

Rachel Jones

Year of call: 2013
Degree: BA Law with French Law (Oxon, 3rd in year), LLM (LSE, 1st in year),
LLM (Harvard, Kennedy Scholar)
Languages: French (working knowledge)



Rachel accepts instructions in all of Chambers' main areas of practice.

Rachel was seconded to Ofgem from January to April 2020.

Before coming to Blackstone, Rachel worked as a lawyer at a leading human rights and law reform NGO for two years, in which role she worked with judges, policy-makers and MPs. She also taught EU Law at Balliol College, Oxford and Medical Law at the LSE. Prior to this, Rachel was Judicial Assistant to Lord Reed and Lord Carnwath in the UK Supreme Court, and spent a year at Harvard Law School as a Kennedy Scholar.

Rachel was elected to the Council of the human rights organisation Liberty in 2018.

EXPERIENCE

Public & Regulatory

Rachel accepts instructions in all areas of Chambers' public law and regulatory practice.

Cases

R (ota JCWI) v President of the UT(IAC) and ors

2020 ongoing

Representing the Claimant charity in its challenge to the lawfulness of Guidance by which the norm of oral appeal hearings is displaced by a default of paper determinations of statutory asylum and immigration appeals. Led by Naina Patel and Charlotte Kilroy QC.

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R (on the application of Cityfibre Ltd) v Advertising Standards Authority

[2019] EWHC 950 (Admin)

Judicial review regarding the test to be applied by the ASA when deciding whether an advertisement is misleading. The advertisements in question concern fibre broadband. (Assisting Dinah Rose QC and Tristan Jones).

R (on the application of FF) v Director of Legal Aid Casework

(2019)

Acting

for an individual refused civil legal aid in a judicial review of a decision that the individual's proposed claim would not produce a "benefit" for them within the meaning of LASPO 2012 (assisting Tom Hickman QC).

R (on the application of AM) v the Lord Chancellor & Ors

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Acting for an individual refused civil legal aid in a judicial review of a decision concerning the automatic application of the disposable income threshold, resulting in a settlement (assisting Tom Hickman QC).

Prisoner damages claim Advice

(2019)

Assisting Fraser Campbell

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

Advice (2018) (assisting Tom Hickman QC)

Citizenship fees Advice

(2018)

(assisting Tom Hickman QC)

Civil Liberties & Human Rights

Rachel accepts instructions in all areas of Chambers' civil liberties and human rights practice.

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NN v Home Office

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False imprisonment claim against the Home Office for detention of a trafficking victim, resulting in a settlement (assisting Tom Hickman QC).

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Employment

Rachel accepts instructions on all aspects of employment law.

Cases

X v A Company

2020 ongoing

Acting pro bono for an employee whose employer refused to furlough them under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

Z v A

2020

Acting for one of several respondents to a claim involving alleged whistle-blowing and discrimination.

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Successfully representing the Claimant employee in a hearing to determine the issue of State immunity and the compatibility of State immunity with human rights

Y v A Company

2019-2020

Representing the Claimant employee, achieving settlement of a complex claim of long-running sex harassment and sex discrimination.

Lucas v Fuller

[2019]

Acting for the claimant employee. Succeeded in a preliminary hearing on the issue of disability. The judgment can be found [here](#).

Widocks v Birtenshaw

[2019]

Acting for the respondent employer. Succeeded in having the claim dismissed after a preliminary hearing on the issue of disability. The judgment can be found [here](#).

Uber BV & ors v Aslam & others

[2018] EWCA Civ 2748

Test litigation regarding the employment status of drivers who use the Uber app. Permission to appeal to the Supreme Court was granted by the Court of Appeal in December 2018. (Assisting Dinah Rose QC and Fraser Campbell).

Gruber and others v AIG Inc and others

Commercial Court (2019)

\$100m claim against various companies in the AIG group by multiple former banker employees. A trial on causation and loss in relation to the claim against AIGFP is listed for 2020. (Assisting Andrew Hunter QC and Peter Head).

Ishola v Transport for London

UKEAT/0184/18/RN

EAT case raising issues of disability discrimination and victimisation (assisting Tristan Jones).

Quarm v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis

UKEAT/0200/18/LA

Two appeals before the Employment Appeal Tribunal concerning victimisation discrimination and the Police Conduct Regulations (assisting Tristan Jones).

Commercial

Rachel accepts instructions in all areas of commercial litigation.

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Dispute relating to pre-emption rights

LCIA, 2019

A dispute arising out of rights of first refusal under a share purchase agreement (assisting Peter Head).

Dispute relating to share subscription agreements

ICC, 2019

\$1bn dispute relating to share subscription agreements (assisting Michael Bloch QC and Peter Head).

I v A

Commercial Court, 2019

£657 million claim under a personal guarantee (assisting Harish Salve SA, Robert Howe QC and Peter Head).

Contractual dispute

LCIA, 2019

(assisting Andrew Green QC and Fraser Campbell)

Supply of goods dispute

LCIA, 2019

(assisting Fraser Campbell)

Petition for winding-up and relief from unfair prejudice

Chancery Division, 2019

acting for a respondent (assisting Fraser Campbell)

EU & Competition

Rachel accepts instructions in all areas of EU and competition law.
Before coming to Blackstone, Rachel taught EU law at Balliol College, Oxford.

Cases

Wolseley UK Ltd v Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV

[2019] CAT 12

Competition Appeal Tribunal decision regarding whether an additional party in a cartel damages claim is entitled to sue the claimants for a negative declaration (assisting Tristan Jones).

Veolia Environnement SA and others v Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV and others

A damages claim arising out of the EU-wide cartel in trucks (assisting Tristan Jones).

Public International Law

Rachel accepts instructions in all areas of Chambers' public international law practice.

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Pro bono research

on the international law of armed conflict for the Oxford Research Group's "Remote Warfare" project, 2018 (assisting Tristan Jones)

ACHIEVEMENTS

Education

- BA Law with Law Studies in Europe (Oxon, First Class Honours, 3rd in year)
- LLM (LSE, Distinction, 1st in year)
- LLM (Harvard, Kennedy Scholar)

Prizes and scholarships

- Phoenicia Scholarship (Bar European Group, 2018)
- Dean's Scholar Prize (Harvard Law School, 2016)
- Kennedy Scholarship (Kennedy Memorial Trust, 2015-16)
- Lord Denning Scholarship, Hardwicke Entrance Award (Lincoln's Inn, 2012)
- Lawyers' Alumni Prize for highest mark in the year (LSE, 2012)
- 11KBW Prize for highest mark in human rights law (LSE, 2012)
- Falcon Chambers Prize for Land Law (University of Oxford, 2011)
- Balliol College scholar (2009-2011)

Publications

- "Innovations in personally-delivered advice: surveying the landscape" (2018) JUSTICE, available [here](#)
- "Applications to Set Aside Permission to Appeal and the Duty of Candour: R (Mohammad Shahzad Khan) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2016] EWCA Civ 416" (2017) 22 Judicial Review 157-164
- "Planning, confiscation orders and 'criminal lifestyle': a square peg for a round hole?" (2014) 9 Journal of Planning and Environmental Law 972-978

Volunteering and Pro Bono

Rachel has volunteered for Liberty's advice line since 2016, providing human rights advice to members of the public.

She has also represented clients pro bono for the Free Representation Unit (FRU) and the Independent Provider of Special Educational Advice (IPSEA).

Moots

- UK Environmental Law Association Moot (2014) - winner (judged by Lord Carnwath of Notting Hill)
- European Law Moot Court (2012) - reached the regional semi-finals (in English and French)

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