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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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> CHAMBERS & PARTNERS, 2026

Expertise

Data Protection, Technology and Privacy

Raphael is ranked as leading junior in this area by both Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500. He has acted for a number of well-known technology companies in relation to various aspects of digital regulation, and has particular expertise in the Online Safety Act 2023, having appeared for the provider of Wikipedia in the first litigation to come before the courts under that regime.

In the data protection sphere, Raphael acts for controllers in both civil litigation and regulatory appeals.

He also has a particular interest in the intersection of technology with law enforcement and national security, and accepts instructions relating to investigatory powers and the Network and Information Systems Regulations.

> ***Raphael is extremely knowledgeable on data protection issues, responsive and easy to work with.***
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> LEGAL 500, 2025

Clearview AI v Information Commissioner

[2025] UKUT 319 (AAC)

Acted for a US facial recognition company in this high-profile challenge to enforcement and penalty notices issued by the Commissioner for alleged breaches of the GDPR and UK GDPR.

R (Wikimedia Foundation and BLN) v Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology

[2025] EWHC 2086

Acted for the provider of the Wikipedia service, and an anonymous Wikipedia editor, in the first case brought under the Online Safety Act 2023.

Apple Inc v Secretary of State for the Home Department

[2025] UKIPTRIB 1

Acted for Apple, in a claim relating to the Secretary of State's powers to issue technical capability notices under the Investigatory Powers Act 2016, successfully resisting an application for all details of the case to be private.

R (Thompson and Carlo) v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis

[2025] EWHC 2355

Acting for the Met Police in a challenge to the use of live facial recognition in London.

Advice and representation on data breaches

Acted for several controllers in the public and private sector in relation to regulatory or civil proceedings arising from cyber-attacks.

Freedom of Information

Raphael is ranked as leading junior in this area by both Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500. He has extensive experience appearing unled in Freedom of Information and Environmental Information for requesters, public authorities and the Information Commissioner.

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Cabinet Office v IC and Good Law Project

[2025] UKFTT 00306 (GRC)

Acted for GLP in an appeal against an Information Notice issued by the Commissioner, relating to a request by a GLP journalist for the name of the fund operating Rishi Sunak's 'blind trust' while he was Prime Minister.

Cabinet Office v IC and Tommy Sheppard MP

[2024] UKUT 76 (AAC)

Acted for Tommy Sheppard, then the SNP's Spokesman on Scotland, in an Upper Tribunal appeal concerning a request for polling information on attitudes to the Union. The hearing was front-page news in the Scottish press.

SoS for Energy Security and Net Zero v IC

[2024] UKFTT 184 (GRC)

Acted for the successful Information Commissioner in an environmental information appeal relating to official advice on a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project.

Murray-Smith & ors v IC and Transport for London

[2024] UKFTT 001064 (GRC)

Acted for the successful public authority in five joined appeals concerning information about cameras in London and the public safety, national security, course of justice and manifest unreasonableness exemptions under the EIR.

Tarcy v IC and Transport for London

[2024] UKFTT 778 (GRC)

Acted for the successful public authority in an appeal concerning graffiti damage and the law enforcement exemption under FOIA.

Ingle v IC and Cambridgeshire County Council

[2023] UKUT 80 (AAC)

Acted for the successful Information Commissioner in an Upper Tribunal appeal concerning the personal information exemption under FOIA.

Williams v IC

[2023] UKUT 312 (AAC)

Acted for the successful Information Commissioner in an Upper Tribunal appeal concerning vexatious requests under s.14 FOIA.

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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> ***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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> LEGAL 500, 2026

> ***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.

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