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Jacqueline Bhabha was born in India in 1951 and brought up in Italy. She graduated with first class honors in Philosophy in 1973 and received an M.Sc. degree in applied social studies in 1975, both from Oxford University. After working in a research team concerned with inner city urban deprivation, she did her articles with a leading London civil rights law office and qualified as a solicitor in 1980. She has practiced a wide range of administrative and human rights law, specializing in immigration and refugee matters, and conducted cases relating to the European Convention of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

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