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

Public, Regulatory and Human Rights

Raphael is ranked as a leading junior in this area by Chambers and Partners, and as a "*rising star*" by the Legal 500. He has acted for individuals, companies, NGOs, central government departments, regulators and other authorities in public law disputes, including judicial reviews and statutory appeals.

He is particularly interested in the use of public law to advance and defend commercial interests, and has acted in several disputes in which commercial entities have challenged regulatory decisions, procurement processes or subsidy-related decisions.

He also has extensive experience of working on strategic litigation, including obtaining costs-capping orders in public interest proceedings and advising on the interplay between judicial review and wider campaigning strategy.

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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 (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.

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.

Abbasi v Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

[2025] UKSC 15

Acted for an NGO intervening in a Supreme Court appeal about injunctions preventing the identification of clinicians in end-of-life cases.

R (Shashikanth) v NHS Litigation Authority and NHS England

[2025] 1 WLR 2333

Acted for NHS England in this appeal concerning the amenability to judicial review of a contractual adjudicator.

R (GB News) v Ofcom

[2024] EWHC 2658 (ADMIN)

Acted for Ofcom, successfully resisting an application for interim relief in a challenge by GB News to a decision that a Q&A Programme with Rishi Sunak MP breached impartiality rules.

R (West Coast Railway Company Ltd) v Office of Rail and Road

[2024] 4 WLR 12

Acted for the UK's largest heritage railway company, operator of the so-called 'Hogwarts Express' Jacobite service, in a judicial review of a certification decision by the rail regulator.

Arkorful v Social Work England

[2024] EWHC 73 (ADMIN), [2025] EWHC 1456 (ADMIN)

Acted for the successful regulator in two joined High Court appeals of adjudicators' decisions in fitness to practise proceedings.

R (Gardner & Harris) v Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

[2022] EWHC 967 (ADMIN)

Acted for the successful Claimants in a *Lawyer* 'Top 20' challenge to the government's policies on care homes during the first wave of the pandemic.

R (DF) v Essex County Council

[2025] PTSR 806

Acted for the Council in the Court of Appeal in a case concerning the relationship between housing legislation and the Children Act.

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.

R (London Borough of Islington) v Secretary of State for Education

[2024] EWCA CIV 951, [2024] EWHC 1798 (ADMIN)

Acted for the Claimant in proceedings before the High Court and Court of Appeal to challenge to a 'forced academisation'.

R (Good Law Project) v Prime Minister & Others

[2023] 1 WLR 785

Acted for the Claimant before the High Court and Court of Appeal in a challenge to the use of private email accounts and phones for government business.

R (A) v Secretary of State for the Home Department

[2022] EWHC 360 (ADMIN)

Acted for the successful Home Secretary in a challenge to the government's flagship asylum reforms.

R (Good Law Project) v Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

[2022] EWHC 2888 (TCC)

Successfully obtained a costs-capping order in a challenge to the award of a high-value PPE contract to a firm with links to the former chair of the Conservative Party.

Governors of St John the Divine Primary School v Lambeth Council

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Acted unled for the governors before the Office of the Schools Adjudicator in their successful challenge to the Council's decision to close their school.

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'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.

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Raphael is fiercely intelligent and immensely hardworking.

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