



Rachel Sullivan

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Rachel has a broad public law practice, with a particular interest in education and healthcare law. She also has a busy inquiries practice, and is currently instructed as junior counsel to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry. She also practises planning and environmental law. She regularly appears in the High Court, Court of Protection and County Courts as well as the appellate courts, on behalf of individuals, central and local government, NHS bodies and companies.

Rachel is on the Attorney General's C Panel of counsel.

Prior to joining chambers, Rachel worked at the Free Representation Unit and continues to undertake pro bono work on a regular basis, through Advocate and others.

Areas of expertise

Administrative and Public
Court of Protection and Medical Treatment
Inquiries and Investigations
Planning and Property
Regulatory and Disciplinary

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Rachel has a growing regulatory and disciplinary practice and has acted for both registrants and regulators in cases before the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC), General Medical Council (GMC) and Professional Standards Authority (PSA). She has also undertaken secondments at the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (OFGEM) and the Office for Students.

Cases of note

- ***Lau v Teacher Regulation Authority*** - Instructed by the Secretary of State in relation to a challenge to a decision of the Teacher Regulation Authority (permission refused).
- **Proceedings in front of the HCPC** - (With Robert Lazarus) Instructed by the registrant in a case concerning allegations of dishonesty arising from reports prepared in support of applications for immigration status.
- ***GMC v Seda*** - (With Robert Lazarus) Acted pro bono for the successful registrant in a case concerning allegations of dishonesty.

Memberships

- Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)
- Court of Protection Bar Association
- UK Environmental Law Association (UKELA)
- Environmental Law Foundation

Qualifications

Education

- 2014-15 City University London BPTC (Outstanding)
- 2013-14 Oxford Brookes University Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction)
- 2012-13 University of Oxford English 650-1550 MSt (Distinction)
- 2009-12 University of Oxford English Language and Literature (BA) Hons (First class)

Scholarships and Prizes

- 2014 Stephen Chapman scholarship, Inner Temple
- 2014 OUP Prize (jointly), Oxford Brookes University
- 2014 Academic Prize (jointly), Oxford Brookes University
- 2013 Scholarship, Oxford Brookes University
- 2012 Jeremy Griffiths Memorial Studentship, Oxford University
- 2012 Fung Scholarship, Oxford University
- 2010 Gibbs Prize, Oxford University
- 2010 Academic scholar, New College Oxford

Additional information

Rachel regularly undertakes pro bono work through Advocate. Until 2019, she was the chair of the Free Representation Unit, a charity which provides free legal representation in employment and welfare benefit cases, and where she worked as a legal officer prior to pupillage. She also has experience volunteering as an Appropriate Adult (2014-16) and on suicide helplines.

She is currently sits on the Ethics Committee of the British Psychoanalytic Society.

Rachel is a member of chambers' management board and one of the equality and diversity officers for chambers.

Appointments

- 2020-2025 – Attorney General's C Panel
- 2020-2024 – Management Board
- 2020 – EDI Officer

Languages

- Spanish (conversational)
- French (basic)

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