

Zoe Gannon

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Zoe specialises in public, human rights, regulatory, education, data protection and information law.

She is ranked as a leading junior in Chambers and Partners and Legal 500 and was shortlisted for the Legal 500 Public Services and Charities Junior of the Year in 2025. She is on both the Equality and Human Rights Commission's Panel of Counsel (B Panel) and the Attorney General's "A" Panel of Counsel.

She is described in the directories as: "a fantastic public law barrister"; "destined to take silk"; "a real expert, especially in education and human rights"; "extremely bright"; "an excellent legal brain"; "a very creative barrister who thinks outside the box"; "clear, concise, technically strong and an all-round pleasure to work with"; "brilliant at making her point"; "pragmatic and fiercely intelligent".

Zoe regularly appears in the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court in high profile and test cases. This has recently included some of the most high profile cases in the Supreme Court in: *For Women Scotland v Scottish Ministers* [2025] UKSC 16, *R (oao Jwanczuk) v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions* [2025] UKSC 42, and *AG Reference* [2026] UKSC 16.



She is excellent on her feet, a great drafter and clients really like her. She is patient and brilliant at making her point.

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Expertise

Regulatory and Professional Discipline

Zoe has significant experience in the field of regulatory law and professional discipline. In particular, she is experienced in cases involving the interrelationship between public and regulatory law, and judicial review of regulatory bodies.

She has been instructed on a number of key judicial review cases involving regulatory bodies, in disciplinary tribunals and as sole counsel in the High Court on appeal. She has experience of acting for and against a number of regulatory bodies including: Bar Standards Board, Care Quality Commission, Solicitors Regulatory Authority, Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, Pearson, and the Information Commissioner.

The University of Sussex, R (On the Application Of) v The Office for Students

[2026] EWHC 984 (ADMIN)

Landmark case on university free speech duties, and the regulatory decisions of the Office for Students.

Hendron v Bar Standards Board

[2020] EWHC 1255 (ADMIN)

Sole counsel for the Bar Standards Board in this High Court appeal by Henry Hendron, which involved a "lacuna" in the in the BSB Handbook in relation to suspended Barristers.

R (on the application of) UK Curriculum and Accreditation Body (t/a Scholars School System) v Pearson Education Ltd

[2025] EWHC 2161 (ADMIN)

Sole Counsel to the Claimant in a judicial review challenge to the finding of misconduct by its regulator.

R (London School of Science and Technology) v Pearson Education Limited

[2019] EWHC 3129 (ADMIN)

Sole counsel to the Claimant in this important regulatory challenge on the legal requirements on qualification awarding bodies when withdrawing accreditation from providers.

Achievements

Education

Zoe was awarded a First Class Honours Degree from Warwick University in 2007 and was later graded Outstanding in the Bar Professional Training Course ("BPTC"). She achieved the highest grade in her year in opinion writing.

Other

Zoe has won a number of awards and prizes including:

- Phoenica Scholar (Bar European Group)
- The Holt Scholarship for the BPTC from Gray's Inn (Major Scholarship) Norman Tapp Memorial Prize for Mooting from Gray's Inn
- Finalist Gray's Inn Moot Competition 2013
- Finalist Times/Herbert Smith Advocacy Competition 2009

Prior to commencing pupillage Zoe worked for a range of NGOs. Her experience gives her a valuable insight into the political process and the demands that unions, public and third sector organisations face.



Zoe Gannon offers first-class client service

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Zoe's drafting and judgement is excellent.

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Zoe is a fantastic public law barrister. She is objective, very smart, fast, reliable, amazingly well organised, and proactive.

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Zoe is a real expert, especially in education and human rights. She is excellent on the nuts and bolts of a matter. She's very good at giving balanced and objective perspectives, which is very useful.

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She is very good, extremely bright and hard-working.

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Zoe is incredibly hardworking and proactive. Her ability to strike the right tone in client communications is second-to-none. You know you will be properly looked after if Zoe is working for you.

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Hugely knowledgeable and skilled in local government matters. She has built up a fantastic reputation as a go-to barrister for the more complex social care and education judicial reviews.

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She has an excellent legal brain.

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