



GARDEN COURT CHAMBERS

# Angharad Monk

YEAR OF CALL: 2017



Angharad is a housing law specialist and is currently developing a practice in education law.

"Angharad is an exceptionally talented barrister. Clients like her and she inspires their confidence."

LEGAL 500, 2024 (SOCIAL HOUSING)

'She was so good in court. She fought every point like it was her life rather than mine. I have never in my life had someone fighting like that for me.'

IMMIGRATION DETENTION BAIL CLIENT

"Angharad is an exceptional barrister, a real 'rising star'. She possesses a special combination of skills - strategic and creative thinking, technical legal knowledge as well as a compassion and commitment for clients. I

would not hesitate to instruct her on any future public law or housing case."

HELEN MOWATT, SOLICITOR, PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTRE

"Angharad is very approachable and a friendly personality. Her command of English language and drafting skills are exceptional. Her knowledge of housing law is thorough and she is always willing to help even at short notice. She is a barrister who leaves no stone unturned and would go the extra mile for the client."

JAMILLE MOHAMMED, HOUSING SOLICITOR & SUPERVISOR, HACKNEY COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE

'Angharad's attention to detail and her ability to take on a case on short notice and to quickly grasp complicated legal matters with confidence and expertise are impressive.'

LEGAL 500 2023 BAR GUIDE

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## HOUSING LAW AND COMMUNITY CARE LAW

Angharad is a housing law specialist having worked in this area prior to joining the bar when employed by the Hackney Community Law Centre. She regularly conducts work across all areas of housing law, including homelessness, allocations, possession, disrepair, in addition to accommodation related aspects of community care law. Angharad's comprehensive and in-depth knowledge of housing law enables her to provide practical advice and creative solutions in complex cases.

Angharad is ranked for Social Housing as a Rising Star in the Legal 500 2024.

Angharad speaks regularly on a range of subjects at Garden Court Chambers' seminars and webinars.

## NOTABLE CASES

*R (Saint Sepulchre) v Kensington & Chelsea RLBC* [2023] EWHC 2913 (Admin): Angharad was part of a team of Counsel representing a vulnerable disabled homeless applicant to the Defendant local housing authority in a successful judicial review of a refusal to accommodate him pending review under section 188(3) Housing Act 1996. Angharad successfully represented the same client in subsequent appeal proceedings under section 204 Housing Act 1996, including an urgent appeal of a refusal to accommodate pending appeal under section 204A of that Act.

*Richworth Properties Ltd v Billingham* [2023] EW Misc 8 (CC) (14 August 2023): Angharad represented the Defendant in section 21 possession proceedings, and was led by Liz Davies KC in a County Court appeal in respect of whether the Defendant's tenancy deposit had been returned in circumstances where the landlord had put a cheque under the door but it had not been cashed. The appeal was successful, and the matter was remitted to the County Court for case management. Angharad was later successful in obtaining a strike out of the Claimant's claim due it being pursued notwithstanding a subsequent possession order under section 21. She has also authored a Lexis Nexis practice note on this case with consideration of its practical implications.

*Mekonen v LB Waltham Forest*, County Court at Central London, 8 August 2022: Angharad acted for the Appellant in an appeal under section 204 Housing Act 1996 in respect of a decision discharging the main housing duty owed her on the basis. The appeal was successful with the Court finding that it was irrational for the review officer to hold that Ms Mekonen had understood the consequences of refusal in circumstances where she did not speak English and had only been provided the information in English (without translation or interpretation).

*LB Lambeth v Fanfair*, County Court at Clerkenwell & Shoreditch, 14 February 2023: Angharad successfully defended an application for an anti-social behaviour injunction, where the Defendant alleged that the complaints were as a direct result of poor sound insulation between her flat and the others in her building. Lambeth's application was struck out after lengthy pre-trial proceedings in which Lambeth were mandated to obtain expert evidence in respect of sound transmission.

## BACKGROUND

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Prior to joining Chambers, Angharad worked for the Hackney Community Law Centre in housing.

Angharad also has an extensive background working with migrant projects in London, in particular, the Hackney Migrant Centre and the Islington Unity Project (a project dedicated to assisting clients with applications to remove “no recourse to public funds” conditions from their leave to remain). She provided specialist advice in this context, helping clients navigate housing problems linked to complex immigration issues.

## **TRAINING AND SEMINARS**

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[Representing incapacitous clients in housing cases](#)

[How to make effective use of the Court of Protection in cross-practice cases](#)

[Domestic Abuse & Housing Part 2: Points for practitioners](#)

[Antisocial behaviour seminar: closure orders, injunctions, and committal proceedings](#)

[Discussion of Post-Brexit rules on eligibility for homelessness assistance and allocation of social housing under Housing Act 1996](#)

[Locked Down and Shut Out: Evictions and rough sleeping this winter](#)

[Defences to s21 possession claims: recent developments](#)

[Angharad is an associate with the legal education charity Law for Life delivering training in housing law.](#)

## **AWARDS**

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GDL and BPTC Scholarships, City Law School

Inner Temple Exhibition Awards (GDL and BPTC)

Inner Temple Horace Avory Scholarship

Inner Temple Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Award

Oxford Graduate Scholarship (Mst English Literature)

## EDUCATION

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BA Hons English Language and Literature, University College London (2014)

MSt English Literature (1700-1830), Oxford University (2015)

GDL, City University London (2016)

BPTC, City University London (2017)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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Housing Law Practitioners Association (HLPAs)

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