Meg Winton



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Meg comes to the Bar following a career as a solicitor at a magic circle firm, where she worked on high profile cases including Camelot's challenge to the Fourth National Lottery Licence and Annington Home's multi-billion pound judicial review against the Ministry of Defence.

Meg now practises across all areas of public and human rights, public international, commercial, employment and information law. She has already worked on cases at the forefront of these areas. She has assisted on a judicial review challenging the use of live facial recognition by the police, an upcoming Supreme Court data protection appeal and is currently instructed for the Republic of Ghana in a maritime delimitation dispute before ITLOS.

Meg holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Sydney, where she ranked third overall, placed first in public international law and participated in the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot (her team were Australian National Champions and she was ranked 14th Best Oralist in the International Rounds). She also studied the BCL at the University of Oxford, specialising in international law and human rights.

Expertise

Public, Human Rights and Regulatory

Meg practises in all areas of public law and human rights. She has a particular interest in matters which relate to the environment.

Meg also has extensive experience in regulatory work. As a solicitor she spent six-months in Linklaters' Financial Regulation team, providing advice to financial institutions and funds on UK and EU ESG regimes.

Highlights of her experience include:

- *R (GLP) v Commissioner for Equality and Human Rights* [2026] EWHC 279 (Admin): a challenge to the EHRC's interim guidance following *For Woman Scotland* (as a pupil, assisting Rupert Paines for the intervener).
- *Jaiyeola v HMT*: a challenge to the eligibility criteria for tax free childcare top ups and extended free childcare (as a pupil, assisting Hannah Slarks).
- *R (Thompson) v Commissioner of Police*: a challenge to the use of live facial recognition in London (as a pupil, assisting Raphael Hogarth).
- Acting for Camelot in its judicial review and procurement challenge to the Fourth National Lottery Licence (including successfully seeking permission to appeal to the Court of Appeal) (as a solicitor).
- Acting for Annington Homes and Terra Firma in a multi-billion pound judicial review against the UK Ministry of Defence (as a solicitor).

Tax judicial review advice

Advising the trustees of several related trusts in relation to a potential judicial review challenge against HMRC (as a solicitor).

Achievements

Education

- Bachelor of Civil Law, Christ Church College, University of Oxford
    - Courses: Comparative Human Rights, International Environmental Law, Legal Concepts in Environmental Law and International Law and Armed Conflict.
- Juris Doctor, University of Sydney (Distinction average, ranked third overall).
- Bachelor of Commerce (Economics and Political Science), University of Western Australia.

Awards and Scholarships

- Dean's List of Excellence in Academic Performance (University of Sydney).
- Various awards for placing first in subjects, including the Pitt Cobbett Prize for placing first in Public International Law and the prize for first in Ethics (University of Sydney).
- Australian National Champions in the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition; 14th Best Oralist in the International Rounds.
- Christ Church Scholarship to study the BCL at University of Oxford.
- Sir John and Lady Sophie Laws Scholarship, Bar European Group

Career

- Judicial Assistant to the Hon Justice Perram at the Federal Court of Australia, Sydney, 2019-2021.
- Solicitor at Allens (Disputes and Investigations), Sydney, 2021-2022.
- Solicitor at Linklaters LLP, London, 2022-2025 (with a one-year leave of absence to study the BCL at the University of Oxford).