

Amina Graham



Year of Call: 2008

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Amina is a sought-after practitioner with extensive experience providing legal advice and representation across the spectrum of Sports Law, Professional Discipline, Inquests, and other Regulatory sectors.

Amina spent over 11 years at The Football Association (The FA) as an in-house barrister and Head of the Regulatory Legal department. She was responsible for representing The FA in disciplinary proceedings and providing legal advice in all football disciplinary matters throughout the football pyramid, up to and including, the Premier League. She has substantial experience of advising on and appearing in cases involving anti-doping, on-field misconduct, betting and anti-corruption, financial regulation, agents' regulation, discrimination, and safeguarding.

Prior to joining The FA, Amina was a barrister at a leading chambers in London specialising in criminal law. She also spent six months in The Hague, Netherlands, in the trial against Charles Taylor (former President of Liberia) who was charged with war crimes before the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

Amina is regularly instructed in respect of inquest proceedings. She has acted for various interested parties during the inquest process. Recent instructions include representing the interests of a care home in relation to the death of a vulnerable adult, representing a health trust in the death of an autistic young mother, and a complex Article 2 jury inquest into a death in custody. Amina is also regularly instructed to act on behalf of medical professionals at inquests.

Amina also acts for both individuals and regulators in Professional Discipline proceedings. She is regularly instructed to represent healthcare professionals and police officers. Her most recent cases include representing a consultant doctor and clinical director accused of sexual assault, and a serving Metropolitan Police Firearms Officer in police misconduct proceedings which are currently the subject of judicial review following his acquittal. Amina also has significant experience of advising on internal investigations, disciplinary and regulatory matters, and grievances.

Amina sits on various sports disciplinary panels: Sport Resolutions (Specialist Member of the National Panel and the National Safeguarding Panel); UK Athletics (Disciplinary Panel Member and Selection Appeal Panel Member); England and Wales Cricket Board (Disciplinary and Safeguarding Panel Member); Badminton England

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(Safeguarding Panel Member); Sports Resolutions (Pro Bono Panel Lawyer).

Amina accepts [Direct Access](#) instructions.

Inquests & Public Inquiries

Amina is regularly instructed in inquest proceedings to act on behalf of various interested persons.

She has experience of advising and representing individuals and organisations at various stages of the inquest process. Recent cases of note include representing the interests of a care home in relation to the death of a vulnerable adult, representing a health trust in the death of an autistic young mother, and a complex Article 2 jury inquest into a death in custody.

Amina is also regularly instructed to act on behalf of medical professionals at inquests. She frequently acts on behalf of healthcare professionals in inquests and professional discipline proceedings.

Professional Discipline

Amina is regularly instructed in Professional Discipline matters and acts on behalf of both individuals and regulators.

She is regularly instructed to act on behalf of police officers in respect of police misconduct matters, particularly providing advice and representation in gross misconduct proceedings.

Amina frequently appears before the healthcare regulators acting on behalf healthcare professionals in respect of fitness to practise proceedings involving serious fitness to practise allegations.

Amina also has a wealth of experience advising on internal investigations, disciplinary and regulatory matters, and grievances.

Amina's experience in the role of former Head of Regulatory Legal at The Football Association provides her with a breadth of knowledge of sports disciplinary proceedings. Amina accepts instructions in all sports regulatory and disciplinary matters.

Notable cases:

Met Police v MN

Defended a Metropolitan Police firearms officer accused of 15 allegations of gross misconduct. These included allegations of sexual assault and a number of allegations of inappropriate sexualised communications involving a fellow officer. The entirety of the case was dismissed following a submission of no case to answer made on behalf of the officer at the conclusion of the AA's case. This case is currently the subject of judicial review of the Metropolitan Police Commissioner following MN's acquittal.

HCPC v PK

Healthcare professional accused of theft and fraudulent misrepresentations. Successfully applied to exclude substantial hearsay evidence on the basis of its inherent unfairness to the proceedings.

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Sports Law

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She has been involved in the most high-profile cases in football regulation over the last decade, including *The FA v Ivan Toney* (betting), *The FA v Jurgen Klopp* (on- field misconduct), *The FA v John Yems* (discrimination), *The FA v Kieran Trippier* (betting), *The FA v Daniel Sturridge* (betting), and *The FA v Jose Mourinho* (on- field misconduct).

Amina represents both regulators and individuals and is regularly instructed to act for various parties in respect of sports regulatory and disciplinary matters.

Amina also sits as a disciplinary and safeguarding panel member for various sports governing bodies including the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), UK Athletics, Badminton England. She is a Specialist Member of the Sports Resolution Panel and sits on the National Safeguarding Panel and the National Panel. She is also a pro bono lawyer for Sport Resolutions and a Mentor for LawInSport.

Appointments & Memberships

- UK Athletics Disciplinary and Selection Appeal Panel Member
 - England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Safeguarding Panel Member
 - Badminton England Disciplinary Panel Member
 - Sport Resolutions Pro Bono Panel Member
 - Sport Resolutions Specialist Member of the National Panel and the National Safeguarding Panel (2024 – 2027)
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- Middle Temple Inn
 - British Association for Sport and Law
 - Women in Sports Law

Education & Qualifications

- BVC, University of Law
- LLB (Hons), Brunel University London

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