Meg Winton



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Meg comes to the Bar following a career as a solicitor at a magic circle firm, where she worked on high profile cases including Camelot's challenge to the Fourth National Lottery Licence and Annington Home's multi-billion pound judicial review against the Ministry of Defence.

Meg now practises across all areas of public and human rights, public international, commercial, employment and information law. She has already worked on cases at the forefront of these areas. She has assisted on a judicial review challenging the use of live facial recognition by the police, an upcoming Supreme Court data protection appeal and is currently instructed for the Republic of Ghana in a maritime delimitation dispute before ITLOS.

Meg holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Sydney, where she ranked third overall, placed first in public international law and participated in the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot (her team were Australian National Champions and she was ranked 14th Best Oralist in the International Rounds). She also studied the BCL at the University of Oxford, specialising in international law and human rights.

Expertise

Public, Human Rights and Regulatory

Meg practises in all areas of public law and human rights. She has a particular interest in matters which relate to the environment.

Meg also has extensive experience in regulatory work. As a solicitor she spent six-months in Linklaters' Financial Regulation team, providing advice to financial institutions and funds on UK and EU ESG regimes.

Highlights of her experience include:

- *R (GLP) v Commissioner for Equality and Human Rights* [2026] EWHC 279 (Admin): a challenge to the EHRC's interim guidance following *For Woman Scotland* (as a pupil, assisting Rupert Paines for the intervener).
- *Jaiyeola v HMT*: a challenge to the eligibility criteria for tax free childcare top ups and extended free childcare (as a pupil, assisting Hannah Slarks).
- *R (Thompson) v Commissioner of Police*: a challenge to the use of live facial recognition in London (as a pupil, assisting Raphael Hogarth).
- Acting for Camelot in its judicial review and procurement challenge to the Fourth National Lottery Licence (including successfully seeking permission to appeal to the Court of Appeal) (as a solicitor).
- Acting for Annington Homes and Terra Firma in a multi-billion pound judicial review against the UK Ministry of Defence (as a solicitor).

Tax judicial review advice

Advising the trustees of several related trusts in relation to a potential judicial review challenge against HMRC (as a solicitor).

Public International Law

Meg has particular interest and experience in public international law. She has worked on disputes before the ICJ, ITLOS and regional human rights bodies, as well as investor-state arbitrations. Meg's work includes:

- Currently instructed as counsel for the Republic of Ghana in the maritime delimitation case against Togo before an ITLOS Special Chamber (led by Prof. Philippe Sands KC, Paul S. Reichler, Ruth Kennedy and Remi Reichold).
- Assisting on The Gambia's case before the ICJ alleging that Myanmar committed genocide against the Rohingya people (as a pupil, assisting Prof. Philippe Sands KC, Paul S. Reichler, Ruth Kennedy and Aliya Al-Yassin).
- Advising a state on the prospects of potential interstate proceedings on issues of immunity and international cooperation (as a pupil, assisting Remi Reichold).
- *Kingdom of Spain v Infrastructure Services Luxembourg S.à.r.l. & Anor*: recognition and enforcement proceedings in Australia for a €101 million award turning on issues of foreign state immunity (as a judicial assistant to a Federal Court judge).

As a solicitor, Meg acted for and advised a variety of NGOs pro bono on international law, in particular on human rights and environmental issues. She has prepared submissions to a variety of human rights bodies (including the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and the Australian Human Rights Commission) and reviewed evidence for reports to UN bodies on Ukraine by eyeWitness to Atrocities. Most recently, she advised an NGO on issues of "loss and damage" under the COP29 New Climate Finance Goal.

At university, Meg received the University of Sydney's Pitt Cobbett prize for placing first in Public International Law and was an Australian National Champion in the Phillip C. Jessup Moot, receiving 14th Best Oralist in the International Rounds. She also interned at the Sydney Centre for International Law. Meg specialised in international law on the BCL, taking courses in International Environmental Law and International Law and Armed Conflict.

Climate finance advice

Advising Legal Response International on issues of "loss and damage" under the New Climate Finance Goal.

Submissions to ACHPR

Assisting REDRESS in drafting submissions to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.

Ukraine evidence review

Reviewing evidence captured in Ukraine for the preparation of reports to UN and human rights bodies for eyeWitness to Atrocities.

Australian Human Rights Commission

Drafting submissions to the Australian Human Rights Commission regarding a proposed national Anti-Racism Framework.

Commercial Litigation

Meg has experience working on fast paced, high value commercial litigation (including group actions), before the High Court, the CAT and the Court of Appeal, as well as high value commercial arbitrations.

Before moving to London, Meg was a commercial litigation solicitor in Australia. She worked on large shareholder class actions brought against her corporate clients, as well as a novel climate change claim brought by the shareholders of a major financial institution in respect of its disclosure obligations.

Her experience includes acting for:

- Visa in *Umbrella Interchange Fee Claimants v Mastercard and Visa*: long-running CAT and High Court proceedings concerning multilateral interchange fees on card transactions (as a solicitor).
- Hg in *Hg Capital v CMA* [2023] CAT 52: a CAT appeal challenging a finding of abusive excessive pricing (as a solicitor).
- A mining sector client in a commodity trading dispute with a Chinese counterparty in an UNCITRAL/HKIAC-administered arbitration (as a solicitor).

Employment

Meg accepts instructions across all areas of employment law (with a particular interest in issues of discrimination). As a pupil, she worked on *Peggie v Fife Health Board* (as a pupil, assisting Hannah Slarks), an appeal before the Employment Appeal Tribunal which raises novel issues of sex, belief and gender discrimination in the workplace.

During her pupillage, she also worked on commercial and statutory employment matters before the Employment Tribunal, the Employment Appeal Tribunal and the Court of Appeal.

Information, Technology and Media

Meg accepts instructions across a broad range of information, technology and media law. Meg's recent work in this field includes:

- *Farley v Equiniti (t/a Paymaster)*: a Supreme Court appeal listed for October 2026 which will decide whether a threshold of seriousness applies in UK data protection law (as a pupil, assisting Andrew Sharland KC and Hannah Ready).
- *Kul v DWF Law LLP* [2026] EWCA Civ 1130: an appeal in data protection proceedings (as a pupil, assisting Robin Hopkins KC).
- *BT and Openreach v Information Commissioner* [2026] UKFTT 877: an appeal before the First-tier Tribunal concerning the interpretation of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (as a pupil, assisting Rupert Paines).

Achievements

Education

- Bachelor of Civil Law, Christ Church College, University of Oxford
  - Courses: Comparative Human Rights, International Environmental Law, Legal Concepts in Environmental Law and International Law and Armed Conflict.
- Juris Doctor, University of Sydney (Distinction average, ranked third overall).
- Bachelor of Commerce (Economics and Political Science), University of Western Australia.

Awards and Scholarships

- Dean's List of Excellence in Academic Performance (University of Sydney).
- Various awards for placing first in subjects, including the Pitt Cobbett Prize for placing first in Public International Law and the prize for first in Ethics (University of Sydney).
- Australian National Champions in the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition; 14th Best Oralist in the International Rounds.
- Christ Church Scholarship to study the BCL at University of Oxford.
- Sir John and Lady Sophie Laws Scholarship, Bar European Group

Career

- Judicial Assistant to the Hon Justice Perram at the Federal Court of Australia, Sydney, 2019-2021.
- Solicitor at Allens (Disputes and Investigations), Sydney, 2021-2022.

- Solicitor at Linklaters LLP, London, 2022-2025 (with a one-year leave of absence to study the BCL at the University of Oxford).