

Martin Chamberlain QC

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Practice Overview

Martin Chamberlain QC has a broad practice, specialising in Admin & Public Law and Civil Liberties & Human Rights. He is ranked by Chambers & Partners as a star individual in both categories and is also recognised by the directories as a leader in Environmental, EU and Public International Law. He has appeared in 30 cases in the UK Supreme Court and House of Lords. In 2016, he was named by Chambers & Partners as Human Rights & Public Law Silk of the Year and by The Legal 500 as Public Law Silk of the Year.

Martin acts regularly for both claimants and defendants. For commercial clients, he is instructed in fields as diverse as aviation, energy, environmental law, financial services, healthcare, pensions, pharmaceuticals, professional regulation, tax, telecoms and transport. For individual claimants and NGOs, he appears in human rights and discrimination challenges, often involving matters of national security and raising points of public international law.

Before becoming a QC, Martin served for 12 years as a member of the Attorney General's Panels of Junior Counsel to the Crown (including 5 years on the A Panel) and he continues to be instructed on behalf of the Crown in some of the most high-profile Government litigation. He has recently appeared in the Supreme Court for the Lord Advocate on behalf of the Scottish Government and for the Attorney General for Northern Ireland. He acts regularly for Transport for London and is a member of the Equality & Human Rights Commission's Preferred Counsel Panel.

Martin has experience before the European Court of Human Rights (both for applicants and for State respondents), the Court of Justice of the EU and the courts of Gibraltar. He has lectured in his areas of specialism in England, Scotland, the US, Canada & Europe, is Chair of the Constitutional & Administrative Law Bar Association and sits part-time as a Deputy High Court Judge.

Public Law

Martin is as happy acting for commercial clients in complex regulatory challenges as he is acting for individuals and NGOs in human rights and constitutional claims in the UK or in Strasbourg. For defendants he has acted for almost every Government department, for a variety of regulators and for local authorities in cases covering every aspect of public law and human rights.

- *Uber v Transport for London*. Appeared for TfL in Uber's appeal against the refusal to extend its London operator's licence (2018). Appeared for TfL in the High Court and Court of Appeal defending judicial review claim by Uber challenging imposition of regulatory requirements on PHV drivers and operators as incompatible with EU Treaty rights (2017 and 2018).
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- *Nottingham City Council v Parr*. Appeared in the Supreme Court as amicus curiae in appeal concerning conditions on licences for houses in multiple occupation (2018).
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- *Chief Constable of Sussex v Secretary of State for Transport*. Appeared for the British Airline Pilots Association in Divisional Court proceedings challenging orders to disclose material collected in air accident investigations (2016).
- *Lumsdon v Legal Services Board*. Appeared for the Legal Services Board in the Supreme Court defending challenge to the quality assurance scheme for advocates (2015).
- *London Criminal Courts Solicitors' Association v Lord Chancellor*. Appeared for the Lord Chancellor in the High Court and Court of Appeal defending a challenge to the restructuring of criminal legal aid contracts (2015).
- *Bank Mellat v HM Treasury*. Instructed as Special Advocate for an Iranian bank in the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court, successfully challenging financial restrictions imposed to prevent nuclear proliferation (2010-2016).
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- *BAA v Competition Commission*. Instructed by Herbert Smith challenging the divestment order in respect of Stansted Airport (2011-2012).
- Instructed for a major airport defending a pricing complaint before the Civil Aviation Authority (2012).

- Instructed by the Mayor of London defending public law, EU and state aid challenges by Tottenham Hotspur and Leyton Orient to the decision to select West Ham as preferred bidder for the lease of the Olympic Stadium (2011).
- *JBOL Ltd v Health Protection Agency*. Instructed by the HPA successfully defending a challenge to its guidance on the microbiological analysis of urine (2011).
- *Tate & Lyle v Energy & Climate Change Secretary*. Defended challenge to decision on renewable energy subsidies in the Admin Court and Court of Appeal (2010-2011).
- *Global Knafaim Leasing v CAA et al*. Instructed for the Transport Secretary successfully resisting a claim for declarations of incompatibility in relation to legislation relating to the detention of aircraft (2010).
- *Servier Laboratories Ltd v NICE*. Instructed by Bristows for a pharmaceutical company challenging NICE's decision in relation to the efficacy of its osteoporosis drug and in relation to the disclosure of information regarding its economic model in the Admin Court and Court of Appeal (2009-2010).
- Instructed by Freshfields for Lufthansa in relation to regulatory issues arising in its dispute (ultimately settled) with Sir Michael Bishop over the ownership BMI (2009).
- *Norris v Government of the United States of America and others*. Instructed by White & Case for Ian Norris, the appellant, in the Divisional Court, House of Lords and Supreme Court challenging his extradition to the USA on charges of running a price-fixing cartel and of obstructing justice (2006-2010).
- *National Grid Gas plc v Environment Agency*. Instructed by Pinsent Masons in the House of Lords for gas supplier National Grid in its challenge to the Environment Agency's decision on liability to remediate contaminated land (2006).
- *Yukos v FSA, London Stock Exchange & Rosneft*. Instructed by Cleary Gottlieb for Russian oil company Rosneft resisting Yukos' judicial review application to prevent the admission of Rosneft's securities to listing and trading on the London Stock Exchange (2006).

Equality & discrimination

- *Ofsted v Al Hijrah School*. Appeared for the Education Secretary in the Court of Appeal in sex discrimination challenge to the practice of segregating pupils by gender (2017).
- *Walker v Innospec*. Appeared for a gay couple in the Supreme Court challenging the compatibility with EU law of rules preventing claims for equal pension entitlement (2017).
- *Coll v Justice Secretary*. Appeared for the Justice Secretary in the Supreme Court defending discrimination claim concerning provision of approved premises for women prisoners (2017).
- *McCloud v Justice Secretary*. Appeared for the Lord Chancellor in the Employment Tribunal defending age discrimination claims by judges in respect of pension (2016-2017).
- *Paulley v FirstGroup*. Appeared for FirstGroup in the Supreme Court defending challenge to policy on wheelchair access to buses (2016).
- *Aspinall v Work and Pensions Secretary*. Appeared for the Work and Pensions Secretary defending challenge under s. 149 of the Equality Act 2010 to the decision to abolish the Independent Living Fund (2014).
- *MM v Work and Pensions Secretary*. Appeared for the Government in the Upper Tribunal and Court of Appeal defending a disability discrimination challenge to the rule for assessing eligibility for employment support allowance (2012-2015).
- *Stott v Thomas Cook*. Instructed by the Equality and Human Rights Commission in the Supreme Court on behalf of a disabled claimant seeking damages for injury to feelings during the course of flight (2012-2014).
- *Zacchaeus 2000 Trust v Work and Pensions Secretary*. Instructed for the Government defending a challenge on vires grounds and under s. 149 of the Equality Act 2010 to housing benefit reforms (2012-2013).
- *Hereward & Foster v Legal Services Commission*. Instructed for the LSC resisting an EU and domestic sex discrimination challenge to scoring criteria for the award of contracts for publicly funded legal services (2010).
- *Randall & Berlaque v MOD*. Appeared as lead counsel for the MOD in the Gibraltar Court of Appeal in an employment dispute involving two members of the Gibraltar Services Police (2009).

- *Elias v Defence Secretary*. Instructed for the Government defending a race discrimination challenge to the ex gratia compensation scheme for Far-Eastern Prisoners of War (2006).
- Experience of acting in race, sex, religious and disability discrimination claims in the Employment Tribunal, County Court and Admin Ct.
- Experience of employment-related confidence claims.

Civil liberties and human rights

- *Haralambous v Chief Constable of Hertfordshire* (2018). Appeared for the police in the Supreme Court establishing the entitlement to rely on closed material in applications for warrants and judicial review challenges to them.
- *KO (Nigeria) v Home Secretary*. Appeared for the Equality and Human Rights Commission intervening in support of the appellants on the interpretation of the statutory provisions governing the application of Article 8 ECHR to cases involving the deportation of persons with dependent children (2018).
- *Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission v Minister of Justice*. Appeared for the Attorney General for NI in the Supreme Court in challenge concerning compatibility with Convention rights of NI's abortion law (2017).
- *Ofsted v Al Hijrah School*. Appeared for the Education Secretary in the Court of Appeal in sex discrimination challenge to the practice of segregating pupils by gender (2017).
- *Walker v Innospec*. Appeared for a gay couple in the Supreme Court challenging the compatibility with EU law of rules preventing claims for equal pension entitlement (2017).
- *Campaign Against Arms Trade v International Trade Secretary*. Appeared for CAAT challenging the Government's failure to suspend licences for export of arms to Saudi Arabia (2017).
- *BF (Eritrea) v Home Secretary*. Appeared in the Court of Appeal and Upper Tribunal for the Equality and Human Rights Commission supporting a challenge to Home Secretary's policy on age assessment (2016-2017).
- *Coll v Justice Secretary*. Appeared for the Justice Secretary in the Supreme Court defending discrimination claim concerning provision of approved premises for women prisoners (2017).
- *MR v Home Secretary*. Appeared for the claimant in the Divisional Court in claim challenging the removal of a passport on national security grounds (2016-7).
- *Miller v Secretary of State for Exiting the EU*. Appeared for the Scottish Government in the Supreme Court challenge to the power of the Government to give notification of the UK's withdrawal from the EU (2016-7).
- *Belhaj v Straw*. Appeared in the Supreme Court for Amnesty International, Justice and Redress, intervening in support of the claimant in landmark appeal on application of "foreign act of State" and State immunity rules in a claim alleging rendition and complicity in torture by UK State agents (2016-17).
- *Lee-Hirons v Justice Secretary*. Appeared for the Justice Secretary in the Supreme Court in appeal concerning provision of reasons in mental health detentions (2016).
- *Estrada Juffali v Juffali*. Appeared for the husband in ancillary relief proceedings in the High Court and Court of Appeal arguing a point of diplomatic immunity (2015-2016).
- *S v Director of Legal Aid Casework*. Appeared in High Court and Court of Appeal defending legal aid Merits Regulations and exceptional funding regime (2014-2016).
- *Liberty v GCHQ and others*. Appeared as counsel to the Investigatory Powers Tribunal in landmark challenge to intelligence sharing arrangements (2014-2015).
- *Nzolemeso v Westminster City Council*. Appeared for the Communities Secretary intervening in the Supreme Court in appeal concerning housing and homelessness duties (2015).
- *Ponnusamy v Foreign Secretary*. Appeared for the Foreign Secretary in claim concerning alleged colonial liabilities in relation to Malaya (2015).
- *Al Fawwaz v Home Secretary*. Appeared as Special Advocate in the Divisional Court in claim concerning mutual assistance (2014-2015).
- *N v Lewisham London Borough Council, Sims v Dacorum Borough Council*. Appeared for the Communities Secretary in Court of Appeal and Supreme Court in leading cases on the compatibility of housing law with Convention rights (2013-2014).

- *Noor Khan v Foreign Secretary*. Instructed by Leigh Day in a challenge to the legality of intelligence sharing for drone attacks in Pakistan. Case currently before Court of Appeal (2012-date).
- *Al-Nashiri v Poland*. Instructed by the UN Special Rapporteur on Counter Terrorism and Human Rights, intervening in a challenge before the European Court of Human Rights to the CIA rendition programme (2012-date).
- *Sandiford v Foreign Secretary*. Appeared for the Foreign Secretary in the Divisional Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court defending a challenge to the refusal to fund a lawyer for a woman sentenced to death in Bali (2013-2014).
- *Othman v Home Secretary*. Instructed as Special Advocate for Abu Qatada challenging his deportation to Jordan on human rights grounds. Case currently before the Court of Appeal (2012-date).
- *SM v Defence Secretary*. Instructed as Special Advocate for an Afghan detainee challenging on human rights grounds the Defence Secretary's policy of transferring detainees to the custody of the Afghan Government (2012).
- *R (Evans) v Defence Secretary*. Instructed as Special Advocate in an application by the Daily Mail to open parts of the court's closed judgment in this historic case about the MoD's detention policy in Afghanistan.
- *Georgia v Russia*. Instructed by the Russian Government defending a major inter-state human rights claim by the Government of Georgia. Case currently before the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights (2011-date).
- *Animal Defenders International v UK*. Instructed by the UK Government successfully defending a freedom of expression challenge to the prohibition on political advertising before the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights (2010-2013).
- *R (G) v Governors of X School*. Instructed for the Home Office in the Supreme Court in this landmark case about the procedural rights under article 6 ECHR of teachers accused of sexual misconduct with children (2011).
- *Stewart v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions*. Instructed for the Government in this leading case on the application of Article 14 ECHR to welfare benefits (2011).
- *Zagorski v Business Secretary*. Instructed for the Government resisting a human rights claim brought under the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights by US death row prisoners seeking to establish a duty to impose export controls on sodium thiopental (a drug used in executions in the US) (2010).
- *Abu Hamza v Home Secretary*. Appeared as Special Advocate for Abu Hamza in his appeal to SIAC, challenging the decision to strip him of his UK Citizenship (2010).
- *AW v Home Secretary*. Instructed as lead Special Advocate for terrorist suspect AW, whose control order was quashed because the material before the Home Secretary was materially misleading (2009).
- *RB & U v Home Secretary*. Instructed in the House of Lords as Special Advocate for two terrorist suspects challenging their deportation to Algeria (2009).
- *Home Secretary v Lord Alton of Liverpool*. Instructed as Special Advocate for a group of Parliamentarians successfully challenging the proscription under the Terrorism Act 2000 of the Iranian opposition group the People's Mojahedin Organisation of Iran (2007-2008).
- *OGC v Information Commissioner*. Instructed for the Speaker of the House of Commons in this leading case on the Freedom of Information Act and Parliamentary privilege (2008).
- *R (Dimmock) v Education Secretary*. Instructed for the Education Secretary defending a challenge to the decision to send copies of Al Gore's film *An Inconvenient Truth* to schools in England and Wales (2008).
- *Jackson v HM Attorney General*. Acted for 3 members of the Countryside Alliance in the divisional Court, Court of Appeal and House of Lords, challenging the validity of the Parliament Act 1949 and the Hunting Act 2005 (2005).
- *R (Prolife Alliance) v BBC*. Appeared for a small political party asserting its right to an uncensored party political broadcast. This is now a leading case on the scope of the right to freedom of expression (Article 10 ECHR) in the broadcasting arena (2004).

Transport and infrastructure

- *Uber v Transport for London*. Appeared for TfL in Uber's appeal against the refusal to extend its London operator's licence (2018). Appeared for TfL in the High Court and Court of Appeal defending judicial review claim by Uber challenging imposition of regulatory requirements on PHV drivers and operators as incompatible with EU Treaty rights (2017 and 2018).
- *Hillingdon Borough Council v Transport Secretary*. Appeared for group of local authorities in the High Court challenging consultation on third runway at Heathrow (2017).
- *Paulley v FirstGroup*. Appeared for FirstGroup in the Supreme Court defending challenge to policy on wheelchair access to buses (2016).
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- *Hillingdon LBC v Transport Secretary*. Instructed for Transport for London supporting the successful challenge to the Government's decision to support a third runway at Heathrow (2010).
- *Eco-Power UK v Transport for London*. Instructed for Transport for London defending decisions in relation to emissions equipment for taxis (2008-2010).
- *Wandsworth LBC v Transport Secretary*. Instructed for the Government successfully resisting a challenge to the lawfulness of the night noise regime at Heathrow (2008).
- *Heathrow Airport Ltd v Garman and others*. Appeared for Transport for London successfully resisting a wide-ranging injunction to prevent threatened environmental protests at Heathrow Airport (2007).

EU law

Martin's practice regularly involves EU law challenges in the domestic courts and before the EU courts in Luxembourg.

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- Acted for the GSM Association in the domestic stages of the challenge to the Roaming Regulation.
- *Spain v UK*. Junior to the Attorney General resisting Spain's complaint that the UK has no right to extend the franchise in European Parliament elections to non-nationals (2006).
- *Tas-Hagen*. Acted for the UK Government in a case concerning the scope of the citizenship provisions in the EC Treaty (2006).

Terrorism and national security

- *Haralambous v Chief Constable of Hertfordshire*. Appeared for the police in the Supreme Court establishing the entitlement to rely on closed material in applications for warrants and judicial review challenges to them (2018).
- *Sophocleous v Defence and Foreign Secretaries*. Appeared for the Defence and Foreign Secretaries in the High Court and Court of Appeal on preliminary issues relating to a group of claims alleging mistreatment by security officials during the Cyprus Emergency (2018).
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Education

- *Alam v Education Secretary (2018)*. Appeared for the Education Secretary in the First-tier and Upper Tribunals defending the decision to bar an individual associated with the 'Trojan Horse' affair in Birmingham (2017, 2018).
- *Ofsted v Al Hijrah School*. Appeared for the Education Secretary in the Court of Appeal in sex discrimination challenge to the practice of segregating pupils by gender (2017).
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Pharmaceuticals

- *Novartis & Bayer v 10 Clinical Commissioning Groups*. Represented Roche, holder of the marketing authorisation for Avastin in claims by Bayer & Novartis challenging an NHS policy of using Avastin to treat wet age-related macular degeneration (2018).
- *Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission v Minister of Justice*. Appeared for the Attorney General for NI in the Supreme Court in challenge concerning compatibility with Convention rights of NI's abortion law (2018).
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Publications

- 'Special advocates and amici curiae in national security proceedings in the United Kingdom', [2018] University of Toronto Law Journal, vol. 68(3), 496-510.
- One of the Editors of the White Book.
- 'Pensions Law', The UK Supreme Court Yearbook, vol. 8 (Appellate Press, 2018).
- 'Parliamentary privilege, article 9 of the Bill of Rights and admissibility: what use can be made of Parliamentary materials in litigation?', [2018] Judicial Review, vol. 23(1), 11-24 (with James Segan).
- 'Streamlining Judicial Review in a Manner Consistent with the Rule of Law' [2014] Judicial Review vol. 19(2), 73-97.
- 'The Justice and Security Bill [2012] Civil Justice Quarterly vol. 31(4), 424-429.
- 'Case Note: *Al Rawi v Security Service and Home Office v Tariq*' [2011] *Civil Justice Quarterly* vol. 30(4), 360-366.
- 'Update on Fairness in Closed Proceedings', [2009] *Civil Justice Quarterly* vol. 28(4), 448-453.
- 'Special Advocates and Fairness in Closed Proceedings', [2009] *Civil Justice Quarterly* vol. 28(3), 314-326.
- '*Kehoe* and the Enforcement of Child Maintenance Rights', [2006] *Civil Justice Quarterly* vol. 25 (Apr), 142-145.
- 'Immigration Appeals and the Rule of Law: A Very Dicey Argument', [2004] *Judicial Review*, vol. 9(2), 112-118.
- 'Democracy and Deference in Resource Allocation Cases: A Riposte to Lord Hoffmann', [2003] *Judicial Review*, vol. 8(1) 12-20.

Qualifications

- BA in Philosophy, Politics & Economics, Oxford, First Class
- Diploma in Law, City University, Distinction
- BCL, Oxford, First Class
- Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law, Outstanding
- Eldon Law Scholar (Oxford University)
- Queen Mother's Fund Scholar (Middle Temple)

Directory Quotes

- "Has a lovely style, which carries enormous authority - judges want to hear what he has to say. He's the most impressive, calm and brilliant advocate." "Extremely helpful, always available, easy to work with, and genuinely interested," he is "personable, wise, hard-working and an excellent advocate." (*Chambers & Partners 2019*)

- "He has an incredible aptitude for understanding complex issues and distilling both the issues and his arguments into simple language that's easy to follow. His unparalleled advocacy is an art and a pleasure to watch." (*Chambers & Partners 2019*)
- "Clever and nice." "Highly respected." (*Chambers & Partners 2019*)
- "Chamberlain has an incredible aptitude for understanding complex issues and distilling them into simple language." (*Chambers & Partners 2019*)
- "He has an outstanding reputation and is a true all-rounder who can apply himself anywhere." (*Chambers & Partners 2019*)
- "He is a strategic thinker and can read the court. He is graceful but with a steely nerve." (*The Legal 500 2018-19*)
- "He displays calm judgement." (*The Legal 500 2018-19*)
- "Extremely clever, very thoughtful and a strategic thinker." (*The Legal 500 2018-19*)
- "A superb, tenacious silk with strong written advocacy skills." (*The Legal 500 2018-19*)
- "He is one of the brightest lawyers. An incredibly perceptive public lawyer, he knows it inside out and has a way of making the issues intelligible and presentable. He is strategic, and very hard-working." "He is excellent. Judges and clients on every side universally like and respect him, and will sit up and listen to him." (*Chambers & Partners 2018*)
- "He is clever, he is precise and the courts absolutely adore him." "Martin Chamberlain is the best." (*Chambers & Partners 2018*)
- "One of the clearest and most persuasive advocates you will come across. He's also super-clever." "He's on top of the law and he's very hard-working." (*Chambers & Partners 2018*)
- "He is good at crafting easily readable and succinct pleadings, is immensely impressive on his feet and is good at delivering succinct arguments." (*Chambers & Partners 2018*)
- "He is extremely bright." (*Chambers & Partners 2018*)
- "A tour de force; his strengths are many; his weaknesses are none." (*The Legal 500 2017*)
- "He makes technical legal arguments seem devastatingly clear and compelling." (*The Legal 500 2017*)
- "Measured and pointed advocacy coupled with encyclopaedic legal knowledge." (*The Legal 500 2017*)
- "He commands the attention and respect of the bench." (*The Legal 500 2017*)
- "An impressive and persuasive advocate, who offers great assurance and superior intelligence." (*Chambers & Partners 2017*)
- "He is very deserving of his phenomenal reputation." "He is measured and understated in conference and discussions but a hugely impressive and persuasive advocate when on his feet." (*Chambers & Partners 2017*)
- "He is very easy to get along with and a proper modern silk. He is one of the team when we instruct him. He takes a relaxed approach, focuses on the detail and is strong advocacy-wise." (*Chambers & Partners 2017*)
- "He shows great assurance, intelligence and the ability to persuade very effectively in both oral and written submissions." "He inspires great confidence in court." (*Chambers & Partners 2017*)
- "Very able intellectually but also strategically. He knows how to pull the rug out from the other side's feet." "An impressive and persuasive advocate. Great assurance, intelligence and the ability to persuade very effectively in both oral and written submissions." (*Chambers & Partners 2017*)
- "Extraordinary; he is able to grasp years of complex litigation in a matter of days." (*The Legal 500, 2016*)
- "Thorough, decisive, confidence-inspiring and a pleasure to work with." (*The Legal 500, 2016*)
- "He has a lovely court manner and he is very clear." (*Chambers & Partners 2016*)
- "He is an understated but brilliant barrister who does a lot of judicial review work. In court, when he opens his mouth people really listen." (*Chambers & Partners 2016*)
- "He's very innovative and approachable and he has been fantastic working as part of a team." (*Chambers & Partners 2016*)
- "A delight to work with, he is very sharp, really cares about the client and the court loves him. His advocacy is meticulous and charming." (*Chambers & Partners 2016*)
- "Outstanding; he always has the ear of the court." (*The Legal 500, 2015*)
- "Exceptionally talented counsel whose practice has gone from strength to strength since he took silk." (*Chambers & Partners 2015*)

- "He's very impressive - he's charming, thoughtful and a pleasure to work with." "He is exceptionally intelligent and impressive in the clarity of his advice. He is also very user-friendly and hard-working." (*Chambers & Partners* 2015)
- "Enjoys an excellent reputation among peers and clients for his measured and accomplished advocacy in human rights matters." (*Chambers & Partners* 2015)
- "He is fabulous. He has the court eating out of his hand, and can manage to make anything sound reasonable." "A very polite and succinct advocate." (*Chambers & Partners* 2015)
- "A young silk who gains strong praise from an impressive list of clients. Sources single him out for his superior intellectual ability." (*Chambers & Partners* 2015)
- "Phenomenally intelligent and sharply analytical. He cuts through the issues with speed and precision." (*Chambers & Partners* 2015)
- "Regularly appears in the highest appellate courts and acts for a wide variety of clients. He is one of the finest younger silks of his generation." (*Chambers & Partners* 2015)
- "He is incredibly dexterous in the way he deals with a court." "He has a fine brain and takes a sensible and pragmatic approach." (*Chambers & Partners* 2015)
- "He is quietly intelligent, with a soft but devastatingly effective advocacy style." (*The Legal 500*, 2014)
- 'He is a superb barrister: extremely balanced and incredibly bright.' 'He will be a superstar in silk. He is extremely calm, and a lucid and dignified advocate who commands the respect of the court.' (*Chambers and Partners*, 2014)
- 'exceptionally intelligent and impressive in the clarity of his advice'. (*The Legal 500*, 2013)