



Colin Thomann

Year of call: 1999

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“This Colin is phenomenally hard working, has a colossal intellect, good judgment and is a true team player” -The Legal 500, 2024

Colin’s practice spans public law, environmental, personal injury and employment law matters. He has a particular interest in cross-border issues arising in these fields.

He has been appointed to the Attorney General’s A Panel of counsel and has extensive experience of acting for claimants and defendants in the higher courts in civil and public law matters.

Colin has interest in information law as well as acting in appeals concerning decision of the Information Commissioner. He has provided expert evidence on UK data information law in the context of foreign proceedings and has had conduct of a series of matters in the International Labour Organization Tribunal, Geneva.

More recently, Colin acted in a series of Country Guidance determinations in the Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) concerning Sudan, Iran, Albania and Iraq, and an inquest concerning the impact of air pollution, and a lead appeal concerning the deployment of fraud in the context of secure English language tests.

Colin is a co-author of Doherty’s Accidents Abroad: International Personal Injury Claims and completed a Pegasus Scholarship at the European Court of Human Rights.

Areas of expertise

Public Law

Environmental Law

Personal Injury

Personal Injury

The emphasis of Colin’s personal injury practice is upon claims concerning cross-border and environmental matters. He is currently instructed in a number of personal injury claims arising from a fire at HMP Isle of Wight.

Cases of note

- *Owusu v Jackson* [ECLI:EU:C:2005:120] - Grand Chamber, European Court of Justice.

Preliminary reference concerning the scope of the jurisdiction with respect to forum non conveniens where a defendant is domiciled in a Brussels Regulation state

Judgment

Recommendations

"A conscientious barrister who is understated but produces the highest-quality work." Chambers and Partners 2022

"His knowledge of German and of European civil law generally is particularly helpful." The Legal 500 2022

"He is an excellent advocate; always good in court and in conference." The Legal 500, 2021

"An exceptionally bright and thoughtful specialist." The Legal 500, 2021

"Hardworking and reliable, a clear thinker with extremely good legal knowledge." The Legal 500, 2020

"An extremely reliable and hardworking senior junior, who provides sound tactical sense and great client skills." The Legal 500 2018

Memberships

- Administrative Law Bar Association
- UK Environmental Law Association

Qualifications

Education

- LLB (University of Reading)
- MJur (European and Comparative Law) Oxon

Scholarships and Prizes

- 1999 Eldon Scholarship, University of Oxford
- Queen Mother's Scholarship, Middle Temple
- Pegasus Scholarship, Inner Temple

Appointments

- Pupil Master
- Appointed to the Attorney General's A Panel of Counsel in 2015.
- Reappointed to the Attorney General's A Panel of Counsel 2020.

Languages

- Bilingual English and German
- Working knowledge of French

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