

Joseph Lavery

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Joseph practises in all of Chambers' core areas including public law, employment law, information and data law, public procurement, education, and sport.

Current and recent highlights include:

- *Guy Carpenter & Company Limited v Willis Limited* [2026] EWHC 361 (KB): A 17-day High Court trial regarding a "team move" in the reinsurance industry involving allegations conspiracy.
- *Wikimedia Foundation and another v Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology* [2025] EWHC 2086 (Admin): Judicial review proceedings concerning the categorisation regulations made under the Online Safety Act.
- *NAA v An Independent Review Panel, London Borough of Haringey* [2025] EWHC 1845 (Admin): Judicial review proceedings concerning the interaction between the school exclusion process and Article 4 ECHR/the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Joseph was the Judicial Assistant to Sir Geoffrey Vos, Master of the Rolls, in the Court of Appeal. In this role Joseph worked on notable and high-profile appeals spanning the breadth of civil law, including in the area of public law and human rights. Joseph has a LLM from Harvard Law School, where he studied comparative public law as a scholar of the Saint Andrew's Society of New York, and a BA in Jurisprudence from the University of Oxford.

Expertise

Education

Joseph accepts instructions in a wide range of education-related matters, including judicial review proceedings and discrimination claims, from local authorities, schools, universities, parents, students and education campaigners. Current and recent highlights include:

- *NAA v An Independent Review Panel, London Borough of Haringey* [2025] EWHC 1845 (Admin): Judicial review proceedings concerning the interaction between the school exclusion process and Article 4 ECHR/the Modern Slavery Act 2015.
- Acting in a claim against a university for breach of contract and disability discrimination.
- Acting in a claim against a private school for breach of contract and negligence.
- Acting for a school in a claim for negligence, breach of data protection legislation, and misfeasance in public office.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Joseph worked as a paralegal at a law firm specialising in special educational needs law and has extensive knowledge in the area.

NAA v An Independent Review Panel, London Borough of Haringey

[2025] EWHC 1845 (ADMIN)

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Achievements

Awards

Lord Denning Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn (2022)

Residential Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn (2022)

Best Public Law Submission, Oxford University Undergraduate Law Journal (2020)

LLM Scholarship, St Andrew's Society of New York (2020)

College prizes for academic performance, Hertford College (2017-2020)

Publications

Rosalind Dixon & Joseph Lavery, *Commissioning Economic Equality? Lessons from Scotland*, 2023 FLR 315

Joseph Lavery, *Determining the Extent of Devolved Legislative Competence: A Comparative Analysis Between Scotland and Canada*, 2020 OUULJ 185

Education

University of Oxford, BA in Jurisprudence

Harvard Law School, LLM (Thesis: *The United Kingdom Internal Market Act: A Comparative Analysis*)