



CHRIS BUTTLER

MAIN AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Community Care Law
Environmental Law and Natural Resources
Healthcare, Mental Health and Mental Capacity
Human Rights Law
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Public Law

Called to the Bar 2004

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Chris practises in all areas of public and human rights law and is ranked as a leading junior in those fields. Chambers & Partners 2019 describe him as a "Renowned junior counsel with a strong track record of appearing in high-profile judicial reviews". Chris is on the Equality and Human Rights Commission's Panel.

The bulk of his practice is judicial review and claims under the Human Rights Act 1998. He has experience of a wide range of subject matters, including professional regulation, mental health and mental capacity, health care, education, planning and environmental challenges, equality duties, social welfare, false imprisonment and immigration and asylum. For example, he recently acted in leading cases on the detention of victims of torture, criminal injuries compensation, safeguarding victims of human trafficking, the detention of children and the rights of unmarried partners to public sector pensions.

EDUCATION

MA in Geography, Fitzwilliam College Cambridge, First Class Honours, 2000

MPhil in International Development, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, 2002

(Dissertation on the legality of trade sanctions in international environmental treaties)

Diploma in Law, City University, 2003

Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law, 2004

SCHOLARSHIPS

Research Award, Economic & Social Research Council, 2000

Princess Royal Scholarship, Inner Temple, 2003

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DIRECTORIES' RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommended junior in Administrative & Public Law, Civil Liberties & Human Rights, Community Care and Court of Protection: "He's head and shoulders above everyone else. I like everything about him - his drafting is impeccable, he's ferocious in court, and he turns cases around with his advocacy." "An extremely good lawyer with superb mastery of judicial review. He is extremely responsive and adaptable and able to work within a team." (2021) "Renowned junior counsel with a strong track record of appearing in high-profile judicial reviews" (2019), "He is incredibly bright and brilliant on his feet" (2019), "a brilliant advocate, who is incredibly bright and lovely to deal with"; "He is very determined, very tenacious and very committed to his cases." "He is very good, very thoughtful and comes up with points that make you stop and think as an opponent." (2018); "Exceptionally bright barrister who is decisive and clear in his advice and arguments. He instils confidence"; and "tactically shrewd and well-liked by the court" (2017).

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