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Patrick Halliday is a highly regarded specialist in procurement and employment law. His practice also covers public law; pensions law (focusing on public sector schemes, discrimination and public law aspects of pensions); and commercial disputes involving former employees and directors.

Patrick is a member of the Attorney General's "*A Panel*" of counsel.

He is recommended by the legal directories in four practice areas: procurement (tier one); employment (tier one); administrative & public; and pensions. In June 2021, he was named "*Barrister of the Week*" in the Lawyer magazine.

> ***Patrick Halliday is always impressive and completely in control of his cases. Patrick is also excellent with lay clients.***
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Expertise

Public

Patrick has been a member of the Attorney General's 'A' panel since March 2021 (having previously been on the 'B' and 'C' panels),

He is recommended as a leading practitioner for Administrative & Public Law in **Chambers & Partners.**

He has acted in numerous claims for judicial review across a range of areas, including prisons, immigration, social security, libraries, human rights and the public sector equalities duty. He has a particular focus on claims for judicial review involving procurement and pensions issues.

Between 2008 and 2011 Patrick was junior counsel to the Baha Mousa Inquiry into the death of Baha Mousa in British Army custody in Iraq in 2003 and into the use of 'conditioning' techniques by British soldiers. During approximately 100 days of witness evidence Patrick cross-examined various witnesses on behalf of the Inquiry.

> ***Patrick is brilliant on public cases with a procurement element. His attention to detail is first-class.***
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R (British Gas and others) v SoS for ESNZ

[2023] EWHC 737 (ADMIN) [2023] EWHC 737 (DIV CT) ('BULB')

acting for Secretary of State in successful defence of highly expedited judicial review challenge to subsidies granted in the course of the sale of Bulb Energy.

R (British Gas and others) v SoS for ESNZ

[2025] EWCA CIV 209 ('BULB')

the first subsidy control case to reach the Court of Appeal, in which the Court upheld the dismissal of a claim concerning subsidisation of the sale of Bulb's energy business.

R (Gardner) v (1) Secretary of State for Health and Social Care (2) NHS Commissioning Board (NHS England) (3) Public Health England

[2022] PTSR 1338 (DIV CT)

deaths in care homes during the pandemic; successful defence of NHS England against claim for breach of Article 2 ECHR and other public law duties.

R (Efthimiou) v Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London

[2022] EWHC 1588 (ADMIN); [2022] LLR 804

the charging policy imposed by the municipal governing body of the City of London for swimming at a ladies' bathing pond was lawful

R (Good Law Project) v Minister for the Cabinet Office

[2022] PTSR 933

Represented claimant in challenge to award of contract for market research services without competition to "friends" of the Minister and Dominic Cummings.

R (Good Law Project) v Minister for the Cabinet Office

[2022] PTSR 933

Emergency award (during the pandemic) of contract to friends of Dominic Cummings was not unlawful for apparent bias.

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

[2022] PTSR 644

'VIP' lane for government procurement of PPE contracts during the pandemic was unlawful.

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

[2021] EWHC 1237 (TCC), [2021] EWHC 997 (TCC)

specific disclosure of WhatsApp and text messages concerning the 'VIP lane' for PPE procurement; grant of costs capping order.

R (Enterprise Managed Service Ltd) v SoS of Housing, Communities and Local Government

[2021] EWHC 1436 (ADMIN), [2021] PENS LR 15, [2021] 1 WLR 5062

removal of absolute entitlement to 'exit credits' for employers exiting Local Government Pension Scheme did not breach Article 6 or A1P1 of ECHR.

R (Hughes) v Board of the Pension Protection Fund

[2020] EWHC 1598 (ADMIN), [2021] PENS LR 2

compatibility of UK's system for protecting pensions in event of employer insolvency with EU law.

R (British Telecommunications Plc) v HM Treasury

[2020] EWCA CIV 1, [2020] PENS LR 12

indexation of guaranteed minimum pension payable to members of public service pension schemes was lawful notwithstanding knock-on effects on BT's pension scheme.

R (Harvey) v Haringey LBC

[19] ICR 1059, [2019] PENS LR 3

exclusion of unmarried cohabiting partners from survivor's pensions available to spouses did not breach Article 14 of ECHR.

R (DSD) v Parole Board for England and Wales

[2018] EWHC 695 (ADMIN), [2019] QB 285

challenge to Parole Board's release of John Worboys; rules on secrecy of Parole Board proceedings ultra vires.

R (Wylde) v Waverley BC

[2017] EWHC 466 (ADMIN); [2017] ACD 167

leading decision on the restrictions on 'standing' for judicial review challenges to procurement decisions.

R (Clulow) v Secretary of Work and Pensions

[2013] EWHC 3241 (ADMIN), [2013] ALL ER (D) 320 (OCT)

the system for community care grants did not breach Article 14 of the ECHR.

R (Manning) v Secretary of State for Justice

[2013] EWHC 1821 (ADMIN), [2013] ALL ER (D) 43 (JUL)

lawful reversal of recategorisation decision.

R (Williams) v Surrey County Council

[2012] EQ LR 656

library services and the public sector equalities duty.

R (Moyse) v Secretary of State for Education

[2012] ELR 551

the only reported case on academy conversions under the Academies Act 2010.

R (Hurst) v London North District Coroner

[2007] UKHL 13

Article 3 ECHR, coroners' inquests and application of the Human Rights Act 1998 to deaths pre- dating the Act.

Achievements

Appointments

Attorney General's 'A' Panel of Counsel (since 2021).

News, Articles & Publications

'The Remuneration Codes' in *Conduct and Pay in the Financial Services Industry* (2017, Routledge, ed Ogg and Leiper)

'European Union Law' in *Tolley's Employment Handbook* (2016, LexisNexis)

Joint editor of 11KBW's Procurement & State Aid Briefing

Restitution and Public Bodies (Judicial Review Vol 12 Issue 3)

Education

First class degree in Social and Political Sciences from Pembroke College, Cambridge University

Distinction in the law conversion course at City University

Other

Bedingfield Scholarship and Arden Senior Scholarship from Gray's Inn

Foundation Scholarship and a Foundress Prize from Pembroke College

Major scholarship at Haileybury College

Member of ELBA, ALBA, ELA, PLA, COMBAR

Very easy to get on with, very bright and very client-friendly.

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Has a really flexible, user-friendly approach and totally understands what is required in a case. You don't have to explain things to him.

WHO'S WHO LEGAL

An excellent junior counsel able to handle independently complex procurement law cases.

WHO'S WHO LEGAL

Meticulously well-prepared

WHO'S WHO LEGAL

An excellent cross-examiner

WHO'S WHO LEGAL

He's a brilliant barrister with a ferociously insightful mind, who is enormously client-friendly and reassuringly calm at all time.

LEGAL 500

Thorough, hard-working and a man of real intellectual sharpness.

LEGAL 500

A deft touch with clients, opponents and judges alike. Reliably and consistently excellent.

LEGAL 500

Extraordinarily incisive and clear in his analysis

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