

Ravi Mehta

"He has strong expertise on EU law and acts in ground-breaking matters concerning air pollution."

– CHAMBERS AND PARTNERS, 2023

Year of call: **2010**
Degree: **LLB in English and French Law (London) First Class**
Languages: **French (fluent), German (working knowledge), Dutch (working knowledge), Farsi (working knowledge)**



Ravi has a wide-ranging practice across Chambers' main areas of work, with a focus on the cross-over between international and European law, public law, and commercial litigation.

He regularly appears - unled and led - before a range of tribunals and courts, including the High Court, the Court of Appeal, the Supreme Court, the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights, employment, immigration and social security tribunals, sports arbitral tribunals, and the Upper Tribunal (Tax & Chancery, General Administrative and Immigration & Asylum Chambers). He has also assisted in mediations and arbitrations. Ravi has particular expertise in EU, competition law, international human rights and international trade law having worked as a judicial assistant (stagiaire) to the cabinet of the British judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg and as a Fellow at the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice at New York University School of Law.

Ravi is a member of the Attorney General's B Panel (effective September 2021), as well as sitting on the Welsh Government panel for Junior Counsel.

Ravi is ranked as a leading junior by both of the key independent legal directories, Legal 500 and Chambers UK. Recent comments include:

- "A razor-sharp advocate who is super client-friendly."- Chambers UK, 2023
- "Ravi is excellent and fantastic to work with. His approach is innovative and incredibly hard-working."- Legal 500, 2023
- "He gets on top of extremely complicated material really rapidly and is a great pleasure to work with."- Chambers UK, 2022
- "Smart, assured and user friendly."- Legal 500, 2022

EXPERIENCE

EU & Competition

Ravi regularly acts for private entities and individuals as well as local and national regulatory bodies on issues of EU law ranging from competition law (in particular cartel damages actions and state aid), pharmaceutical regulation, data protection, tax, pensions, public procurement, free movement and telecommunications. He has appeared in three high-profile cases before the Grand Chamber of the CJEU, including cases concerning the constitutional status of Gibraltar (GBGA), and UK data retention legislation (Watson v SSHD) as well as cases in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court raising novel issues on the application of EU law in domestic proceedings. Ravi is a Committee member of the Bar European Group and the European Circuit. He is also a member of UKELA. He is ranked as a 'leading junior' in the Legal 500 directory for EU law as '[a] bright, hardworking junior, who is an excellent team player' and who is 'highly regarded by the silks he works with.'

“His strengths are his work ethic and the practicality of his advice and strategising. I can't speak highly enough of him.”

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Cases

GlaxoSmithKline and ors v Competition & Markets Authority Case 1252/1/12/16

(Competition Appeal Tribunal, with John Turner QC and Marie Demetriou QC) (ongoing)

Ravi is part of the counsel team which continues to represent the Competition & Markets Authority, which was the respondent in these appeals against its decision to fine GSK in relation to its agreements with certain generic companies concerning the terms on which the parties settled expected or ongoing patent litigation relating to paroxetine (supplied in the UK as Seroxat, an antidepressant medicine). The case required the CAT to consider the interpretation and application of the principles of market definition, restrictions by object and effect as well as one of the first instances of the 'hot-tubbing' of economic experts before the CAT. Following a lengthy trial, the CAT has referred questions to the CJEU on Articles 101 and 102 TFEU.

Fédération bancaire française (FBF) v Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution (ACPR)

Case C-911/19

Ravi acted alongside Brian Kennelley QC on behalf of the European Banking Authority in a case heard by the Grand Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Union ("CJEU") concerning a challenge to the legality of guidelines issued by the European Banking Authority ("EBA") in 2016.

R(Napp Pharmaceutical Ltd) v MHRA and Sandoz Limited

2016] EWHC 1982 (Admin)

Ravi acted successfully for the Interested Party in judicial review proceedings concerning the hybrid abridged procedure for authorisation of medicinal products under article 10(3) of the Medicinal Code. The case raised novel questions of EU law concerning the reliance upon data previously submitted by a separate generic manufacturer.

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FX cartel

(ongoing)

Ravi is instructed to advise FX claimants in relation to substantial claims, which it is anticipated will be brought in the course of the year.

Secretary of State for the Home Department v Davis, Watson and ors

[2015] EWCA Civ 1185 (ongoing)

Ravi is acting for Open Rights Group and Privacy International as interveners in these high-profile proceedings concerning the compatibility of the Data Retention and Investigatory Powers Act 2014 with EU law and the ECHR. The Divisional Court ([2015] EWHC 2092 (Admin); [2016] 1 C.M.L.R. 13) declared that that s.1 of the Act is inconsistent with EU law and granted a suspended order disapplying the provision. On appeal, the Court of Appeal referred a number of questions to the CJEU on the consequences of the CJEU's judgment on the Data Retention Directive in Joined Cases C-293/12 and 594/12 Digital Rights Ireland.

ClientEarth (no2) v Secretary of State for the Environment, Food And Rural Affairs [2016]

EWHC 2740 (Admin); [2017] P.T.S.R. 203; [2017] Env. L.R. 16 (High Court)

Ravi acted successfully in an EU law challenge to the UK's failure to meet air quality standards in London and other major urban areas, raising issues concerning effective domestic remedies for breaches of EU Directives. The Court ordered a full reconsideration of the air quality plans for the entire country..

R (Gibraltar Betting and Gaming Association Ltd) v HM Revenue & Customs (GBGA 2)

[2015] EWHC 1863 (Admin) (High Court and Court of Justice of the European Union – June 2017)

Ravi acted as junior counsel for Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar in this challenge to the legality of Part 3 of the Finance Act 2013 for alleged incompatibility with EU law (with Lord Pannick QC). The High Court referred fundamental questions of EU law to the CJEU, including a question relating to the constitutional status of Gibraltar in EU law which was determined by the Grand Chamber.

Fisher v HMRC UT/2015/0019 and UT/2015/0020

(Upper Tribunal, and Court of Justice of the European Union)

Ravi acted for Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar as an Interested Party in proceedings in the Upper Tribunal, which led to a preliminary reference to the CJEU raising issues concerning the applicability of the freedom of establishment and the free movement of capital provisions of the EU Treaties to persons established in/providing services from Gibraltar.

Revision of Code of Practice

Advising PhonepayPlus on its update of the Code of Practice.

Zakrzewska v SSWP

(Upper Tribunal) CE/98/2015

Ravi acted successfully in long-running and complex appellate proceedings before the Upper Tribunal concerning the right to employment support allowance for EU nationals residing in the UK on the basis of a temporary and/or permanent incapacity to work and the transitional regime applied to so-called "accession workers". The case has, to date, given rise to three judgments of the Upper Tribunal, including a significant ruling that the UK had not derogated from Article 17 of the Citizens' Directive in relation to A8 nationals, such that they were entitled to rely upon its grounds even whilst awaiting their period of registered employment to be completed. The Upper Tribunal upheld Ms Zakrzewska's claim.

Surinder Singh claim

Acting for a claimant relying upon derivative residence rights on Surinder Singh principles in an appeal to the Upper Tribunal.

Dairo v SSHD

IA/20655/2013

Successful appeal (acting pro bono) for claimants in First-Tier and Upper Tribunal proceedings raising Chen, Zambrano and Article 8 ECHR issues.

R (Gibraltar Betting & Gaming Association Ltd) v Secretary of State for Culture, Media & Sport and another

[2014] EWHC 3236 (Admin); [2015] 1 C.M.L.R. 28 (High Court, with Lord Pannick QC)

Ravi acted as junior counsel for Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar in this high profile case concerning a challenge to the compatibility of the Gambling Act 2005, as amended, with EU law. The case raised complex issues concerning the constitutional status of Gibraltar under EU law.

Air Cargo cartel

Ravi was instructed (with Thomas de la Mare QC and Andrew Scott) on a substantial damages claim pending in the High Court arising from a cartel in the air cargo sector. The claim raises novel questions of jurisdiction and applicable law as well as the application of economic torts in cartel cases.

Industrial plastic bags cartel

Ravi was instructed by a claimant industrial manufacturer in a damages claim in the Commercial Court (with Kieron Beal QC, Fraser Campbell and Tom Cleaver).

Fujitsu Services Ltd v (1) Department for Transport, (2) IBM UK Ltd (2014)

(High Court, with James Segan)

Acting for the claimant in a public procurement challenge to the amendment of one of the largest Government contracts in the UK, the DVLA's contract for IT services.

R (Blue Bio) v MHRA

[2014] EWHC 1679 (Admin)

Ravi acted for the Claimant in a case concerning the definition of a "medicinal product" under the Medicines Directive and the duties of the MHRA to apply the so-called functional test in a consistent fashion to like products (with Thomas de la Mare QC).

Advising the Competition Commission

Advising the Competition Commission on the scope of its investigative powers (with James Eadie QC).

Leased Lines – Colt Technology Services v OFCOM

[2013] CAT 29 (CAT, with Mark Vinal)

Ravi acted for OFCOM in successfully resisting this appeal before the Competition Appeal Tribunal concerning the remedies imposed in its Business Connectivity Market Review (March 2013).

Leased Lines – Vodafone and Verizon Limited v OFCOM

(2013) (Case 1210/3/3/13) (Competition Commission, with Mark Vinal)

Ravi acted successfully for OFCOM in this reference to the Competition Commission concerning the allocation of common costs to Traditional Interface (TI) circuit.

Simonis v Arts Council of England [2018] EWHC 1822 (Admin)

(High Court, with Ben Jaffey QC)

Ravi successfully represented the Arts Council in resisting a judicial review concerning a highly valuable painting attributed to the Italian artist Giotto di Bondone, following the Arts Council's refusal to issue an export licence. This was the first case concerning Council Regulation (EC) No 116/2009 on the export of cultural goods in the UK. The Court accepted the Art Council's interpretation of the meaning of "lawful and definitive dispatch from another Member State" in Article 2(2)(b) of that Regulation.

R (Teva Pharmaceuticals Ltd) v MHRA and Synthon B.V. and anor

(High Court,) (CO/3516/2016)

Ravi acted successfully for the Interested Party in judicial review proceedings concerning the hybrid abridged procedure for authorisation of medicinal products under article 10(3) of the Medicinal Code.

Tri-Ocean Energy and Tri-Ocean Trading v European Council Cases T-383/16 and 384/16

(General Court of the European Union, with Pushpinder Saini QC and Brian Kennelly QC)

Ravi acted successfully for two entities in challenging their listing by the European Council on the EU's sanctions list relating to the Syrian regime. The entities were entirely removed from the EU's lists.

Public & Regulatory

Ravi has a broad practice in public and administrative law, acting for claimants, public bodies, NGOs, and third parties across a number of sectors including immigration, telecommunications, regulated professions, and pharmaceuticals. He is a member of the Attorney General's C Panel of Counsel and on the Welsh Government's B Panel of Counsel. He is ranked as a 'leading junior' in Chambers and Partners 2019, in which he was described as '[r]espected for his representation of claimants and defendants in high-profile judicial reviews and regulatory matters. He is particularly noted for his expertise in EU, competition and commercial cases'.

"He has fantastic technical knowledge and can assimilate very complicated contracts into something understandable."

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Cases

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Big Brother Watch and Others v the United Kingdom

App. Nos. 58170/13, 62322/14 and 24960/15

Ravi acted alongside others for the applicants in this case concerning the compatibility of the UK's bulk surveillance regime with the European Convention on Human Rights ("ECHR").

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Judicial review of NHS funding decision

Advising a pharmaceutical company on a public law challenge to funding decisions within the NHS (with Thomas de la Mare QC).

Legal aid reforms – the residence test

Ravi advised the Public Law Project and thirteen other NGOs as to the legality of the proposed residence test for legal aid (led by Michael Fordham QC and Ben Jaffey). The advice was publicly disclosed and published in the Legal Aid Reforms special edition of Judicial Review (JR Vol 18, Issue 3, September 2013, pp.219-222).

Challenge to expulsion from school

Successfully challenging the expulsion of a student from a Sixth Form college for comments posted on social media, before an Independent Review Panel.

Rahmatullah v Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

[2012] UKSC 48 (Supreme Court)

Successful claim for a writ of habeas corpus in respect of Yunus Rahmatullah, a detainee held by the US Government at Bagram in Afghanistan (assisting Ben Jaffey).

Roberts

[2012] EWHC 1977 (Admin) (High Court)

Successfully defending a challenge to the lawfulness of knife crime 'stop and search' powers (assisting Ben Jaffey).

The Queen on the application of NM v Secretary of State for Justice

[2012] EWCA Civ 1182 (Court of Appeal)

Successfully defending an appeal to the Court of Appeal on the positive duties of investigation owed by public authorities under article 3 ECHR to prisoners assaulted in prison (assisting Kate Gallafent QC).

R(Napp Pharmaceutical Ltd) v MHRA and Sandoz Limited

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Reilly (no.2) and anor v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

([2016] EWCA Civ 413; [2017] Q.B. 657 (Court of Appeal, with Tom Hickman)

Ravi acts for the claimants in a challenge to retrospective legislation passed to validate the Government's 'back to work' schemes after these were held to be ultra vires by the Supreme Court in October 2013 ([2013] UKSC 68; [2013] 3 W.L.R. 1276). The High Court granted a declaration of incompatibility on Article 6(1) ECHR grounds ([2014] EWHC 2182 (Admin); [2015] Q.B. 573). The Court of Appeal rejected an appeal by the Secretary of State on Article 6(1) and a cross-appeal by the Claimants on Article 1 of the First Protocol.

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Civil Liberties & Human Rights

Ravi regularly acts and advises on cases raising common law, ECHR, EU and international law human rights issues. He also takes a keen interest in claimant human rights work. His experience in this area includes cases where there is a considerable overlap with EU and public international law. Prior to pupillage, Ravi was an Associate Fellow of the Centre for Human Rights & Global Justice at New York University, School of Law from September to December 2010. He conducted research and helped draft two reports: Foreign Land Deals and Human Rights: Case Studies on Agricultural and Biofuel Investment and A Decade Lost: Locating Gender in U.S. Counter-Terrorism. He also contributed to the launch of the 'Business and Human Rights Documentation' Project. Since joining Blackstone, he has continued this research work, including assisting in the drafting of a report on "Legal barriers to women's access to credit: Morocco and the Kyrgyz Republic case studies" for the Law & Development Partnership and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (with Naina Patel).

Ravi is also Legal Panelist (contributor) to a forthcoming book, edited by Shaheed Fatima QC, entitled 'Protecting Children in Conflict (Hart Publishing, 2018)' which examines the efficacy of current international humanitarian law, international criminal law and international human rights law protections for children in armed conflict.

Ravi is the author of several articles on public law and human rights, in particular in an international context. He has also been invited to present papers at a number of conferences including at the "Market Freedoms and Fundamental Rights in the Enlarging European Union" conference (Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, April 2010) and the "Emerging Human Rights Scholarship Conference" 2009 (NYU Centre for Human Rights & Global Justice).

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Cases

Jennings v Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA)

[2022] EWHC 1619 (Fam)

Ravi acted for the Interested Party, the HFEA, in this case which considered the statutory requirement, under s.12(1)(c) and Schedule 3, paragraph 1(1) of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990. In a high-profile judgment, the Family Court granted a declaration that it would be lawful for the Applicant, Mr Jennings, to use an embryo created using his sperm and the eggs of his late wife, in treatment with a surrogate, notwithstanding the absence of her written, signed consent to that effect.

Belhaj & Boudchar v Straw & others

[2017] UKSC 3; [2017] A.C. 964 (Supreme Court, with Nathalie Lieven QC and Shane Sibbel)

Ravi acted for the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment and the Chair-Rapporteur of the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention in the first intervention by UN Special Rapporteurs before the Supreme Court or the House of Lords. This leading case concerned questions of the law of state immunity as well as the Foreign Act of State doctrine in the context of claims against senior British officials made by two Libyan victims of 'extraordinary rendition'. The Supreme Court held that the claimants' allegations of kidnap and torture must be heard at trial in the English courts.

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Belhaj and ors v Rt Hon Jack Straw and ors

[2017] UKSC 3; [2017] 2 W.L.R. 456 (Supreme Court, with Nathalie Lieven QC)

Ravi acted for the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and the Chair of the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention in the first ever intervention before the Supreme Court or House of Lords by a UN Mandate-Holder. The claim has been brought against HM Government, Jack Straw MP and MI6 senior official by Libyan family subject to 'extraordinary rendition' from the Far East to Gaddafi's Libya. It raised significant issues concerning the Foreign Act of State doctrine and State Immunity, as well as the international responsibility of States for acts of their agents in collaboration with agents of other States.

Mustafa Al-Hawsawi v Lithuania (ongoing)

(European Court of Human Rights, with Shaheed Fatima QC)

Ravi is acting for a so-called "High-Value Detainee" in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba who is bringing a claim in the European Court of Human Rights against the Lithuanian State for complicity in the CIA's extraordinary rendition program from approximately 2005-2006. The claim raises important issues concerning the right to life (prohibition of the death penalty), the prohibitions of torture and arbitrary detention, the right to a fair trial, the right to private family life and the right to an effective remedy.

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Beghal v Director of Public Prosecutions

[2015] UKSC 49; [2015] 3 W.L.R. 344 (Supreme Court, with Thomas de la Mare QC)

Ravi acted for the fourth to sixth interveners, in an appeal to the Supreme Court raising the question of the compatibility of Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000, which contains powers to stop, search and detain persons without “reasonable suspicion”, with the common law and European Convention Rights of liberty of the person and personal privacy.

Dairo v SSHD

IA/20655/2013

Successful appeal (acting pro bono) for claimants in First-Tier and Upper Tribunal proceedings raising Chen, Zambrano and Article 8 ECHR issues.

R (on the application of ‘AM’) v DPP

[2014] UKSC 38; [2014] 3 W.L.R. 200 (Supreme Court, with Lord Pannick QC)

Intervened on behalf of Dignity and Choice in Dying in this four-day appeal to a 9-judge panel of the Supreme Court. Concerned the question of the degree of guidance which the DPP must provide to the public regarding her policy on whether to consent to the institution of prosecutions for the crime of ‘assistance or encouragement’ of suicide.

Ismail and others v Secretary of State for Defence

(2013)

Ravi acted for the claimants in claims concerning the lawfulness of extra-judicial detention by the UK armed forces in Afghanistan (led by Michael Fordham QC Shaheed Fatima, Hanif Mussa and Paul Luckhurst).

Data Protection, Freedom of Information & Privacy

Ravi regularly advises regulators, NGOs and private individuals in cases raising data protection issues, including the forthcoming application of the GDPR, in particular in the context of surveillance powers of national and local authorities.

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Dojcsak v Telenor Magyarország Zrt

Ravi acted for Open Rights Group and Privacy International as interveners before the Hungarian Constitutional Court in *Dojcsak v Telenor Magyarország Zrt*, in a case concerning bulk data retention and a challenge following the CJEU's decision in Digital Rights Ireland.

Telecoms and data protection advice

Advising a telecommunications operator as to data protection and retention legislation (assisting Kieron Beal QC).

Department of Health v The Information Commissioner

(Appeal No: EA/2016/0282) (First-Tier Tribunal (General Regulatory Chamber), led by James Eadie QC) (ongoing)

Ravi is acting for the Department of Health in this appeal concerning the application of the Freedom of Information Act to the disclosure of ministerial diaries, following the Lewis case. The claim raises important questions about the type of evidence necessary in these appeals, and the appropriate balancing exercise of public interests at play, when this form of information is involved.

Commercial

Ravi has been involved in a wide range of commercial disputes and advisory work, including in the Commercial Court and the Chancery Division.

Cases

Anti-suit injunction

Acting for the Respondent to an anti-suit injunction seeking to restrain proceedings in Russia on the basis of an arbitral agreement with another party (with Andrew Green QC).

Eyland & Sons Ltd v (1) TSL Turton Ltd and (2) Steven Bond

(QBD) (November 2015) (Singh J)

Acting for a landlord in proceedings concerning the consequences of a levy for distress, including claims for conspiracy and causing loss by unlawful means.

(1) Frank Warren (2) W Promotions Limited v Ricky Burns

[2014] EWHC 3671 (QB)

Ravi acted as junior counsel for the First Claimant, the well-known boxing promoter and manager in his dispute with the boxer, Ricky Burns, concerning unpaid management commission, quantum meruit, and breach of contract (with Ian Mill QC).

Anti-suit injunction

Acting for an applicant for an anti-suit injunction seeking to restrain proceedings issued in California alleging unfair prejudice to minority shareholders (with Robert Howe QC).

ICSID arbitration

Advising a State party to an ICSID arbitration (with Sir David Edward QC).

Defending a claim in the financial services sector

Acting as sole counsel for Insurers in a claim for breach of contract and negligence against financial advisers for investments in a series of collective investment schemes.

Interim relief

Obtaining interim relief for the detention of property following a without notice order for delivery-up.

Jonathan Adams v SSE Energy Supply Ltd

(April 2014)

Successfully defending a claim for harassment against a leading energy supplier.

Contribution proceedings

Representing a group of financial advisory companies in contribution proceedings against a professional Trustee for breach of trust (with Barbara Dohmann QC).

Commercial agency and professional negligence claim

Advising the estate of a commercial agent on a highly complex dispute for commission, involving issues of illegality, public interest immunity, limitation periods, professional negligence, breach of trust, restitution and pre-action disclosure.

Advice on Winding-up proceedings

Advising a company and an individual creditor on winding-up proceedings and debt recovery.

Fashion house dispute

Advising a fashion house on an action for breach of contract and negligence against its PR agents.

Credit hire disputes

Successfully appearing for a credit hire company in several proceedings for debt recovery, including successful applications for committal orders.

Advice on a film dispute

(January 2016)

Advising a production company on a contractual dispute with a distributor, involving copyright and ancillary exploitation issues.

Sport

Ravi regularly acts for players, clubs, and sporting bodies before a variety of tribunals, as well as for individuals facing and regulators bringing disciplinary charges. Ravi has also been involved in a number of Rule K arbitration proceedings concerning the payment of agent's commission. He has advised individuals, clubs, commercial intermediaries and governing bodies on a range of issues including anti-doping, disciplinary procedures, broadcasting and sponsorship, eligibility for national and international competitions and the organization of or access to rival competitions. Ravi is a co-author of the chapter on Sport and free movement under EU law (with Thomas de la Mare QC) in the third edition of Lewis and Taylor's Sport: Law and Practice and a regular contributor to the Blackstone Chambers' sports blog. He is ranked as a 'leading junior' in the Legal 500 directory.

“He combines an excellent knowledge of the sports sector and the bases for challenging decisions, with an ability to provide practical and useful advice to clients, and a clear and compelling style of advocacy.”

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Cases

Doping appeal

(March 2016)

Acting for an amateur rugby player in an anti-doping appeal.

Fulham v Liverpool

(Professional Football Compensation Committee, February 2021)

Ravi acted alongside Nick De Marco QC for Fulham in its claim for compensation for the training and development of Harvey Elliot following his move to Liverpool. The PFCC awarded a record breaking amount of compensation to Fulham for a 16-year old player.

The PFA v The EFL – Football League 1 and 2 Salary Cap Arbitration

Ravi acted alongside Nick De Marco QC for the Professional Footballers Association (instructed by Mills & Reeve) in its arbitral challenge to the English Football League's (EFL) League 1 and League 2 Player Salary Caps – the first salary caps to be introduced in European football.

Training compensation advice

Advising a Premier League Club on EU free movement rules and their impact on compensation for a player transfer.

Gibraltar Football Association v FIFA

Ravi successfully acted for the GFA in its efforts to secure admission as a member of FIFA before CAS (with Adam Lewis QC).

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Ravi acted as junior counsel for the First Claimant, the well-known boxing promoter and manager in his dispute with the boxer, Ricky Burns, concerning unpaid management commission, quantum meruit, and breach of contract (with Ian Mill QC).

Advice on legality of changes to a sporting body's constitutional rules

Advising an association of players on a potential challenge to a sporting body's decision to alter its constitution and decision-making powers.

Olympic Selection Appeals

Assisting Kate Gallafent QC in her role as the sole arbitrator in Olympic Selection Appeals by athletes in the run-up to the London 2012 Olympics.

Employment dispute in the horseracing sector

Acting for the owner of racing stables in a claim for discrimination, redundancy and unfair dismissal by a former employee (November 2013).

Football Agent's Commission dispute

Acting for a football agent in a FAPL Rule K arbitration against a Premiership footballer in a claim for non-payment of commission (with Nick de Marco).

Kolles v Force India

Ravi acted as junior counsel for the former F1 Team Principal in a substantial high court claim for commission against the F1 team (with Nick de Marco).

Football Agent fee dispute

Acting for a football agent in a FAPL Rule K arbitration against a Premiership footballer in a claim for non-payment of fees (with Jane Mulcahy QC).

NZ Cricket v (1) Neo Sports Broadcast PVT Limited (2) Nimbus Communications Limited

Ravi acted successfully for the Claimant in this dispute over breach of a Media Rights agreement relating to the broadcasting of international and domestic cricket matches in New Zealand. Summary judgment was obtained on the substantial debt claim before the Commercial Court in London.

The Football Association v FIFA

Ravi acted for the FA in one of the most high profile sporting disputes in the last year. In the so-called 'poppy case', FIFA initiated disciplinary proceedings against the English and Scottish FAs with regard to a number of alleged incidents at a World Cup 2018 qualifying match. The case involved significant press coverage, which ultimately led to FIFA and IFAB (the rule-setting body for football) amending the Rules of the Game to permit the Poppy to be displayed.

Stapley v RFU (RFU Disciplinary Panel)

Ravi acted for an amateur rugby player charged with an anti-doping violation by the RFU, in an appeal before an RFU Appeal Board. The case gave rise to an important issue concerning the state of mind required to be found guilty of the ordinary anti-doping violation and also the test for No Significant Fault or Negligence.

Environment

Ravi regularly advises on issues of environmental law in the public, international trade and EU law context. He has also been involved in some of the highest profile environmental litigation in the UK courts, the ClientEarth proceedings. He has acted successfully for the claimant, a leading environmental NGO, in three high-profile EU law challenges to the UK's failure to meet air quality standards in London and other major urban areas, raising issues about effective domestic remedies for breaches of EU Directives (with Nathalie Lieven QC and Ben Jaffey QC). The claims have led to significant judgments in relation to:

- breaches of the Directive [2016] EWHC 2740 (Admin); [2017] Env. L.R. 16;
- appropriate mandatory relief [2016] EWHC 3613 (Admin);
- the relevance of the concept of "purdah" to the UK's compliance with its obligations [2017] EWHC 1618 (Admin); and
- effective domestic remedies for breaches of EU Directives, including an order for liberty to apply to the Court for ongoing supervision, ordered for the first time in judicial review proceedings: [2018] EWHC 315 (Admin).

"He is a very fluent and articulate speaker, good with clients and extremely bright."

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Cases

R. (on the application of ClientEarth (No. 3)) v (1) SSEFRA (2) Welsh Ministers [2018]

EWHC 315 (Admin) (High Court, with Nathalie Lieven QC)

Ravi acted successfully for the Claimant in the third EU law challenge to the UK's ongoing failure to meet air quality standards in 45 local authority areas across England and in Wales, raising issues concerning effective domestic remedies for breaches of EU Directives.

In its judgment, the Court ordered a new remedy for the first time in judicial review proceedings: liberty to apply extending to the lawfulness of the supplemental Air Quality Plan for England, published in October 2018.

Inquest into the Death of Ella Adoo-Kissi-Debrah

Ravi acted on behalf of the family in this landmark case, where H.M. Assistant Coroner for Inner South London concluded that Ella died at 9 years of age from acute respiratory failure, asthma and “air pollution exposure”.

ClientEarth (no2) v Secretary of State for the Environment, Food And Rural Affairs [2016]

EWHC 2740 (Admin); [2017] P.T.S.R. 203; [2017] Env. L.R. 16 (High Court)

Ravi acted successfully in an EU law challenge to the UK’s failure to meet air quality standards in London and other major urban areas, raising issues concerning effective domestic remedies for breaches of EU Directives. The Court ordered a full reconsideration of the air quality plans for the entire country..

Professional Discipline

Ravi regularly acts in cases for and against regulators in the fields of education, the regulation of legal services, telecommunications, accounting, financial services, sport and medical regulation. He also regularly advises professional regulators on their rules and the principles of common law, EU law and ECHR Law which apply to them.

Cases

Advice on accountancy regulation

Advising the Institute for Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (ICAEW) in relation to regulatory changes to the statutory audit regime (with Monica Carss-Frisk QC).

Agarwal v GMC

(June 2015)

Successfully resisting a statutory appeal to an interim order imposed on a medical practitioner by the General Medical Council.

Employment

Ravi is regularly instructed in cases before Employment Tribunals, including in unfair dismissal, discrimination, redundancy, TUPE, whistleblowing, and breach of contract cases. He is also the co-author (with Thomas Croxford, Diya Sen Gupta, and Tristan Jones) of the chapter on Duties in the 3rd edition of Employee Competition: Covenants, Confidentiality, and Garden Leave (Goulding (ed.), OUP, 2016). Ravi is an ELAAS representative, a qualified FRU employment volunteer and also a member of the Employment Lawyers Association.

Cases

Discrimination claim

Successfully defending a claim for religious discrimination and unfair dismissal in the IT sector.

Unfair dismissal and discrimination claim

Acting for a claimant in a claim for unfair dismissal and disability discrimination, raising issues of deemed disability, limitation periods, contract worker status and ancillary liability under s.111 Equality Act 2010 (ongoing).

Relocation of work dispute

Acting for a claimant in a claim for (i) unpaid notice pay (ii) unpaid holiday pay and (iii) a redundancy payment. The claim raised issues as to whether the employee had unreasonably refused to relocate her place of work.

Unfair dismissal and sex discrimination claim

Acting for an employer in a claim for discrimination on the ground of sex and unfair dismissal (January 2015).

Pregnancy discrimination dispute

Acting in a Tribunal claim concerning automatically unfair dismissal for alleged discrimination on the grounds of pregnancy.

Robert Delahay v (1) Sheffield City Council (2) Amey Plc

(June 2014)

Successfully defending a claim for unfair dismissal, reasonable adjustments, unlawful deduction of wages, and disability discrimination.

Equal pay and sex discrimination dispute

Successfully acting for an employee in a claim for sex discrimination, equal pay, and unfair dismissal (August 2013).

J. Howell v (1) Randstad CPE and (2) Jet2.com Limited

(July 2013)

Ravi successfully defended a claim for unfair dismissal by an agency worker.

Media & Entertainment

Ravi has been involved in a number of commercial and copyright cases within the sphere of Media and Entertainment. He has particular experience of litigation concerning mass online copyright infringement.

Cases

Advice on a film dispute

(January 2016)

Advising a production company on a contractual dispute with a distributor, involving copyright and ancillary exploitation issues.

Re music contracts review

Ravi gained experience of a wide range of recording, management, and other music industry contracts when he was instructed by a major record label to assist in a review of artists' contracts.

Re ISP site-blocking

Ravi was instructed in relation to applications under s.97A CDPA 1988 by the Claimants, suing on behalf of themselves and as representatives of the members of BPI, requiring ISPs to block access to websites allowing illegal access to copyrighted material.

AG v AN Ltd & MGN Ltd

[2012] EWHC 2029 (Admin)

Defending an application for committal for contempt court against the Daily Mirror, for the publication of articles reporting the conviction of Levi Bellfield for the murder of Milly Dowler (assisting Kate Gallafent QC).

Telecommunications

Ravi has developed a particular interest and expertise in the telecommunications sector, particularly in cases raising an EU and regulatory dimension. He regularly acts for regulators and regulated parties in this field.

Cases

Secretary of State for the Home Department v Davis, Watson and ors

[2015] EWCA Civ 1185 (ongoing)

Ravi is acting for Open Rights Group and Privacy International as interveners in these high-profile proceedings concerning the compatibility of the Data Retention and Investigatory Powers Act 2014 with EU law and the ECHR. The Divisional Court ([2015] EWHC 2092 (Admin); [2016] 1 C.M.L.R. 13) declared that that s.1 of the Act is inconsistent with EU law and granted a suspended order disapplying the provision. On appeal, the Court of Appeal referred a number of questions to the CJEU on the consequences of the CJEU's judgment on the Data Retention Directive in Joined Cases C-293/12 and 594/12 Digital Rights Ireland.

Revision of Code of Practice

Advising PhonepayPlus on its update of the Code of Practice.

Leased Lines – Colt Technology Services v OFCOM

[2013] CAT 29 (CAT, with Mark Vinall)

Ravi acted for OFCOM in successfully resisting this appeal before the Competition Appeal Tribunal concerning the remedies imposed in its Business Connectivity Market Review (March 2013).

Leased Lines – Vodafone and Verizon Limited v OFCOM

(2013) (Case 1210/3/3/13) (Competition Commission, with Mark Vinall)

Ravi acted successfully for OFCOM in this reference to the Competition Commission concerning the allocation of common costs to Traditional Interface (TI) circuit.

Telecoms and data protection advice

Advising a telecommunications operator as to data protection and retention legislation (assisting Kieron Beal QC).

Pharmaceuticals

Ravi regularly acts for pharmaceutical companies in disputes concerning licensing and data exclusivity, wholesale distribution, and competition law matters. He also advises on compliance with national and European regulatory regimes.

Ravi has:

- Acted for the Interested Parties in successfully resisting a claim for judicial review concerning a product for the treatment of multiple sclerosis, Copaxone®. The case raised questions about Article 10(3) of Directive 2001/83 and the concept of “appropriate” bridging data (R (Teva Pharmaceuticals Ltd) v MHRA CO/3516/2016, with Thomas de la Mare QC).
- Successfully represented the Interested Party in judicial review proceedings concerning the hybrid abridged procedure for authorisation of medicinal products under article 10(3) of the Medicinal Code (R(Napp Pharmaceutical Ltd) v MHRA and Sandoz Limited [2016] EWHC (Admin), with Thomas de la Mare QC).
- Advised a pharmaceutical company on a public law challenge to funding decisions within the NHS (with Thomas de la Mare QC).
- Acted for the Claimant in a case concerning the definition of a “medicinal product” under the Medicines Directive and the duties of the MHRA to apply the so-called functional test in a consistent fashion to like products (R (Blue Bio) v MHRA [2014] EWHC 1679 (Admin),with Thomas de la Mare QC).

Cases

GlaxoSmithKline and ors v Competition & Markets Authority Case 1252/1/12/16

(Competition Appeal Tribunal, with John Turner QC and Marie Demetriou QC) (ongoing)

Ravi is part of the counsel team which continues to represent the Competition & Markets Authority, which was the respondent in these appeals against its decision to fine GSK in relation to its agreements with certain generic companies concerning the terms on which the parties settled expected or ongoing patent litigation relating to paroxetine (supplied in the UK as Seroxat, an antidepressant medicine). The case required the CAT to consider the interpretation and application of the principles of market definition, restrictions by object and effect as well as one of the first instances of the ‘hot-tubbing’ of economic experts before the CAT. Following a lengthy trial, the CAT has referred questions to the CJEU on Articles 101 and 102 TFEU.

Sanctions

Ravi has acted for parties and advised clients on the sanctions regimes at EU and domestic level relating to Iran, and Syria. He has also advised third parties on the impact of sanctions regimes for investments and financial transactions.

Cases

Tri-Ocean Energy and Tri-Ocean Trading v European Council Cases T-383/16 and 384/16

(General Court of the European Union, with Pushpinder Saini QC and Brian Kennelly QC)

Ravi acted successfully for two entities in challenging their listing by the European Council on the EU’s sanctions list relating to the Syrian regime. The entities were entirely removed from the EU’s lists.

Procurement

Ravi has extensive experience of procurement matters. He regularly acts for and advises parties to procurement exercises.

Cases

Fujitsu Services Ltd v (1) Department for Transport, (2) IBM UK Ltd (2014)

(High Court, with James Segan)

Acting for the claimant in a public procurement challenge to the amendment of one of the largest Government contracts in the UK, the DVLA's contract for IT services.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Education

LLB in English and French Law (London) First Class; Master 1 en Droit français (Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne) (Mention Bien (1st class)); LLM in International Legal Studies (NYU – Fulbright Scholar)

Prizes & Scholarships

- ALBA Scholar (2012).
- Phoenicia Scholar, Bar European Group (2012).
- Lord Mansfield and Hardwicke Scholarships from Lincoln's Inn (September 2009 - June 2010).
- Grantee, Continuing Education Fund, Lincoln's Inn for a judicial assistantship at the European Court of Justice (January-July 2011).
- Fulbright Scholar, Belgium (2008-9).
- Recipient of Dean's Graduate Award, NYU School of Law for LL.M. in International Legal Studies.
- Jeff Price Memorial Scholarship (Two-year full tuition for Best Results in first year class) (King's College, London, 2005).
- King's College, London Examination Prizes: Clifford Chance Award for an Outstanding Performance in the First year LLB (2005), Kingsley Napley Award for Best Paper in Criminal Law (2005), Withers Trusts Prize for Runner-up Paper in Law of Trusts (2006).

Publications

Ravi's recent publications include:

- Fine tailoring or a simple change of wardrobe: Assessing the CMA's future against some notable peers, *Competition Law Journal*, Vol 13, Issue 2, pp.152-162.
- Counting the Pennies in Sport: UEFA's Financial Fair Play Regulations Under the Competition Law Microscope, with Brian Kennelly, *CPI Antitrust Chronicle*, January 2014 (1);
- Reigning in the "prohibitive expense" of environmental litigation: *Edwards v. Environment Agency*, with Ben Jaffey, *JR* Vol. 18, Issue 4, December 2013, pp. 403-415;
- EU Procedural law, chapter in *Blackwell's Companion to EU law*, with Professor Andrea Biondi (forthcoming) – available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2496902;
- Sir Thomas' blushes: Protecting parliamentary immunity in modern parliamentary democracies, (2012) *E.H.R.L.R.*, Issue 3, pp. 309-318.
- The Continental Shelf: no longer a 'terra incognita' to the EU, (2012), Vol. 49, Issue 4, *CMLRev*, pp. 1395-1422.

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