

Rita Dias

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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

Information, Technology & Media

Rita accepts instructions in data protection, media, privacy & information law matters. This includes advisory work and litigation under the UK GDPR, Data Protection Act 2018, Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Online Safety Act 2023.

Disputes concerning breaches of the UKGDPR

Recent matters have raised issues including: subject access requests, lawful processing & automated decision-making.

Matters relating to the Online Safety Act 2023.

Experian v Information Commissioner

[2024] UKUT 105 (AAC)

Proceedings relating to an enforcement notice issued to the Appellant in respect of its data processing activities, these being undertaken whilst providing data services to clients in support of their offline marketing activities (as a pupil, assisting Robin Hopkins).

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

2023/0052

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).

A matter involving claims for misuse of private information and breach of confidence.

Providing pre-publication advice to a national newspaper.

Harrison v Cameron and ACL

[2024] EWHC 1377 (KB)

A High Court claim for a data subject access request, concerning questions relating to the meaning of "controller" and the mixed personal data exemption (as a pupil, assisting Robin Hopkins).

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