

ATLAW 2022

ATLEU's Training and Mentoring Programme for Legal Aid Lawyers

ATLEU is delighted to announce that it will be running ATLAW, its online Anti Trafficking Training and Mentoring Programme for Lawyers, from 5 October 2022.

This year's participants will be part of the second cohort to benefit from the programme, which is designed specifically for immigration and public law advisers working under a legal aid contract and committed to assisting survivors of trafficking and slavery.

The programme is **free of charge** for participants thanks to generous funding from The Legal Education Foundation.

What is ATLAW?

ATLAW is a package of training, mentoring, practical legal resources (including a course handbook, training slides and precedents), and ongoing second-tier advice to develop your confidence, skills and know-how. The ATLAW programme not only seeks to nurture participants' individual talent, but also to equip participants with the expertise to develop a financially sustainable approach to providing legal advice to survivors of trafficking within their organisations, and to be a catalyst for positive change across the wider advice sector.

What is the Time Commitment?

The programme will run over 5 months, from October 2022 to February 2023. Participants will receive **8.5 hours** of training over this time and have the option of a further **3 hours** of mentoring from ATLEU's specialist legal team .

Participants are asked to commit to attending all of the training sessions and participate in evaluating the programme; a certificate of attendance will be provided. Whilst we recognise the programme does involve a time commitment for busy practitioners, participants will benefit from the materials provided and also being able to record a minimum of 8.5 hours' activity which can count towards addressing their training and development needs (whether it is to meet SQM, SRA, IAAS or Lexcel requirements).

Why do it?

ATLEU received extremely positive feedback from the first cohort of participants in 2021, who found the training boosted their confidence and helped them to better recognise the indicators of modern slavery, address clients' safeguarding needs, know when to refer survivors for advice on other areas of law, instruct experts, and prepare evidence such as witness statements, and secure legal aid funding.

Participants reported that the training enabled them to prepare evidence on survivor's legal cases to a higher standard and take steps towards judicial review challenges where they previously did not have the confidence to do so.

How to Apply

To apply for this year's programme please send an **email to training@atleu.org.uk by 5pm on Monday 26 September 2022**, with the following information:

- (i) whether you work for an organisation with a legal aid contract in public or immigration law
- (ii) whether you are able to attend all of the training sessions (the mentoring is optional)
- (iii) a very brief explanation of your motivation for participating
- (iv) your contact details.

Training Schedule

Date	Session	Content
Wed 5 October 2022 10.30-12.30pm	Training Session 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRM process • Safeguarding • First steps to build the case and protect your client • Making representations to support a positive Conclusive Grounds decision and Discretionary Leave to Remain • Funding
Wed 19 October 2022 11-12pm	Mentoring Session 1	This will be a small group discussion picking up on the learning from Training Session 1, with an opportunity for some of the participants (depending on their experience) to discuss their current cases.
Wed 2 November 2022 10.30-12.30pm	Training Session 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statements/Summary of account • Evidence • Protection appeals for survivors – hot topics and grounds • Funding
Wed 23 November 2022 11-12pm	Mentoring Session 2	This will be a small group discussion picking up on the learning from Training Session 2, with an opportunity for some of the participants (depending on their experience) to discuss their current cases.
Wed 30 November 2022 10.30-12.30	Training Session 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconsiderations of negative NRM decisions • Judicial reviews for survivors of trafficking including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Negative NRM decisions ○ Discretionary leave JRs ○ Support JRs • Funding
Wed 25 January 2023 10.30-1pm	Training Session 4	This session will be delivered with Eileen Walsh from the Helen Bamber Foundation and will explore: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When is an expert medical report useful? • Instructing a medical expert • Considering a medico-legal report • Funding of medico-legal reports • Self-care and working with vulnerable people
Wed 8 February 2023 11-12pm	Mentoring Session 3	This will be a small group discussion picking up on the learning from Training Sessions 3 and 4, with an opportunity for some of the participants (depending on their experience) to discuss their current cases.

The Training Team

Lindsay Cundall

Lindsay is a supervising solicitor specialising in immigration and public law and ATLEU's Training Lead, based in ATLEU's Sheffield office. Lindsay qualified under the Law Society's Immigration & Asylum Accreditation Scheme (IAAS) in 2010. Lindsay qualified as a solicitor with Wilson Solicitors LLP; her training was based in the immigration and public law departments. Lindsay previously worked at Refugee and Migrant Justice, Brighton Housing Trust and the UNHCR, Ecuador. She has extensive experience of preparing immigration applications and appeals at all levels as well as a variety of claims against public bodies and complex Judicial Review applications. She was also a contributor to Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery: Law and Practice. Lindsay works closely with support workers and legal practitioners across the country, providing training and support to develop knowledge and understanding of the rights and entitlements of victims of trafficking and slavery.

Julian Bild

Julian is a supervising solicitor specialising in immigration law, based in ATLEU's London office. Julian has over 25 years' experience practising immigration law. Since qualifying as a solicitor in 1997 he has specialised in representing asylum seekers, but with extensive experience of general immigration work.

For many years, Julian supervised the Upper Tribunal work at the Immigration Advisory Service, later becoming their Training and Quality Manager. For the last few years he has worked as a consultant, trainer, and lecturer in immigration and asylum law and practice. In more recent years while at ATLEU, he has developed particular expertise representing victims of trafficking and modern slavery. He was shortlisted as a finalist in the immigration category in the 2020 Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year Award.

Julian has contributed to publications including the HJT Immigration Manual, the Law Society's Immigration and Asylum Handbook, and Butterworth's Immigration Law Service. He recently contributed to the design of the Law Society's new online IAAS re-accreditation materials, specifically on the content around victims of trafficking. He has also trained for ILPA, HJT, lectured for the Law Society, and has drafted the OISC's competence assessments. His notable cases include: RN (Returnees) Zimbabwe CG [2008] UKAIT 00083, EM and Others (Returnees) Zimbabwe CG [2011] UKUT 98 (IAC), HH (Criminal record; deportation: "war zone") Iraq [2008] UKAIT 00051 and YT (Minority church members at risk) Eritrea CG [2004] UKIAT 00218.

Carita Thomas

Carita is ATLEU's Head of Legal Practice and a supervising solicitor specialising in immigration and public law. Carita qualified as a solicitor in 2008 and worked at Sheffield firm Howells LLP before joining ATLEU in 2015. She is accredited as a senior immigration caseworker and supervisor and police station representative.

Carita was shortlisted as a finalist in the immigration category for the 2014 Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year awards. In 2013 Chambers and Partners noted her "excellent work with vulnerable clients, particularly victims of trafficking". She was ranked individually in Chambers and Partners 2014 as an associate to watch with the entry stating: "Sources say: "She will work

herself to death for her clients. She does quality work and is very thorough, which makes a difference.”” Carita's work for private paying clients has covered all areas of immigration law from family migration, European law applications, citizenship, judicial review and business migration.

Carita’s notable trafficking cases include *AB v Secretary of State for the Home Department* [2015] EWHC 1490 (Admin) (22 May 2015) in which the court quashed a finding that the Claimant was not a victim of trafficking and ordered the government to remake the decision, ruling that it was unlawful for the SSHD not to engage with expert evidence or give reasons if she chose to reject it. Carita also acted in the significant case of *LL v Lord Chancellor* CO/3851/2017 which forced the concession that victims of trafficking who are not asylum seekers are entitled to access legal aid for immigration advice.

Dr Eileen Walsh

Eileen is a clinical psychologist. She works in the NHS, where she leads a service for Afghan people who worked with the British Army, and at Helen Bamber Foundation. Her clinical career to date has focused on psychological therapy with forced migrants who have experienced human rights abuses. She has a strong interest in assessment and treatment of psychological problems following trafficking and exploitation, including the development of the evidence-base for effective treatment of PTSD and wider psychological problems following these experiences. She has also worked in providing medico-legal evidence to the UK courts for several years, with a specialist focus in assessment of victims of trafficking who are seeking protection in the UK. She is involved in several research studies in understanding more about psychological problems and treatment for people who have mental health problems related to their trafficking experiences.