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Rita practises in all of Chambers' core areas of practice including commercial, employment, public & human rights, public international law, information, technology & media, and sport.

She has worked on high-profile cases, with recent highlights including:

- Major High Court team move litigation.
- A significant decision of the High Court relating to a £90 million 'safety valve agreement' entered into between the Department of Education and a local authority.
- 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.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Rita graduated with a first-class degree in Law from the University of Cambridge, and a Distinction on the BCL from the University of Oxford. She was awarded the Eldon Law Scholarship in 2023.

Rita is a fluent Portuguese speaker. She particularly enjoys, and has experience with, using her language skills to assist in disputes with a lusophone angle.

Expertise

Public Law and Human Rights

Rita accepts instructions in all areas of public law and human rights, including judicial review proceedings and claims under the Human Rights Act 1998.

R (AB & ors) v Bristol City Council

[2025] EWHC 893 (ADMIN)

A challenge to a £90 million 'safety valve agreement' between the Department of Education and a local authority (led by James Goudie KC and Oliver Jackson).

Acting unled for a University in relation to judicial review proceedings brought by a student.

Churchill v Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council

[2023] EWCA CIV 1416

A landmark decision of the Court of Appeal, concerning Article 6 ECHR, confirming that the Court has the power to order parties to engage in alternative dispute resolution in appropriate circumstances (as a pupil, assisting Amy Rogers KC).

Judicial review proceedings concerning s. 39 FSMA

A judicial review claim concerning the jurisdiction of the Financial Ombudsman and the scope of responsibility of principals under s.39 FSMA for acts/omissions of appointed representatives (as a pupil, assisting Stephen Kosmin).

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).

Assisting the Ministry of Defence in relation to the Covid-19 Inquiry.

Abbasi and another v Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and another

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A Supreme Court appeal concerning the privacy and free speech implications of restricted reporting orders in the context of 'end of life' care cases (as a pupil, assisting Tom Cross and Raphael Hogarth).

Achievements

Education

- BVS, City Law School – Distinction
- BCL, University of Oxford – Distinction
- BA Law, University of Cambridge, Gonville & Caius College – First Class

Awards

- Sir John and Lady Sophie Laws Scholarship, Bar European Group
- Eldon Law Scholarship, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford
- Princess Royal Scholarship, Inner Temple
- Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Award, Inner Temple
- Sir William McNair Prize for Law (2020 & 2021), Gonville & Caius College
- Honorary Senior Scholarship, Gonville & Caius College
- Sir William McNair Mooting Prize, Gonville & Caius College
- Tapp Scholarship (2018-2021), Gonville & Caius College

Languages

- Portuguese