



## Rachel Sullivan

Year of call: 2015

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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

## Inquiries and Investigations

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Rachel is currently instructed on a number of high-profile public inquiries. She is junior counsel to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry, working on Modules 2 (manufacturers) and 6 (central government and testing). She is also instructed on the Covid-19 inquiry for a government department.

Rachel also worked on a major non-statutory investigation, the Windrush Lessons Learned Review. She was instructed by the independent advisor in relation to the revisit of the original recommendations.

### Cases of note

- ***Grenfell Tower Inquiry*** - Rachel has been instructed as junior counsel to the inquiry since 2017, working on how the products used on the building were manufactured and sold (Module 2) and the regulatory regime and role played by central government (Module 6). She has written cross-examination for senior counsel to the inquiry and also conducted her own cross-examination.
- ***Inquiry into Covid-19*** - Rachel is instructed by the Department for Education for the forthcoming Covid-19 inquiry.

- **Windrush Lessons Learned Review** - Rachel was instructed as junior counsel on this major non-statutory investigation, when the independent advisor returned to assess progress on her initial recommendations (reported April 2022).

## Memberships

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

## Qualifications

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### 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

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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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