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Tom Tabori is a specialist public law barrister, with expertise in human rights law, education law, electoral law, immigration law, equalities law, information rights, and regulatory law. He is a judicial review and statutory appeal specialist, but also acts and advises in damages claims against public bodies.

He is currently appointed to the Attorney General's London B Panel. He is listed by The Legal 500 as a Leading Junior. He is Band 1 ranked by Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners for Election Law.

Areas of expertise

Administrative and Public

Civil Liberties and Human Rights

Election Law

Education Law

Information Rights and Data Protection

Immigration, Asylum, Trafficking and Nationality

Education Law

Tom's education law practice spans judicial review challenges to delegated legislation, policy, school discontinuance, Ofsted reports and university decision-making (including matters of fitness to practice, freedom of expression, and research ethics). He acts in civil claims against schools, colleges and universities, in discrimination, contract and educational negligence. He is also a school governor.

Cases of note

- ***R (BS (by his mother and litigation friend KP)) v Gloucestershire CC* (2023) (Admin)** – sole counsel for LA in challenge to EHCP placement decision on grounds of breach of common law consultation principles.
- ***Meagher v University College London* (2023)** – sole counsel for defendant in claim alleging, inter alia, disability discrimination and failure to make reasonable adjustments.
- ***R (Girgis) v Joint Committee on Intercollegiate Examinations* (QB) [2021] EWHC 2256 (Admin) (jurisdiction), 2.11.2022 (renewal)** - sole counsel for the defendant professional examination body in challenge to its decision that doctor candidate had failed intercollegiate speciality examination for promotion to consultant, featuring preliminary, England-Scotland jurisdictional issue.
- ***R (Hossain) v Secretary of State for Education* (QB and CA)** - sole counsel for the Secretary of State in article 14 with A2P1 ECHR challenge to the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011.
- ***R (ZK) v Redbridge LBC* [2020] EWCA Civ 1597** - junior counsel for the local authority in challenge to model of funding provision for visually impaired pupils (led by Deok Joo Rhee KC), the claimant relying on the public sector equality duty, and A2P1 and article 14 ECHR.
Judgment
- ***R (Friends of Larkrise School and another) v Wiltshire County Council* (QB)** - junior counsel (led by Steve Broach then Ian Wise QC) for the claimants in judicial review of a local authority's (i) publication of discontinuance notices in respect of three special schools and (ii) its prior pre-publication consultation.
- ***R (Caspian) v Bath Spa University* (QB)** - sole counsel for the university in a claim for judicial review of its decision to reject a research proposal by a master's degree student into reverse gender assignment, claiming breach of article 10 ECHR and academic freedom.

Recommendations

- "Tom provides very clear and succinct advice, which he communicates effectively." Chambers and Partners, 2023
- "A big brain who quickly sees the heart of the issue. He is very knowledgeable yet practical, and extremely approachable." The Legal 500, 2023
- "*He has impressive knowledge of the law. He's imaginative, approachable and someone who really cares about his clients.*" Chambers and Partners, 2022
- "*Extremely bright and can advise really well in a number of different areas of law. Unafraid of a challenging case and bold with argument and approach. Willing and able to consider all angles of a case. Thorough and approachable.*" The Legal 500, 2022
- "*He is very reliable and very bright.*" The Legal 500, 2021

Memberships

- Gray's Inn
- Liberty
- ALBA

Qualifications

Education

- 2011/12: LLM, LSE
- 2010/11: GLD, City University
- 2008/09: MLitt, University of Glasgow
- 2003-2008: MA Hons (English Literature), University of Glasgow

Scholarships and Prizes

- 2010/11: Prince of Wales Award, Gray's Inn
- 2008/09: Arts Faculty Scholarship, University of Glasgow

Additional information

Appointments

- July 2021: Attorney General's London B Panel (Civil)
- May 2019: Equality and Human Rights Commission's C Panel
- January 2019: Attorney General's London C Panel (Civil)

Languages

- Spanish (intermediate)

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