



## Lord Murray of Blidworth

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Simon Murray (Lord Murray of Blidworth) is an experienced barrister sought after in public law and commercial matters. He attracts instructions in some of the most complex and highest profile cases. He also accepts instructions to act as Mediator.

He served as the Minister of Migration and Borders in the House of Lords 2022-2023. He has now returned to private practice.

In addition to his full-time practice at the Bar, Lord Murray continues to contribute to the work of the House of Lords, speaking in particular on issues relating to law, justice and migration. He is a member of Joint Committee on Human Rights, a Select Committee comprising members both Houses the United Kingdom Parliament.

He has also been called to the bar in the Republic of Ireland and like all lawyers in those jurisdictions, can appear before the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU).

Lord Murray also practices in other fields including data protection, commercial and other common law matters. He has particular expertise in claims against public bodies and regularly advises on legal issues crossing both public and private law. He has substantial experience in group litigation.

Additionally, he has long standing, niche experience of representing the Queen's (now King's) Proctor and intervening in family proceedings at the request of the court as Advocate to the Court.

Lord Murray has long been on the Attorney General's Panels of Counsel, first being appointed in 2005 and has lengthy experience of representing central and local government bodies at all levels. He is a member of the Attorney General's London A Panel.

### Practice Areas:

- Administrative & Public
- Commercial
- Information and Media
- Regulatory and Disciplinary

## Areas of expertise

Administrative and Public

Information and Media

Regulatory and Disciplinary & King's Proctor's cases

Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury

Inquiries and Investigations

## Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury

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Lord Murray has previously acted in high value personal injury claims arising in state related settings – in custody or in connection with injuries caused by alleged negligence of central government departments, frequently combined with claims under the Human Rights Act 1998.

He has long experience in handling claims for damages for personal injury: acting, with others, for the Foreign Office in the Mau Mau litigation **Kimathi & ors v Foreign & Commonwealth Office** in a group action brought by 44,000 claimants who alleged that they were victims of assaults whilst detained or in the course of security forces operations during the emergency in Kenya between 1952 and 1959. The case was dismissed in November 2018 after one of the longest trials in English legal history.

### Cases of note:

- **Kimathi & ors v FCO [2018] EWHC 3144 (QB)**  
Judgment upon the second test claim. Claim dismissed, the Judge refusing to disapply limitation pursuant to section 33 of the Limitation Act. The Judge went on to determine that the decision would be the same in all other test claims and dismissed all claims on the group register.
- **Kimathi & ors v FCO [2018] EWCA Civ 2213**  
Court of Appeal refused the Claimants' application for permission to appeal judgment in the first test claim.
- **Kimathi & ors v FCO [2018] EWHC 2066 (QB)**  
Judgment upon the first test claim. Claim dismissed, the Judge refusing to disapply limitation pursuant to section 33 of the Limitation Act.
- **Kimathi & ors v FCO [2018] EWHC 1169 (QB)**  
Considering issue of "concealment" under section 32 of the Limitation Act 1980.
- **R. (on the application of Tracey) v Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [2014] EWCA Civ 822 | [2015] Q.B. 543**  
Acted for Addenbrookes Hospital – concerned the need for informed consent for Do Not Attempt CPR order (DNACPR) and article 8 ECHR rights respect for private and family life

## Memberships

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- Junior Counsel to the Crown A Panel (September 2016), reappointed (September 2022)
- Junior Counsel to the Crown B Panel (March 2012)
- Junior Counsel to the Crown C Panel (February 2006)
- Member ALBA (Constitutional & Administrative Law Bar Association),
- Member PNBA (Professional Negligence Bar Association)

## Qualifications

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### Education

- 2020 Irish Barrister at Law degree, King's Inns, Dublin. Called to the Irish Bar
- 2000 Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law, London
- 1999 CPE City, University of London

- 1998 MA(Hons) History, St Andrews

## Scholarships and Prizes

- Sunley Prize winner, Inner Temple

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