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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.

> ***Calm and persuasive demeanour that works wonders with judges***
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Expertise

Procurement and Subsidy Control

Patrick is a well-known and highly regarded specialist in procurement law. He regularly appears in high value procurement cases, either as sole counsel or as part of a larger team. He acted in one the first subsidy control cases to come before the courts (the 'Bulb' case), and has advised numerous clients on the new subsidy control regime.

He is named as a leading practitioner for procurement in **Chambers & Partners**, **Who's Who Legal** and the **Legal 500** (placing him in "*tier 1*", as one of the top four non-KCs in the country).

Patrick edits (with Jason Coppel KC and Joseph Barrett) 11KBW's Procurement & State Aid Briefing.

> ***Tenacious, very much in demand and just very good.***
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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 (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.

One Medicare t/a One Primary Medicare LLP v NHS Northamptonshire ICB

[2025] EWHC 63 (TCC)

acted for winning bidder in successful application to lift automatic suspension in procurement claim.

Practice Plus Group Ltd v NHS Commissioning Board

[2022] EWHC 2082 (TCC)

Successful application to lift automatic suspension on contracts for healthcare in prisons.

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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[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.

Stagecoach & Others v Secretary of State for Transport ("2019 Rail Franchising Litigation")

[2020] EWHC 1568 (TCC)

Disqualification of bidders from rail franchise procurement competitions (because they had proposed amendments concerning pension risks) was lawful and had not breached EU law on proportionality, transparency and equal treatment.

Department of Transport v West Coast Trains Partnership

[2019] EWCA CIV 2259, [2020] ALL ER 948, [2020] 1 P&CR 17, 188 CON LR 31

Six-year limitation period for procurement claims under EU law which are not governed by the Public Contracts Regulations.

Circle Nottingham Ltd v NHS Rushcliffe Clinical Commissioning Group

[2019] EWHC 3635 (TCC)

In a claim that an NHS procurement process was unfair on the basis of (inter alia) alleged receipt of state aid by NHS hospital trusts, the Court restricted the scope of expert evidence.

AEW Europe LLP v Basingstoke and Deane BC

[2019] EWHC 2050 (TCC), [2020] PTSR 21

No grounds for declaration of ineffectiveness, even assuming a development agreement was a materially varied contract which was not actually the subject of the tender process.

Abbvie Ltd v NHS Commissioning Board

[2019] EWHC 61 (TCC)

Court rejected challenge to £1bn procurement of Hepatitis C treatments, finding that a sophisticated procurement process did not breach principles of transparency and equal treatment.

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 (Wylde) v Waverley BC

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

Claim that variation of development agreement amounted to new contract which could not be awarded without new procurement competition; leading decision on the restrictions on 'standing' for judicial review challenges to procurement decisions.

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.

CHAMBERS & PARTNERS

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.

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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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