



Richard Wald KC

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"Richard is a superb barrister. He exudes a style which is measured, considered, exactly on the point and very persuasive. One of the most effective advocates, but most particularly in the High Court where his intellectual brilliance and gifted advocacy make him stand out as a true star" The Legal 500 2022

Richard Wald KC is a leading environmental, planning and public law silk. He has been ranked by Chambers and Partners and The Legal 500 in the categories of Environmental Law, Planning Law, Aviation Law, Administrative and Public Law and Energy Law. Prior to taking silk he was rated by Planning Magazine Legal Survey as amongst the UK's top planning juniors for over a decade and nominated by Chambers and Partners as Planning and Environment Junior of the Year.

Areas of expertise

Administrative and Public

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Planning

- Aviation and Aerospace
- Compulsory Purchase and Compensation
- Development Consent Orders and Infrastructure
- High Court Planning Challenges
- Planning Appeals, Hearings and Inquiries
- Planning Enforcement

Environmental

Energy

-- Compulsory Purchase and Compensation

Richard promotes and resists compulsory purchase orders and acts for an against compensation claimants in the Upper Tribunal, including under Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973

Cases of Note

- ***Perivale Metropolitan Police Car Pound Compulsory Purchase Order Appeal*** - Richard acted for real estate investment trust company SEGRO plc in its objection to a compulsory purchase order CPO sought by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) for the continued operation of its Vehicle Recovery and Examination Service. MOPAC's CPO was considered by an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State over the course of several months which included two weeks of evidence as to whether a compelling case in the public interest for the compulsory acquisition could be demonstrated. The Inspector upheld SEGRO's objection and dismissed the CPO.
- ***Johnston and Ors v TAG Farnborough Airport Limited [2015] UKUT 534 (LC)*** - Richard acted for the Claimants in over 200 conjoined claims brought under Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 for diminution in value of the claimants' homes arising out of the expansion of Farnborough Airport. Proceedings also involved a judicial review challenge to the Secretary of State for Transport's refusal to exercise her discretion under s15 of Land Compensation Act to determine the "relevant date" for the purpose of bringing such claims.

Recommendations

Environment

"Tenacious and inventive - one of the pre-eminent environmental silks in London, and far and away the most skilled and persuasive." The Legal 500 2022

"Measured, confident, persuasive, he is a superb barrister who is good on paper but truly excellent when in court on his feet." Legal 500 2021

Planning

"Richard is an outstanding High Court advocate: clear, insightful and effective on his feet. He has got a brilliantly inventive mind."

"He is an excellent advocate, who is very approachable and easy to work with."

"He is very knowledgeable and very helpful."

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"Richard is a proper specialist in this area." Chambers and Partners 2023

Energy

"A breadth of knowledge across the many areas of nuclear regulation" The Legal 500 2015

Administrative and Public Law

"He has incredible skill and inventiveness in creating very attractive arguments." *"He is fantastic with clients who are very sophisticated and familiar with the process, but also very wonderful at holding clients' hands through their first judicial review."* Chamber and Partner 2020

"He's very bright and he packages his arguments and opinions in a way that the clients can understand."

"He puts everyone at ease and he gets to what really matters."

"Conscientious and diligent." *"An amazing advocate."* Chambers and Partners 2021

Aviation and Aerospace

"Richard has a very good grasp of the details relating to aviation regulation and control. He is good on papers but excellent in court. He is measured, confident, on the point and very persuasive." The Legal 500 2023

"An up-and-coming new silk" The Legal 500 2022 (Tier 1, Silks in Aviation Category)

Memberships and Appointments

- Planning & Environment Bar Association (PEBA)
- Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)
- Chair of Environmental Law Foundation
- Member and former trustee of United Kingdom Environmental Law Foundation
- National Infrastructure Planning Association
- Assistant Commissioner to the Boundary Commission for England (2016)
- General Editor of Sweet & Maxwell Thomson Reuter's Encyclopaedia of Environmental Law (2005-2015)
- Attorney General's B Panel of Counsel to the Crown (2009)
- Attorney General's C Panel of Prosecution Counsel to the Crown (2003)
- University of Brighton Visiting Lecturer (MSc Environmental Policy and Law)
- Judicial Assistant in the Court of Appeal (Assistant to Konrad Schiemann LJ)
- Legal and Administrative Trainee at UN Office of Legal Affairs and DG1A (External Relations) of the European Commission

Qualifications, Scholarships and Prizes

- MA Hon. Spanish & European History, First Class with Distinction (finished 1st in year), University of Edinburgh: 1990-1994
- Erasmus Scholar (Coimbra Group) – University of Granada (Medieval History)
- Brown University – Special Student Scholarship – American Literature and History
- Inns of Court School of Law – Bar Finals
- Diplomas in Law (City University) and EC Law (King's College, London): 1996
- Gray's Inn Prince of Wales Scholar 1998
- Inner Temple Pegasus Scholar (Judicial Assistant to Chief Justice of Israel) 2000
- Trained and accredited Mediator and Pupil Supervisor

Additional Information

- General Editor of Thomson Reuters' Encyclopedia of Environmental Law 2004-2015
- Co-editor of Sweet & Maxwell Thomson Reuter's Environmental Law Bulletin
- Contributor to Tromans on Nuclear Law 3rd Edition (Hart Publishing, forthcoming)
- Contributor to Tromans on Environmental Impact Assessment: Law and Practice 2nd Edition (Bloomsbury, 2012)
- Co-Author of Butterworths/LexisNexis' Highways Law and Practice 2002

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