

Michael Fordham QC

“One of the Bar’s best legal minds.”

– LEGAL 500, 2015

Year of call: **1990**
Appointed to silk: **2006**
Degree: **BA (Oxon) First Class 1986, BCL (Oxon) 1987, LLM (Virginia) 1988**



Michael Fordham QC is one of the UK's leading public lawyers, with a broad practice that spans civil liberties, environmental law and immigration, with a particular focus on EU & competition law. He represents claimants, defendants and interested parties and acts across the entire range of public law.

He is author of a leading practitioner textbook, consultant editor of a practitioner journal and a College Lecturer at Oxford University. As a junior barrister Mike was a member of the Attorney General's 'A' Panel and was recognised as “the undisputed star of the junior judicial review Bar” when, aged 32, being ranked in the Top 40 barristers under 40 in all fields (Legal Business). He has been Lawyer of the Week (The Times) and has argued more than forty cases in the Supreme Court (previously the House of Lords).

Mike has written legal opinions relied on by: the Constitutional Affairs Committee (legal aid reform; asylum and judicial review); the Work and Pensions Committee (health and safety enforcement policy); and the All-Party Working Group on Rendition (extraordinary rendition). An article Mike wrote in 2003 led to the Law Commission's 2006-2009 working and consultation papers on monetary remedies against public authorities.

In 2016 he was one of three subject matter experts from Europe on immigration detention who appeared before the Human Rights Committee of the Council of Europe. As Fellow of the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law Mike was lead author on Bingham Centre reports on immigration detention (2013) and judicial review reform (2014). He is a Recorder sitting in the Crown Court, a Deputy Judge of the Upper Tribunal, and a Deputy High Court Judge.

Mike is recognised by both leading independent legal directories and has been included in the Chambers and Partners 2019 list of Star Individuals in three practice areas. In December 2013 he was ranked as one of Chambers UK's Top Silk Bar 100, in their inaugural listing of the top barristers practising at the Bar of England & Wales, with a "breathtaking" quality of written work and advocacy skills.

EXPERIENCE

Public & Regulatory

Mike is a public law specialist acting for claimants, public authority defendants and third party interveners across the entire range of public law work; including work for and against regulatory authorities.

“Offers astonishing and incisive intellect in a very user-friendly package. He adds such depth to arguments that no matter what he charged it would be good value for money.”

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Cases

R (Public Law Project) v Secretary of State for Justice

[2016] UKSC (judgment awaited)

Acting for the claimant on the lawfulness of legal aid residence test. The Supreme Court has allowed PLP's appeal with judgment awaited.

R (Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP) v Financial Reporting Council

[2015] EWHC 1398 (Admin) (Pending before the Court of Appeal)

Acting for the regulator on the auditors' judicial review of FRC decision and guidance as to disciplinary action.

R (Hudson Contract Services Ltd) v Secretary of State for Business Innovation and Skills

[2016] EWHC 844 (Admin)

Acted for the claimant on vires of industrial training levy order.

R (Lee) v General Medical Council

[2016] EWHC 135 (Admin) [2016] 4 WLR 34

Acted for the claimant on notification and time limits in GMC process.

Ferguson v Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago

[2016] UKPC 2

Acted for one of the claimants on constitutionality of retrospective removal of statutory right to an acquittal.

R (Project Management Institute) v Minister for the Cabinet Office

[2016] EWCA Civ 21 [2016] 1 WLR 1737

Acted for Association of Project Management on lawfulness of allegedly anti-competitive recommendation for grant of Royal Charter.

R (Keyu) v Secretary of State

[2015] UKSC 69 [2015] 3 WLR 1665 (pending before ECHR)

Acted for the claimants on whether proportionality is a freestanding ground for judicial review at common law and whether there is a human rights obligation to set up further inquiry into the 1948 massacre during the Malayan Emergency.

Ghany v Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago

[2015] UKPC 12

Acted for the Attorney General on rectifying the construction of a statutory compensation scheme.

Recovery of Medical Costs for Asbestos Diseases (Wales) Bill

[2015] UKSC 3 [2015] AC 1016

Acted for the Association of British Insurers on whether the bill was ultra vires the Welsh Assembly's devolution powers.

R (EE) v Ofcom

[2017] EWCA Civ (awaited) (Court of Appeal)

This is a judicial review of Ofcom's annual licence fees for mobile phone operators, invoking public law and EU law. Mike Fordham QC acts for Vodafone.

R (Corbiere Ltd) v Secretary of State for Justice

[2017] EWHC (pending) (High Court)

This is a judicial review, using public law and human rights (Article 1 Protocol 1), to prevent deportation of a fraudulent former employee risking further damaging criminality from his country of origin. Mike Fordham QC acts for the claimant.

R (Citizens UK) v Secretary of State for the Home Department

[2017] EWHC 2301 (Admin) (High Court) (pending before the Court of Appeal)

This is a judicial review of the Government's expedited decision-making process for children stranded in France after the demolition of the Calais Jungle camp, invoking public law, human rights (Article 8) and EU law (Dublin III). Mike Fordham QC acts for the claimant charity.

R (Three/ EE) v Ofcom [2017] EWHC

(awaited) (High Court)

This is a judicial review of Ofcom's auction rules for mobile phone spectrum allocation, invoking public law and EU law. Mike Fordham QC acts for Vodafone.

R (UK Power Networks Ltd) v Gas & Electricity Markets Authority

[2017] EWHC 1175 (Admin) (High Court)

This was a judicial review of an Ofgem decision regarding connection works charging. Mike Fordham QC acted for Scottish Hydro Electric and Southern Electric.

EU & Competition

Mike has appeared in leading EU law cases at all levels. He also has considerable experience in competition law and is regularly instructed in competition law cases.

“His preparation and delivery is unsurpassed”

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R (RWE Generation UK Plc) v Ofgem

[2015] EWHC 2164 (Admin) [2016] 1 CMLR 17

Acted for SSE on EU law compatibility of changes to electricity transmission cost recovery.

R (Hemming) v Westminster City Council

[2015] UKSC 25 [2015] AC 1600 (EU law-compatibility of licensing fees charged by local authority). MF acted for the Law Society

Acted for the Law Society on EU law-compatibility of licensing fees charged by a local authority.

British Gas Trading Ltd v Ofgem

[2015] Competition and Markets Authority

Acted for SSE in an appeal against price controls for electricity distribution companies.

Civil Liberties & Human Rights

Mike regularly appears in leading human rights cases. He was Human Rights Lawyer of the Year in 2005.

“He is a very good, forceful advocate. He has huge expertise in judicial review and he's very concise and focused in his written work.”

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Cases

R (Al-Saadoon) v Secretary of State for Defence (No.2)

[2016] EWCA Civ (judgment awaited)

Acted for the claimants on the jurisdictional reach of ECHR Art 1 in shooting cases, and the scope of ECHR investigative duties in handover and unlawful detention cases.

ZAT v Home Secretary

[2016] UKUT (pending before the Court of Appeal)

Acted for the claimants on whether Article 8 provides a duty to allow children in the Calais jungle entry to the UK.

R (Al-Saadoon) v Secretary of State for Defence (No.1)

[2016] EWHC 773 (Admin) (pending before the Court of Appeal)

Acted for the claimants on breaches of Article 2 and 3 investigative duty and delay issues.

R (Keyu) v Secretary of State

[2015] UKSC 69 [2015] 3 WLR 1665 (pending before ECHR)

Acted for the claimants on whether proportionality is a freestanding ground for judicial review at common law and whether there is a human rights obligation to set up further inquiry into the 1948 massacre during the Malayan Emergency.

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R (Long) v Secretary of State for Defence

[2015] EWCA Civ 770 [2015] 1 WLR 5006

Acted for the claimant on whether there was a breach of Art 2 duty of investigation into British soldiers' deficient equipment in Iraq.

R (Kiarie) v Secretary of State for the Home Department

[2017] UKSC 42 [2017] 1 WLR 2380 (Supreme Court)

This is a judicial review of the Government's deport-first approach to out of country appeals, based on human rights grounds (Article 8). Mike Fordham QC acts for Bail for Immigration Detainees.

R (Corbiere Ltd) v Secretary of State for Justice

[2017] EWHC (pending) (High Court)

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R (ZT (Syria)) v Secretary of State for the Home Department

[2016] EWCA Civ 810 [2016] 1 WLR 4894 (Court of Appeal)

This was a judicial review by four vulnerable Syrian boys stranded in the Calais Jungle, invoking human rights (Article 8). Mike Fordham QC acted for the claimants.

R (B (Algeria)) v Special Immigration Appeals Commission

[2018] UKSC (judgment awaited) (Supreme Court)

This is an immigration appeal which involves the scope of the power to grant immigration bail, invoking public law and human rights (Article 5). Mike Fordham QC acts for Bail for Immigration Detainees.

Immigration

Mike has a fearless reputation for cutting-edge arguments in leading asylum and immigration cases. He has for years been Lead Counsel for UNHCR interventions in the UK Supreme Court. He was Lead Author of the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law's 2013 book on Immigration Detention: Safeguarding Principles.

“He is exceptionally sharp-witted and bright and is committed to his work. You are guaranteed high-quality representation and he has a great ability to produce a compelling argument.”

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Cases

R (O) v Home Secretary

[2016] UKSC 19 [2016] 1 WLR 1717

Acted for BID and Medical Justice on immigration detention of those with mental illness.

ZAT v Home Secretary

[2016] UKUT (pending before the Court of Appeal)

Acted for the claimants on whether Article 8 provides a duty to allow children in the Calais jungle entry to the UK.

R (W) v Home Secretary

[2016] EWCA Civ 82

Acted for the claimant W on to correct approach to totally without merit certification.

R (MM) v Home Secretary

[2015] EWHC 3513 (Admin)

Acted for the claimants on whether there had been unjustified denial of British citizenship to family of suspected terrorist.

L1 v Home Secretary

[2015] EWCA Civ pending

Acted for the appellant L1 on citizenship deprivation and exclusion while British citizen on holiday abroad.

AH (Algeria) v Home Secretary

[2015] EWCA Civ 1003 [2016] 1 WLR 2071

Acted for UNHCR on refugee exclusion following historic serious crime.

EM (Eritrea) v SSHD

[2014] UKSC 12 [2014] AC 1321 Supreme Court

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Environment

Mike is a specialist in environmental judicial review.

“A fine tactician who is always very good with clients.”

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Cases

R (Solar Century Holdings Ltd) v Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change

[2016] EWCA Civ 117

Acted for Solar Century on whether energy policy changes were incompatible with legitimate expectations of solar power providers.

R (Drax Power Ltd) v HM Treasury

[2016] EWHC 228 (Admin) (pending before the Court of Appeal)

Acted for Drax and Infinis on the lawfulness of removal of renewable electricity levy exemption.

Breyer Group Plc v Department of Energy and Climate Change

[2014] EWHC 2257 (QB) [2015] 2 All ER 44

Acted for Breyer on whether damages are recoverable under the Human Rights Act 1998 after a consultation paper threatened unlawful action impacting on solar suppliers.

R (Infinis Plc) v Ofgem

[2013] EWCA Civ 70

Acted for Infinis on the legality of exclusion from accreditation for issue of renewables obligation certificates to electricity generators and just satisfaction for violation of property rights under ECHR Article 1P.

Local Government

Mike has a vast experience in bringing and defending judicial review cases involving local government decision-making and policy-making.

Cases

R (Hemming) v Westminster City Council

[2015] UKSC 25 [2015] AC 1600EU law-compatibility of licensing fees charged by local authority). MF acted for the Law Society

Acted for the Law Society on EU law-compatibility of licensing fees charged by a local authority.

R (Berky) v Newport City Council

[2012] EWCA Civ 378 [2012] Env LR 35

Acted for Morrisons Plc on legality of grant of planning permission for a supermarket development).

Police

Mike has appeared in several leading cases concerning police powers and human rights.

Cases

R (Mengesha) v Metropolitan Police Commissioner

[2013] EWHC 1695 (Admin)

Acted for the claimant on legality of the police obtaining and retaining personal information of those attending a demonstration.

R (Moos and McClure) v Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis

[2012] EWCA Civ 12

Acted for the claimants on legality of the police 'kettling' of peace-camp demonstrator.

Commercial

Mike began life at the Bar as a commercial barrister and now specialises in commercial public law cases.

Cases

R (Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP) v Financial Reporting Council

[2015] EWHC 1398 (Admin) (Pending before the Court of Appeal)

Acting for the regulator on the auditors' judicial review of FRC decision and guidance as to disciplinary action.

R (RWE Generation UK Plc) v Ofgem

[2015] EWHC 2164 (Admin) [2016] 1 CMLR 17

Acted for SSE on EU law compatibility of changes to electricity transmission cost recovery.

R (William Hill Organisation Ltd) v Horserace Betting Levy Board

[2013] EWCA Civ 487 [2013] 3 All ER 297

Acted for the Levy Board on whether customers of betting exchanges subject to horserace betting levy.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Education

BA (Oxon) First Class 1986; BCL (Oxon) 1987; LLM (Virginia) 1988,

Scholarships

- Karmel Scholar, Gray's Inn
- Mould Scholar, Gray's Inn
- Prince of Wales Scholar, Gray's Inn

Publications

- Author, Judicial Review Handbook (6th edition 2012)
- Consultant Editor, Judicial Review (quarterly journal) (Editor 1996-2015)
- Lead Author, Immigration Detention and the Rule of Law (2013) (Bingham Centre report)
- Lead Author, Streamlining Judicial Review (2014) (Bingham Centre report)
- Author/co-author of chapters in Administrative Law in Facing the Future and in Understanding Human Rights Principles

Additionally, Mike has written more than 50 published articles in legal journals. His Judicial Review Handbook has been cited with approval at all levels of the Courts including in the House of Lords/Privy Council: Boddington [1999] 2 AC 143, 170E; Burkett [2002] UKHL 23 at [38]; ProLife [2003] UKHL 23 at [138]; Cullen [2003] UKHL 39 at [5]; Tweed [2006] UKHL 53 at [36]; Sharma [2006] UKPC 57 at [14]; Bahamas Hotel Maintenance [2011] UKPC 4 at [23].

Appointments

- Deputy High Court Judge (Administrative Court) (2013)
- Recorder (Criminal) (2012)
- Deputy Judge, Upper Tribunal (Administrative Appeals Chamber) (2012)
- Visiting Fellow, Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law (2011)
- Recorder (Civil) (2010)
- Bencher, Gray's Inn (2009)
- College Lecturer, Hertford College Oxford (1989 to date)

Awards

- Human Rights & Public Law QC of the Year (2008)
- Bar Pro Bono Award (2006)
- Public Law Junior of the Year (2005)
- Human Rights Lawyer of the Year (2005) (Liberty/JUSTICE)

Pro Bono Work

Mike acts pro bono in numerous interventions and in his work for the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law. In 2006 he won the Sydney Elland Goldsmith Bar Pro Bono Award. He was nominated for that award by the UNHCR, Friends of the Earth, the Refugee Legal Centre, the Public Law Project and Baker & McKenzie LLP, for his outstanding contribution to pro bono work.

Chairman of the Bar Stephen Hockman QC said: Michael Fordham has a long-standing commitment to pro bono work and dedicates a very high proportion of his time to it. He brings the same care and commitment as to his other work, and his friendly and informal manner helps to set at ease those involved in a particular case. Michael's contribution to the development of law and legal policy is undoubted, and he is a deserving recipient of this award.

Teaching & Speaking

Mike has been a Lecturer at Hertford College, Oxford since 1989. He frequently speaks at conferences on public law and human rights including Hart Judicial Review Conference, Administrative Law Bar Association, Bar European Group, Bar Human Rights Group, Cambridge Centre for Public Law, the Immigration Law Practitioners Association, JUSTICE, Legal Action Group and Public Law Project. Mike has undertaken training for organisations ranging from the UNHCR in Brussels to the Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago in Port of Spain

Cases in the Supreme Court

- O [2016] UKSC 19 [2016] 1 WLR 1717
- Keyu [2015] UKSC 69 [2015] 3 WLR 1665
- Hemming [2015] UKSC 25 [2015] AC 1600
- Recovery of Medical Costs Bill [2015] UKSC 3 [2015] AC 1016
- EM (Eritrea) [2014] UKSC 12 [2014] AC 1321
- Al-Sirri [2012] UKSC 54 [2013] 1 AC 745
- RT (Zimbabwe) [2012] UKSC 38 [2013] 1 AC 152
- W (Algeria) [2012] UKSC 8 [2012] 2 AC 115
- Cart [2011] UKSC 28 [2012] 1 AC 663
- Eba [2011] UKSC 29 [2012] 1 AC 710
- Kambadzi [2011] UKSC 23 [2011] 1 WLR 1299
- GC [2011] UKSC 21 [2011] 1 WLR 1230
- Lumba [2011] UKSC 12 [2012] 1 AC 245
- ZO (Somalia) [2010] UKSC 36 [2010] 1 WLR 1948
- HJ (Iran) [2010] UKSC 31 [2011] 1 AC 596
- Ahmed [2010] UKSC 2 [2010] 2 AC 534
- Mahad [2009] UKSC 16 [2010] 1 WLR 48
- AF (No.3) [2009] UKHL 28 [2010] 2 AC 269
- McE [2009] UKHL 15 [2009] 1 AC 908
- Kay [2008] UKHL 69 [2008] 1 WLR 2723
- C (Zimbabwe) [2008] UKHL 40 [2008] 1 WLR 1420
- Asfaw [2008] UKHL 31 [2008] 1 AC 1061
- Gentle [2008] UKHL 20 [2008] 1 AC 1356
- Animal Defenders International [2008] UKHL 15 [2008] 1 AC 1312
- Al-Jedda [2007] UKHL 58 [2008] 1 AC 332
- JJ [2007] UKHL 45 [2008] 1 AC 385
- MB [2007] UKHL 46 [2008] 1 AC 440
- YL [2007] UKHL 27 [2008] 1 AC 95
- Al-Skeini [2007] UKHL 26 [2008] 1 AC 153
- Laporte [2006] UKHL 55 [2007] 2 AC 105

- Fornah [2006] UKHL 46 [2007] 1 AC 412
- Roberts [2005] UKHL 45 [2005] 2 AC 738
- European Roma Rights Centre [2004] UKHL 55 [2005] 2 AC 1
- Razgar [2004] UKHL 27 [2004] 2 AC 368
- Sivakumar [2003] UKHL 14 [2003] 1 WLR 840
- Saadi [2002] UKHL 41 [2002] 1 WLR 3131
- Evans (No.2) [2001] 2 AC 19
- Walker [2000] 1 WLR 806
- Shah & Islam [1999] 2 AC 629
- Pinochet (No.3) [2000] 1 AC 147
- Pinochet (No.1) [2000] 1 AC 61
- Stafford [1999] 2 AC 38

Selected earlier reported cases

Public & Regulatory

- Kuteh v Secretary of State [2014] EWCA Civ 1586 (limits of Upper Tribunal powers)
- R (Rudewicz) v Secretary of State [2012] EWCA Civ 499 [2013] QB 410 (exhumation licence)
- R (Cart) v Upper Tribunal [2011] UKSC 28 [2012] 1 AC 663 (judicial review of Upper Tribunal)
- R (March) v Secretary of State [2010] EWHC 765 (Admin) (NHS HIV compensation)
- R (Cordant Group Plc) v Secretary of State [2010] EWHC 3442 (Admin) (national minimum wage)
- R (Al-Rawi) v Security Service [2010] EWCA Civ 482 [2010] 4 All ER 559 (closed procedure)
- R (Evans) v Secretary of State [2010] EWHC 1445 (Admin) (transfer of detainees in Afghanistan)
- R (Al-Haq) v Secretary of State [2009] EWHC 1910 (Admin) (judicial review and foreign policy)
- R (Al Sweady) v Secretary of State [2009] EWHC 1687 (Admin) (disclosure in judicial review)
- R (Hasan) v Secretary of State [2008] EWCA Civ 1312 [2009] 3 All ER 539 (arms exports)
- R (Brooke) v Parole Board [2008] EWCA Civ 29 [2008] 1 WLR 1950 (parole board independence)
- R (Faithfull) v Ipswich Crown Court [2007] EWHC 2763 [2008] 1 WLR 1636 (JR of crown court)
- R (Roberts) v Parole Board [2005] UKHL 45 [2005] 2 AC 738 (parole board closed procedure)
- R (G) v IAT [2004] EWCA Civ 1731 [2005] 1 WLR 1445 (JR and statutory review)
- R (Corner House Research) v Secretary of State [2005] EWCA Civ 192 [2005] 1 WLR 2600 (PCOs)
- R (ABCIFER) v SSD [2003] EWCA Civ 473 [2003] QB 1397 (compensation scheme)
- R (CND) v Prime Minister [2002] EWHC 2777 (Admin) (Iraq war)
- R v HMP Brockhill Governor, ex p Evans (No.2) [2001] 2 AC 19 (false imprisonment damages)

- R v Ministry of Defence, ex p Walker [2000] 1 WLR 806 (UN peacekeeper compensation)
- R v Bow Street Magistrate, ex p Pinochet [2000] 1 AC 61 & 147 (extradition of former Head of State)
- R v Home Secretary, ex p Stafford [1999] 2 AC 38 (release of discretionary lifers)

Civil Liberties & Human Rights

- R (Mousa) (No.2) v Secretary of State [2013] EWHC 1412 (Admin) (ECHR investigative obligations)
- R (Infinis Plc) v Ofgem [2013] EWCA Civ 70 [2013] JPL 1037 (property rights just satisfaction)
- Ahmed v HM Treasury [2010] UKSC 2 [2010] 2 AC 534 (anti-terrorism asset-freezing)
- BX v Secretary of State [2010] EWCA Civ 481 [2010] 1 WLR 2463 (control order injunctions)
- AF v Secretary of State (No.3) [2009] UKHL 28 [2010] 2 AC 269 (control order disclosure)
- R (Gentle) v Prime Minister [2008] UKHL 20 [2008] 1 AC 1356 (Art 2 and Iraq war)
- R (Animal Defenders) v Secretary of State [2008] UKHL 15 [2008] 1 AC 1312 (political advertising)
- C (Zimbabwe) v SSHD [2008] UKHL 40 [2008] 1 WLR 1420 (Article 8 and family unity)
- R (Brown) v Secretary of State [2008] EWHC 3158 (Admin) [2009] PTSR 1506 (disability equality)
- Saadi v UK (2008) 47 EHRR 17 (Art 5 and fast-track detention)
- R (Al-Jedda) v Secretary of State [2007] UKHL 58 [2008] 1 AC 332 (internment in Iraq)
- Secretary of State v JJ [2007] UKHL 45 [2008] 1 AC 385 (control orders and Art 5)
- Secretary of State v MB [2007] UKHL 46 [2008] 1 AC 440 (control orders and Art 6)
- R (Al-Skeini) v Secretary of State [2007] UKHL 26 [2008] 1 AC 153 (ECHR extra-territoriality)
- R (B) v Stafford Combined Court [2006] EWHC 1645 (Admin) [2007] 1 WLR 1524 (disclosure)
- R (Razgar) v SSHD [2004] UKHL 27 [2004] 2 AC 368 (Art 8 proportionality)
- R v Home Secretary, ex p Turgut [2001] 1 All ER 719 (Art 3 intensity of review)

Immigration

- HF (Iraq) v SSHD [2013] EWCA Civ 1276 [2014] 1 WLR 1329 (Iraq country guidance)
- R (AN (A Child)) v Home Secretary [2012] EWCA Civ 1636 (rights of unaccompanied children)
- Al-Sirri v Home Secretary [2012] UKSC 54 [2013] 1 AC 745 (Article 1F(c) refugee exclusion)
- RT (Zimbabwe) v Home Secretary [2012] UKSC 38 [2013] 1 AC 152 (imputed political opinion)
- W (Algeria) v Secretary of State [2012] UKSC 8 [2012] 2 AC 115 (SIAC protection of appellant source)

- *SS (Libya) v Secretary of State* [2011] EWCA Civ 1547 (refugee exclusion proceedings)
- *R (MD (Angola) v Secretary of State* [2011] EWCA Civ 1238 (healthcare in immigration detention)
- *Kambadzi v SSHD* [2011] UKSC 23 [2011] 1 WLR 1299 (immigration detention reviews)
- *Lumba v SSHD* [2011] UKSC 12 [2012] 1 AC 245 (secret immigration detention policy)
- *PR (Sri Lanka) v SSHD* [2011] EWCA Civ 988 [2012] 1 WLR 73 (second appeals test)
- *R (ZO (Somalia)) v SSHD* [2010] UKSC 36 [2010] 1 WLR 1948 (asylum-seekers' right to work)
- *HJ (Iran) v SSHD* [2010] UKSC 31 [2011] 1 AC 596 (sexual orientation-based asylum)
- *Pankina v SSHD* [2010] EWCA Civ 719 [2011] QB 376 (immigration rules)
- *Mahad v ECO* [2009] UKSC 16 [2010] 1 WLR 48 (third party maintenance)
- *R (XC) v SIAC* [2009] EWHC 3052 (Admin) (SIAC bail disclosure)
- *R (HSMP Forum) v SSHD* [2009] EWHC 711 (Admin) (highly skilled migrants scheme)
- *R v Asfaw* [2008] UKHL 31 [2008] 1 AC 1061 (refugee non-penalisation)
- *K & Fornah v SSHD* [2006] UKHL 46 [2007] 1 AC 412 (FGM and gender-based persecution)
- *R (Hicks) v SSHD* [2006] EWCA Civ 400 [2006] INLR 203 (citizenship)
- *R (ERRC) v Immigration Officer* [2004] UKHL 55 [2005] 2 AC 1 (Prague pre-clearance)
- *R (RLC) v SSHD* [2004] EWCA Civ 1481 [2005] 1 WLR 2219 (fast-track process)
- *R (Sivakumar) v SSHD* [2003] UKHL 14 [2003] 1 WLR 840 (asylum causation test)
- *R (Saadi) v SSHD* [2002] UKHL 41 [2002] 1 WLR 3131 (fast-track asylum detention)
- *Shah & Islam v Home Secretary* [1999] 2 AC 629 (gender-based asylum)

Environment

- *R (Berky) v Newport City Council* [2012] EWCA Civ 378 [2012] 2 CMLR 44 (EIA)
- *R (Tate & Lyle Industries Ltd) v Secretary of State* [2011] EWCA Civ 664 (renewables obligation)
- *R (Friends of the Earth) v Secretary of State* [2009] EWCA Civ 810 [2010] Env LR 11 (fuel poverty)
- *R (Downs) v Secretary of State* [2009] EWCA Civ 664 [2010] Env LR 7 (UK pesticides policy)
- *R (BugLife) v Thurrock Thames GDC* [2009] EWCA Civ 29 (habitats protection)
- *R (Anti-Waste Ltd) v Environment Agency* [2007] EWCA Civ 1377 [2008] 1 WLR 923 (waste landfills)
- *R (WLWA) v Mayor of London* [2007] EWHC 757 (Admin) [2007] Env LR 27 (waste strategy)
- *R (Takeley PC) v Secretary of State* [2005] EWHC 3312 (Admin) (Stansted blight scheme)
- *R (PPG 11 Ltd) v Dorset CC* [2003] EWHC 1311 (Admin) [2004] Env LR 84 (EIA)
- *R (Isaac) v Secretary of State* [2002] EWHC 1983 (Admin) [2003] Env LR 23 (flood defence)

- R (Valpak) v Environment Agency [2002] EWHC 1510 (Admin) [2002] Env LR 864 (glass recycling)
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