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As Director for the Death Penalty Team, Tineke Harris is responsible for developing cases of British and European nationals facing executions around the world, and for overseeing Reprieve's issue-specific death penalty investigations.

Prior to joining Reprieve, Tineke Harris spent five years at Baker & McKenzie LLP, where she trained as a solicitor in London and Amsterdam, and then joined the EC competition team as an Associate in London and Brussels. Tineke then worked for International Justice Mission (IJM), a US-based human rights organisation, for three years. Tineke's first six months with IJM were spent as a Legal Fellow in India working on child sex trafficking cases. Tineke then moved to Rwanda to set up IJM's new Kigali office. As IJM Rwanda's Deputy Director, Tineke supervised a team of Rwandan and international lawyers in assisting vulnerable Rwandan clients in cases of land grabbing and child sexual abuse. Tineke also worked with Rwandan government authorities to advise on land rights and criminal justice issues and to help draft new legislation.

Tineke studied at Durham University, UK and the University of Rouen, France, where she graduated in Law (European Legal Studies) LLB with First Class Honours. Tineke then did her Legal Practice Course at Nottingham Law School, where she obtained a Distinction. Tineke also holds a Postgraduate Diploma in EC Competition Law from King's College, London, again with Distinction. Tineke qualified as a solicitor (England and Wales) in 2003.

Tineke is fluent in Dutch, French, German and Italian and speaks conversational Spanish and Kinyarwanda.