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Chambers & Partners 2015

Thomas Amraoui has a varied public law practice with particular strengths in community care, education, housing, the Children Act 1989 and mental health law. He is ranked as a leading junior in education law in the Legal 500. Tom has a significant local authority client base and is also registered for public access work.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Administrative & Public

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ADMINISTRATIVE & PUBLIC EDUCATION

Tom frequently appears in special educational needs (SEN) and disability discrimination cases, largely, but not exclusively, for local authorities and schools. Tom has experience in the Upper Tribunal in relation to SEN appeals, as well as extensive experience of school exclusions, admissions and transport (Tom has represented both schools and parents at exclusions hearings and has extensive experience of clerking exclusions and admissions hearings). He has experience of defending local authorities in judicial review proceedings concerning school admissions and attendance, and has provided training to local authorities on all aspects of SEN and school exclusions. Tom also has experience in the field of higher and further education, including academic misconduct, student finance and judicial review proceedings in respect of teacher qualifications.

COMMUNITY CARE, HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Tom regularly acts for local authorities and claimants in the field of community care, age assessments,

Anti-Social Behaviour Orders, carers' assessments, homelessness applications and appeals, support for those subject to immigration control, and human rights. Tom has considerable experience of making urgent and out-of-hours applications for relief in the Administrative Court and advising local authority clients on judicial review claims brought against them. He has experience in the field of environmental judicial review cases and challenges to the closure of local authority facilities.

CHILDREN ACT 1989

Tom has developed particular expertise on the powers and duties of local authorities under Part III of the Children Act 1989, having successfully represented a number of local authorities in judicial review cases in this area over the last twelve months: *MN & KN v London Borough of Hackney* [2013] EWHC 1205 (Admin), *N & N v London Borough of Newham & Essex County Council* [2013] EWHC 2475 (Admin) and *R (OO) v London Borough of Hackney* CO/11974/2013 (permission decision, 29 November 2013). Tom has also provided advice, training and representation on all aspects of the "leaving care" regime under the 1989 Act.

MENTAL HEALTH AND COURT OF PROTECTION

Tom has experience of mental health review tribunals and providing advice on various aspects of mental health law, including in respect of guardianship orders and breaches of the Mental Health Code of Practice in regard to long term seclusion. Tom is also beginning to gain a varied practice in the field of mental capacity law, both in an advisory capacity and in appearances in the Court of Protection.

CASES

Housing & local government

MN & KN v London Borough of Hackney [2013] EWHC 1205 (Admin)

N & N v London Borough of Newham & Essex County Council [2013] EWHC 2475 (Admin)

R (MR) v Derby City Council (AAJR) [2013] UKUT 255

D v London Borough of Waltham Forest (Appeal HS10542011) (2011) Upper Tribunal

RECOMMENDATIONS

Thomas is recommended for Education Law by Legal 500 and for Education Law and Community Care Law by Chambers & Partners.

"He is an impressive and confident junior who is very good at cross-examination." Chambers & Partners 2017

"He is very professional. His written work is good and his cross-examination is skilful." Chambers & Partners 2016

"A popular choice for advising on SEN-related matters." Legal 500 2015

"He is very approachable and is concise when summing up messy situations." Chambers & Partners 2015

"He brings new ideas to the table, and is very responsive to changes in circumstances." Chambers & Partners 2015

"He's very knowledgeable and good at getting back to you. He's always willing to discuss how he thinks the law's

changing and where it's relevant." Chambers & Partners 2015

"I know that if I go to Tom I will get something very quickly, so I often ask for him first on an urgent case. His drafting is precise and very quick." Chambers & Partners 2015

"He has excellent client skills and will always go the extra mile" Legal 500 2014

MEMBERSHIPS

- South Eastern Circuit
 - Administrative Law Bar Association
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QUALIFICATIONS

Education

- BVC, Very Competent, Inns of Court School of Law (2007).
- Graduate Diploma in Law, Distinction, College of Law (2005).
- BA (Modern History and Politics), Double First, Magdalen College Oxford (2002).

Prizes & Scholarships

- Prince of Wales Scholarship, Gray's Inn.
 - Elected a Demy of Magdalen College Oxford (2000-2002).
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