



Duncan Sinclair

Year of call: 1996

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"He is really good and approachable. His written work is really good."
Chambers and Partners Global Guide 2024

"He is a very hard-working and persuasive advocate." Chambers
Global and UK Bar editions 2022

Duncan Sinclair maintains a broad practice including in judicial review, competition law, commercial disputes and public procurement which often involves technical or heavily regulated sectors (including for instance energy regulation, environmental issues, and the healthcare/pharmaceuticals and renewables sectors). Duncan has been praised by clients for his ability to grasp complex facts and issues quickly and to understand the commercial context as well as the law.

A former head of legal at the energy regulator and concurrent competition authority Ofgem, on returning to the Bar in 2010, Duncan was one of The Lawyer's "Hot 100" lawyers across the UK. Duncan acts before regulatory bodies, in judicial reviews or commercial disputes in the High Court (Queens Bench Division and Technology and Construction Court (TCC)), and before competition authorities and the Competition Appeal Tribunal (CAT). Equally, a large part of his practice involves advisory work and dispute resolution by representation (for instance in statutory or informal tribunals), with a successful outcome being achieved without the need for litigation in appropriate cases.

Areas of expertise

Administrative and Public

Commercial

Energy and Natural Resources

Environment

Environment

Areas covered

- Biodiversity and habitats
- Clean energy and technologies

- Climate change
- Environmental assessment
- Waste and the circular economy

Recommendations

Duncan has been consistently (every year since returning to the Bar in 2010) recognised as a leading practitioner in competition and energy law by clients and the leading directories.

Memberships

- British Institute of International and Comparative Law (member)
- Liberty (Patron)

Qualifications

Education

- 1991-1994 Cambridge University (Downing) Law (B.A)
- 1994-1995 Cambridge University (LL.M)
- 1995-1996 Inns of Court School of Law (Lincoln's)
- 2002 Economics (diploma) Open University

Scholarships and Prizes

- 1996 Lincoln's Inn EU Scholarship (stage in the European Commission)
- 2010 The Lawyer 'Hot 100'

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