



Santosh Carvalho

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Santosh's practice spans Commercial and Construction, Administrative and Public, Property, and Civil Liabilities but he accepts instructions across all of Chambers' practice areas. Santosh has a busy court practice and regularly appears as sole counsel in the County Court, High Court and Upper Tribunal. He has been led in the Court of Appeal.

His recent instructions include:

1. Defending an indemnity claim worth ~£25M. Led by Terry Mawchinson KC and Philippe Kuhn.
2. Acting in a shareholder dispute with claims of unfair prejudice and breach of director's duties under the Companies Act 2006.
3. Intervening in the Court of Appeal in Re J (A Child) on behalf of the Children's Commissioner. Concerning a local authority's power to consent to the deprivation of liberty of a child subject to a care order. Led by Steve Broach KC and Jake Thorold.

He holds degrees from the University of Oxford (BCL, Distinction), University of London (LLB, 1:1), and the University of Auckland (Hons). Santosh was a tutor of Tort Law at Birkbeck College, University of London.

Santosh has a deep interest in, and understanding of technology such as AI, Blockchain and the Internet of Things. Having completed a degree in Computer Science and worked at software companies like Salesforce. He understands how disputes on large commercial projects arise, especially in technology context.

Prior to the coming to the Bar, Santosh had a successful career as a Management and Strategy Consultant, advising FTSE 100 companies like Barclays and Vodafone.

Santosh is multi-lingual. He is a native Hindi speaker. He also has conversational Spanish, Marathi, and Konkani skills.

Areas of expertise

Commercial and Construction Law

Administrative and Public Law

Planning and Environmental Law

Civil Liabilities Law

Planning and Environmental Law

Santosh has an interest in Planning and Environmental Law. During pupillage, Santosh gained experience across a broad spectrum of work including:

- Advised on the merits of an appeal against a decision by the Valuation Office to impose a Community Infrastructure Levy.
- Advised on the interpretation of a restrictive planning condition imposed by a local authority and its implication for invoking rights granted by the GPDO.
- Advised on the application of the *Murfitt* principle in light of the court's judgment in *Caldwell v SSHCL* [2024] EWCA Civ 467.
- Drafted the opening submissions in a 2-week inquiry for the successful defence of a refusal of a large urban extension.
- Drafted the skeleton for the successful judicial review of a local authority's decision to commence works as part of its Transport Improvements Scheme on the grounds of unlawful reliance on the GPDO.
- Drafted closing submissions for the appellant in successfully resisting enforcement action following a 4-day inquiry.

Memberships

- Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)
- Commercial Law Bar Association (COMBAR)
- Chancery Bar Association (ChBA)
- Free Representation Unit (FRU)

Qualifications

Education

- 2021-2023: Bar Training Course, University of Law – Merit.
- 2020-2021: Bachelor of Civil Law, University of Oxford – Distinction. Highest mark in Regent's Park College.
- 2017-2020: Bachelor of Laws (assessed at the postgraduate level), Birkbeck College – 1:1 overall and in every paper. Top 5% of the class.
- 2007-2010: Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Information Systems, University of Auckland, Honours.

Scholarships and Prizes

- Queen Mother Scholarship (Major), Middle Temple (2021).
- Winner, OUP & ICCA National Mooting Competition (2018). Final judged by Hallett LJ, Vice-President of the Court of Appeal.
- Winner, Mooting Prize, Birkbeck College (2019).
- Winner, Mock Trial, Birkbeck College (2019).
- Winner, Moot Competition, Birkbeck College (2018).

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