

Rupert Paines

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Rupert is a leading practitioner across a range of specialist areas: commercial employment, public law, procurement/subsidy control, and TMT.

Rupert's work focuses on some of the largest and most complex pieces of litigation to come before the English courts; from 'team moves' and mass data claims to high-profile judicial reviews, TCC procurement challenges and CAT subsidy claims.

He is ranked in the main legal directories in each of his areas of practice.



Excellent technical lawyer and a very good advocate

CHAMBERS & PARTNERS

Expertise

TMT

Rupert advises and represents commercial entities, public interest entities, and regulators in data and information regulation claims and regulatory appeals. He acted in the first ever JR under the Online Safety Act 2023 to come to a substantive hearing (*Wikimedia*), and in multiple claims and regulatory appeals at all levels of the judicial hierarchy up to and including the Supreme Court (*Morrison's*, *Lloyd v Google*).

R (Wikimedia Foundation Inc) v SoS for Science, Innovation and Technology

Leading counsel for Wikimedia (leading Raphael Hogarth) in the first substantive challenge to measures under the Online Safety Act 2023. Instructed by Pinsent Masons LLP.

Mike Ashley v Morgan Stanley & Co International plc

Counsel for Morgan Stanley (with Tim Pitt-Payne KC) defending a data subject access request submitted by Mike Ashley in the context of Commercial Court litigation between the parties. Instructed by Ropes & Gray International LLP.

DSG Retail Ltd v Information Commissioner

Counsel for DSG (with Tim Pitt-Payne KC) in Court of Appeal proceedings concerning the technical protections on DSG's systems, and the implications of pseudonymisation as a data security measure. Also instructed as sole counsel dealing with related civil claims. Instructed by Pinsent Masons LLP.

BT plc and Openreach Ltd v Information Commissioner

Sole counsel for BT/Openreach in this regulatory appeal, concerning the question whether BT or Openreach are 'public authorities' for the purposes of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Instructed by DWF Law LLP.

Ancestry Ireland Unlimited Company v Information Commissioner and National Records of Scotland

Sole counsel for the Information Commissioner, defending the first major challenge under the Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015 to NRS's refusal to provide Ancestry (a genealogy company) with Scottish public records. Instructed by the Information Commissioner.

Achievements

Appointments

Attorney General's B Panel

Education

University of Oxford, BCL, Distinction

University of Oxford, BA Jurisprudence with Senior Status, 1st

University of Oxford, BA Theology, 1st

Memberships

Bar European Group (committee member)

Commercial Law Bar Association

Constitutional and Administrative Law Bar Association

Procurement Lawyers' Association

Employment Lawyers' Association

Employment Law Bar Association