife of the former Chairman of the International Bank of Azerbaijan.

## Extradition and International Mutual Legal Assistance

Rebecca is a widely sought-after junior in extradition matters, on behalf of both requested persons and judicial authorities, at first instance at Westminster Magistrates' Court and in the Administrative Court on appeal.

Rebecca is also experienced in advising on cross-border evidence gathering, mutual legal assistance and Interpol red notices.

## Notable Extradition and International Mutual Legal Assistance cases

- **H et al v Albania and SSHD (Ongoing)**

Junior counsel led by Ben Watson KC instructed on behalf of a Requested Person sought, alongside four others, for conspiracy to murder in the context of a blood feud. Instructed both on appeal under s.103 of the Extradition Act 2003 and in the associated Judicial Review against the Order of the SSHD.

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application made pursuant to Regulation 31 of the Criminal Justice (EIO) Regulations 2017.

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Instructed on behalf of the Requested Person, with live issues including Article 3, Article 6 and the Requested Person's ill-health.

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Instructed to advise an individual subject to a request received via Interpol to provide assistance in a criminal investigation

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Instructed as sole counsel on behalf of the Requesting State in one of the first cases following the UK/Kuwait Extradition Treaty.

- **G v Armenia (2023)**

Instructed on behalf of the Requested Person, with live issues including extraneous considerations, passage of time, Article 3 and Article 6.

- **B v Romania (2022)**

Instructed on behalf of the Requesting State in a complex request arising from the Requested Person's alleged involvement in a cross-border criminal organization. The Requested Person raised a number of issues including the validity of the request, passage of time, forum and Article 8.

- **R v Poland (2020)**

Acted on behalf of the Respondent IJA at both first instance and in the Requested Person's appeal to the High Court. The case raised a number of issues, including under Article 4 ECHR, arising from the Requested Person's status as a victim of human trafficking.

- **Pillar-Neumann v Austria (2017) EWHC 3371 (Admin)**

Junior counsel led by Abbas Lakha KC for the Requested Person, in a successful appeal to the Divisional Court. The RP was wanted in Austria in relation to alleged fraud and embezzlement dating back two decades. The case concerned the application of the term 'fugitive' and whether extradition would be oppressive under s14 of the Extradition Act 2003.

# Public Law

Rebecca is developing an extensive practice in public and administrative law and accepts instructions both alone and as a led junior in proceedings before the Administrative Court and before the Investigatory Powers Tribunal, on behalf of public bodies and individuals. Rebecca is a member of the Attorney General's C Panel of Civil Counsel and the Attorney General's Panel of Special Advocates.

Rebecca's practice has a developing focus on matters relating to national and protective security, the investigation and prosecution of criminal cases, and in cases concerning the actions of the Parole Board. She has a particular interest in matters dealing with the scope of police or other investigatory body powers, including covert investigations and powers of search and seizure.

Rebecca has also had significant involvement in a number of public inquiries, having been instructed as junior counsel for the Metropolitan Police Service on the Public Inquiry into Undercover Policing and on an ad-hoc basis by the Archdiocese of Birmingham in connection with the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse.

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- **Public Inquiry into Undercover Policing (2017-2019)**

Instructed by the Metropolitan Police Service.

# Civil Law

Rebecca acts and advises in civil matters, predominantly those arising from or associated with criminal or coronial proceedings or police law. She is a member of the Attorney General's C Panel of Civil Counsel.

Rebecca also appears in applications for civil preventative orders, including Closure Orders, Sexual Risk Orders and Sexual Harm Prevention Orders, both in the Magistrates' Court and on appeal to the Crown Court.

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- **A v SSHD (2025)**

Instructed on behalf of the SSHD in respect of a civil claim for unlawful detention arising in the context of immigration proceedings.

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- **Duggan et al v Commissioner of the Police of the Metropolis (2019)**

Acted as junior counsel for the Metropolitan Police Service in a civil claim for damages arising out of the death of Mark Duggan in August 2011.

## Inquests

Rebecca acts for interested persons in inquests and is experienced in inquests which engage the state's Article 2 obligations under the European Convention on Human Rights. She advises on potential liability arising from coronial proceedings, and on both public and civil law remedies available following inquests.

## Notable Inquests cases

- **Inquest into the Death of SC (2021)**

Acted on behalf of the Family of the bereaved. SC died from a fatal head injury he incurred during an altercation outside of a public house in Huddersfield. Another individual involved in the incident had been acquitted in related criminal proceedings. The Senior Coroner of West Yorkshire concluded that SC had been unlawfully killed.

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- **Inquest into the Deaths of R & M (2019)**

Acted on behalf of a police officer in an Article 2 inquest into the tragic deaths of a young boy and his aunt.

# Professional Discipline and Regulatory

Rebecca has developed a successful practice in professional discipline and regulatory proceedings. To date, Rebecca has gained significant experience representing police officers facing gross misconduct proceedings. More generally, Rebecca is able to provide advice, drafting and advocacy services for individuals facing professional misconduct hearings and to individuals and companies seeking assistance with regard to their obligations under a range of regulatory regimes.

## Notable Professional Discipline and Regulatory cases

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"Rebecca Hadgett's written work is exceptional, clients appreciate her realistic but pleasantly delivered advice and she is a dream for solicitors to work with. Her cross-examination is excellent." **Chambers UK 2026: Extradition**

"Rebecca is very strong in her written advocacy. She is very thorough in her preparation and fights her corner hard." **Chambers UK 2026: Extradition**

"An extremely intelligent, strategic thinking but with exceptional client care and advocacy skills." **Legal 500 2026: International crime and extradition**

"Elegant advocate. Fantastic instinct and always wins the court over." **Legal 500 2026: Crime**

"Rebecca combines a charming manner with a steely determination and quick intellect. She is an absolute class act who can handle cases with impressive aplomb." **Chambers UK 2025: Extradition**

“Rebecca is very efficient and thorough, particularly in relation to unused material. She produces sound legal arguments and is very good at adapting her communication style to suit clients.” **Legal 500 2025: Crime**

“One of the stand-out juniors in extradition. A true triple threat: client care skills are amazing; written and preparation work outstanding; absolutely fantastic advocate in court.” **Legal 500 2025: Extradition**

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“Rebecca Hadgett shows great attention to detail and has a sound grasp of the law.” **Chambers UK 2024: Extradition**

“Rebecca is fair and very easy to deal with.” **Chambers UK 2024: Extradition**

“Rebecca is exceptionally hard-working and produces outstanding results.” **Legal 500 2023: Crime**

“Her advocacy is very persuasive ...” **Legal 500 2023: Crime**

“... has an impressive ability to draw together huge amounts of detail into a cohesive and compelling whole.” **Legal 500 2023: Crime**

## Professional Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Young Fraud Lawyers Association
- Defence Extradition Lawyers Forum
- Private Prosecutors’ Association
- Women in Criminal Law

## Education and Professional Qualifications

- Bar Professional Training Course (Outstanding)
- LLM (Harvard)
- MA (Hons) (Cantab)
- Shelford Scholarship (Lincoln’s Inn, 2015)
- British Academic of Forensic Sciences Prize (City Law School, 2015)
- Buchanan Prize (Lincoln’s Inn, 2015)
- Whittaker Scholarship (Trinity College, University of Cambridge, 2014)
- Lord Denning Scholarship (Lincoln’s Inn, 2013)
- Hardwicke Entrance Award (Lincoln’s Inn, 2013)

- Hollond Fund Travelling Studentship (Trinity College, University of Cambridge, 2013)
- Lizette Bentwich Prize for Law (Trinity College, University of Cambridge, 2012)
- Senior Scholarship (Trinity College, University of Cambridge, 2012)

## Professional Appointments

- Attorney General's C Panel of Civil Counsel (2025)
- Attorney General's Panel of Special Advocates (2025)
- SFO Panel B Panel (2024)
- CPS Panel (General Crime) Level 3
- CPS Panel (Serious Crime) Level 3
- CPS Panel (Extradition) Level 3
- Fee-Paid Judge of the First Tier Tribunal, Health, Education and Social Care Chamber (2023)

## Other Information

Prior to joining Chambers, while undertaking her LL.M., Rebecca worked as a Clinical Student Attorney for the Harvard International Human Rights Clinic, where she contributed to projects on international criminal law, transitional justice and military reform in Myanmar. Rebecca also volunteered as a Student Attorney for Harvard Defenders, where she represented low-income defendants at the earliest stages of the criminal proceedings against them, and for the Prison Legal Assistance Project, where she provided assistance to inmates with a variety of legal matters.

In 2012, Rebecca also worked as an intern at the Texas Defender Service in Austin, providing assistance to capital defence attorneys.

## Accreditations



# Privacy Statement

I, Rebecca Hadgett, am a data controller and can be contacted at 3 Raymond Buildings, Gray's Inn, London WC1R 5BH or by telephone on 020 7400 6400 or by email at [rebecca.hadgett@3rblaw.com](mailto:rebecca.hadgett@3rblaw.com). My Data Protection Policy can be found [here](#).

All personal data that I process is for the purposes of providing legal services, conducting conflict-checks, marketing, defending potential complaints, legal proceedings or fee disputes, keeping anti-money laundering records, training other barristers and pupils and when providing work-shadowing opportunities, and/or exercising a right to a lien. The types of data I process vary upon the nature of the legal matter in relation to which I am engaged to advise, but can include names, contact details, biographic details and 'special category personal data' (such as details of racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, health, sex life and criminal convictions and proceedings).

Depending upon the circumstances of the case, the legal bases upon which I process personal data are (i) the performance of a contract to which the data subject is a party or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract, (ii) the processing is necessary to comply with legal obligations to which I am subject, or (iii) the processing is necessary for the legitimate interests set out above, except where such interests are overridden by the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subjects which require protection of personal data, in particular where the data subject is a child. When I rely on (iii) legitimate interests, my 'Legitimate Interests Assessment' can be found [here](#). When I process data which has not been obtained directly from the data subject (e.g. personal data contained in evidential materials), it will have been supplied to me as part of my instructions in circumstances covered by legal professional privilege.

Depending upon the circumstances of the case, I may share the personal data with:

1. my Chambers, which supplies professional and administrative support to my practice;
2. Courts and other tribunals to whom documents are presented;
3. my lay and professional clients;
4. potential witnesses, in particular experts, and friends or family of the data subject;
5. solicitors, barristers, pupils, mini pupils and other legal representatives;
6. ombudsmen and regulatory authorities;
7. current, past or prospective employers;
8. education and examining bodies;
9. business associates, professional advisers and trade bodies.

I retain personal data for no longer than 7 years after the case has come to an end or as otherwise required by law.

I do not intend to transfer data to any country which is not either within the European Union, or otherwise permitted by UK data protection legislation.

Under the UK GDPR, data subjects whose personal data I process have the right to request from me access to, and rectification or erasure of, their personal data, the right to the restriction of processing concerning them, the right to object to processing as well as the right to data portability. Data subjects also have the right to lodge a complaint with the

Information Commissioner's Office ([ico.org.uk](https://ico.org.uk)).

In cases where there is a contract between me and the data subject, the provision of personal data is a contractual requirement and the data subject is obliged to provide the personal data in order that I can supply legal services. A failure to provide such data may mean that I will not be able to provide those legal services.

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[Data Protection Policy](#)

[Legitimate Interests Assessment](#)

## Direct Access

Rebecca Hadgett is qualified to accept instructions direct from clients under the Bar Council's [Public Access](#) Scheme. This means that members of the public who seek specialist advice can come direct to her. In addition, she welcomes instructions from solicitors, in-house law departments, qualified foreign lawyers, and clients licensed by the Bar Council to give instructions direct to barristers under the Bar Council's [Licensed Access](#) Scheme.

For further information please contact our [Clerks](#).