



Christina Michalos QC

Christina is a leading barrister in the fields of media & defamation, information & copyright law. At the time she was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2019, Christina became only the fifth female QC specialising in media & defamation law to attain that rank in England in the 100 years women have been able to qualify as barristers (following the Sex Disqualification Removal Act 2019).

Christina is regularly instructed in libel cases from other jurisdictions and recently appeared for the successful respondent in the Privy Council in *Nugent v Willers* (discretion to extend limitation period in defamation cases). She was regularly seen on television during the Leveson (phone hacking) Public Inquiry in which she acted as Counsel for one of the core participants. Last year, she won on behalf of the Express in *Sube v Express Newspapers*, a high-profile case which in effect ended claims against the media of harassment by article publication. The Court held only conscious or negligent abuse of media freedom will do to show harassment.

She is particularly known for her specialisation in image rights and is the author of *The Law of Photography and Digital Images* (Sweet & Maxwell). From July 2009 – 2019, Christina was appointed by the Attorney General to the highly competitive Treasury Counsel A Panel of junior barristers approved to act on behalf of the Government. Since taking silk, she has continued to be instructed on behalf of the government.

She has a particular interest and expertise in issues arising from internet user generated content and social networking sites.

In 2015, she was elected a Bencher of Gray's Inn and is an accredited A Grade advocacy teacher. She practices at 5RB, 5 Gray's Inn Square in London – barristers' chambers specialising in media & information law.

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