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Leo accepts instructions in all areas of Chambers practice, with a particular focus on financial regulation, employment law, information law, regulatory law and public law.

He is ranked in Legal 500 2023 as a Tier 1 Rising Star in Local Government.



He is forensic and gets into the detail and history of matters, particularly where they concern technical legal points or matters of statutory interpretation

LEGAL 500, 2023

Expertise

Regulatory

Leo has extensive experience with a number of regulatory regimes, in addition to his specialist knowledge of financial regulation (see "Financial Regulation").

He is on the Bar Standards Board's panel of prosecutors and frequently advises and appears in Disciplinary Tribunal and High Court proceedings.

He has also conducted disciplinary investigations for the Institute of Engineering and Technology, and advised regulators such as the Gambling Commission and Information Commissioner on their statutory powers. He has also advised on and drafted enforcement notices and monetary penalty notices, and advised on and appeared in challenges to these in the Tribunals.

Leo has a broad understanding of sports regulation, particularly following his work on the Sheldon Independent Review into Child Sexual Abuse in Football, which published its report in March 2021.

- Advising in relation to disciplinary action by the Teaching Regulation Agency
- Advising one of the medical Royal Colleges on its examinations policy.
- Advising Facebook and Whatsapp in connection with various data protection enforcement actions.
- Drafting (with Clive Sheldon KC) an investigations and disciplinary policy and procedure for a religious national certification body.

Bibi v Bar Standards Board

[2022] EWHC 921 (ADMIN), [2022] ACD 69

Successfully resisting an appeal against disbarment in the High Court (permission to appeal refused by the Court of Appeal in 2023)

Rancom Security Limited v Information Commissioner

(FTT, 2021), successfully representing the Commissioner in appeals against monetary penalty notices for unsolicited direct marketing communications, in breach of the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations.

Bar Standards Board v X KC

Led by Jonathan Auburn KC, in highly sensitive disciplinary proceedings against a prominent King's Counsel (stayed as at 2023)

Doorstep Dispensaree Ltd v Information Commissioner

(FTT, 2020), drafted pleadings and advised Appellant on litigation in FTT appeal against the first data protection fine imposed by the Information Commissioner under the GDPR and DPA 2018.

Achievements

News, Articles & Publications

Co-author, A Practical Guide to Data Protection, Privacy and Information Law, Law Society (forthcoming in 2024)

Contributor, Conduct and Pay in the Financial Services Industry, Routledge

Contributor, Tolley's Employment Handbook, LexisNexis

Contributor, Education Law Handbook, LexisNexis

The Coronavirus lockdown does not breach human rights , UK Human Rights Blog, April 2020