Raphael Hogarth



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Raphael specialises in public and human rights law, technology disputes, data protection, employment, commercial, international and sports law. His clients have ranged from individuals to private and public companies, NGOs, regulators, government departments and other public authorities.

Raphael is ranked by the directories in public law, data protection, public procurement, education and employment law. The directories describe him as *"a serious talent"* and *"an exceptional barrister"* who *"adds immense value"* and *"finds arguments that others miss"*, *"fiercely intelligent"*, *"very impressive"*, *"very commercial"*, *"an absolute pleasure to work with"*, *"incredibly strategic"* and *"meticulous"*, with an *"incredible work ethic"* and *"excellent drafting skills"*.

He is frequently instructed in complex and high-profile disputes. Recent examples include the ***Wikipedia*** challenge to online safety regulations, the ***Thompson v Met Police*** case on the use of live facial recognition by the police, the ***Apple*** case about investigatory powers, the ***GB News*** challenge to Ofcom's decision that a Q&A programme with Rishi Sunak breached impartiality rules, the ***Deliveroo*** appeal before the Supreme Court on human rights and collective bargaining in the gig economy, the ***Abbasi*** appeal before the Supreme Court on restricted reporting orders and freedom of expression, and the ***Clearview*** appeal on the territorial scope of data protection law.

Before coming to the Bar, Raphael was a leader writer and columnist at *The Times*, and a researcher at the Institute for Government. He remains an associate of the Institute and is a regular media commentator on constitutional issues. He was also a visiting lecturer in public law on the Graduate Diploma in Law at City University.

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Expertise

Employment

Raphael is ranked as an “up and coming” junior in employment law by Chambers and Partners. He accepts instructions across the full range of commercial and statutory employment matters.

He has appeared in a number of major employment appeals, and also regularly appears unled in the Employment Tribunal, where he has acted for employers across a wide range of sectors including financial services, professional services, technology, leisure, retail and local government.

He has particular expertise in worker status issues, following his instruction in the ***Deliveroo*** appeal in the Supreme Court.

> ***Raphael Hogarth is extremely clever, with an elegant and precise writing style.***
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R (IWGB) v Central Arbitration Committee (IP: Deliveroo)

[2024] 2 ALL ER 1

Acted for Deliveroo in a *Lawyer* ‘Top 10’ Supreme Court appeal about whether collective bargaining legislation breaches riders’ rights under Article 11 ECHR.

Boydell v NZP Ltd

[2023] EWCA CIV 373

Acted for the successful employer in proceedings to restrain a departing employee from breaching non-compete, non-deal and non-solicit clauses.

Employment Tribunal litigation

Acted for a wide range of employers in claims for unfair dismissal, discrimination and other statutory and contractual claims before the Employment Tribunal.

Achievements

Education

2020: Bar Professional Training Course, City University (Outstanding)

2019: Graduate Diploma in Law, City University (Distinction, 2nd in year)

2016: BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics, Oxford University (First Class)

Awards

Sir John and Sophie Laws Scholarship (Bar European Group), 2021

Administrative Law Bar Association Mooting Competition – Winner, 2019

11KBW Prize for Public Law (City University), 2019

Monckton Chambers Prize for European Law (City University), 2019

Falcon Chambers Prize for Land Law (City University), 2019

GDL Mooting Competition (City University) – Winner, 2019

Bedingfield Scholarship (Gray's Inn), 2019

GDL Scholarship (Gray's Inn), 2018

GDL Scholarship (City University), 2018

Gibbs Prize in Politics (Oxford University), 2014

Other

Before coming to the Bar, Raphael was a leader writer and columnist at *The Times*, where he wrote a weekly column about Brexit and trade policy. He also worked at the Institute for Government, where he was a researcher on Brexit and the constitution.

He remains an Associate of the Institute for Government, and has given expert evidence on constitutional matters to several parliamentary select committees. Raphael is also a regular media commentator on the constitution and public law. He writes on these subjects for *Prospect* and *The Times*, and has appeared as a constitutional expert on programmes such as *Newsnight*, BBC News, Sky *Sunrise*, *PM* and the *Today* programme.

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He is a fantastic junior who adds immense value on complex matters.

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Raphael is a serious talent in the public law and human rights space. He is one to watch. He's great to work with – excellent communication, fast, reliable, proactive. A top choice.

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Raphael is an excellent junior. He has a very sharp intellect and is a pleasure to work with.

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Raphael's attention to detail and ability to develop nuanced arguments but present them in a simple way to clients is a real strength.

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Raphael Hogarth is extremely clever, with an elegant and precise writing style.

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Raphael Hogarth does superb written work.

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Raphael is an exceptional barrister. His legal research and his written advocacy are top notch.

LEGAL 500, 2025

Raphael is fiercely intelligent and immensely hardworking.

LEGAL 500, 2025