

Rupert Paines

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Rupert is a leading practitioner across a range of specialist areas: commercial employment, public law, procurement/subsidy control, and TMT.

Rupert's work focuses on some of the largest and most complex pieces of litigation to come before the English courts; from 'team moves' and mass data claims to high-profile judicial reviews, TCC procurement challenges and CAT subsidy claims.

He is ranked in the main legal directories in each of his areas of practice.



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CHAMBERS & PARTNERS

Expertise

Public

Rupert regularly advises and represents public bodies and commercial entities on issues concerning public law and judicial review, including in relation to matters with human rights, retained EU law, and/or commercial elements. He advises on all aspects of *vires* and public bodies' powers and obligations, and on challenges to public bodies' decisions.

Rupert is on the B Panel of counsel for central Government work.



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R (Wikimedia Foundation Inc) v SoS for Science, Innovation and Technology

Leading counsel for Wikimedia (leading Raphael Hogarth) in the first substantive challenge to measures under the Online Safety Act 2023. Instructed by Pinsent Masons LLP.

R (Publishers Association) v SoS for Education

Counsel for Publishers Association in a major challenge to the terms on which the Oak National Academy has been authorised to provide curriculum materials. Instructed by Osborne Clarke LLP.

R (BEL and ors) v SoS for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

Counsel for the SSFCA defending this challenge by family members in Gaza of a UK resident, seeking consular assistance to leave Gaza. Instructed by GLD.

R (Kadas) v HMRC

Acting for HMRC defending a challenge by a high net worth individual to a decision to transfer information concerning his personal finances to the Spanish tax authorities under international tax transparency legislation (led by Rupert Paines).

R (Good Law Project) v Equality and Human Rights Commission

Counsel for an intervener (Sex Matters) in this challenge to the Equality Act and ECHR-compatibility of the EHRC's interim guidance on access to sanitary facilities. Instructed by Conrathe Gardner.

R (Zenobe Energy Limited) v Ofgem

Counsel for Ofgem defending (i) subsidy control proceedings in the CAT; and (ii) a judicial review, in both cases seeking to quash Ofgem's cap and floor scheme for Long Duration Electricity Storage ('LDES'). LDES is a key part of the Government's ambition to move to a clean energy environment. Instructed by Ofgem.

Achievements

Appointments

Attorney General's B Panel

Education

University of Oxford, BCL, Distinction

University of Oxford, BA Jurisprudence with Senior Status, 1st

University of Oxford, BA Theology, 1st

Memberships

Bar European Group (committee member)

Commercial Law Bar Association

Constitutional and Administrative Law Bar Association

Procurement Lawyers' Association

Employment Lawyers' Association

Employment Law Bar Association