



Robert specialises in police law, representing forces across the UK in civil cases, employment claims and judicial reviews. He graduated with a First in History from University College London before converting to law. He was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in October 2010.

Robert was appointed to the Attorney General's C Panel of Counsel in February 2017.

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

Practice Areas

POLICE LAW
PUBLIC / ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
EMPLOYMENT LAW
LICENSING LW
PERSONAL INJURY LAW

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Police Law

Robert's practice embraces all areas of civil and public law relevant to policing. He acts in all cases involving the police including judicial review, misfeasance and malicious prosecution claims, misconduct, inquests, discrimination, personal injury and employment. His practice has encompassed diverse areas of law from human rights (in particular, cases involving alleged breaches of Articles 2, 3, 4 and 8) to family proceedings, data protection, trespass and conversion and licensing. Robert has also gained experience in all areas of police law

through his work in-house in police legal departments.

Public Law

Robert regularly appears in the Administrative Court and accepts instructions in all areas of public law. Robert has particular experience in claims around data retention and disclosure by public authorities, challenges to investigative decisions and decisions on whether to prosecute, and in defending judicial reviews of cautions administered by the police.

Employment Law

Robert is regularly instructed in a wide range of employment matters. He has experience defending claims for discrimination and whistle blowing and successfully defended a constabulary in the largest tribunal proceedings in their history. Robert has also represented both Claimants and Respondents in the ET in unfair dismissal claims and redundancy claims, and has experience of drafting advices and pleadings in all employment matters.

Personal Injury Law

Robert undertakes court and written work in a broad range of personal injury matters, including employers' liability claims, slipping and tripping, RTAs, and incidents involving animals.

Recent Cases

R (G) v Chief Constable of Surrey Police; (2) Secretary of State for the Home Department; (3) Secretary of State for Justice [2016] 4 W.L.R. 94 [2016]: successfully appeared as junior counsel led by Anne Studd QC for the Chief Constable in judicial review proceedings challenging the administering of a reprimand for sexual offending and the legality of the scheme of retention and disclosure under the relevant guidance, the Police Act 1997 and the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 obliging the Chief Constable to disclose the reprimand.

The Chief Constable v S & Ors (FGM) [2016] EWFC B75: successfully appeared as counsel for the Chief Constable in proceedings in the Family Division of the High Court for a Female Genital Mutilation Protection Order, in which the court set out the applicable threshold for risk which needs to be met in these matters being a 'real possibility' or a 'real and evidentially established risk' of FGM

R (Manser) v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis [2015] EWHC 3642 (Admin): successfully appeared as counsel for the Commissioner in resisting a claim for judicial review of a caution. The claim concerned the amount of evidence the police are required to provide and whether a caution can be offered for a lesser offence than that for which the Claimant was arrested.

Re PS Treasure: presenting counsel for the Appropriate Authority in a two-week police discipline where a sergeant was dismissed for failing to respond to a stabbing incident, bullying, and using racist and homophobic language ([Sgt Kirsten Treasure: Met officer dismissed for 'ignoring' stabbing - BBC News](#))

Academic

David Karmel and Bedingfield Scholarships (Gray's Inn)

BVC, BPP (2009-10)

GDL, City University (2008-9)

BA, History, 1st class, UCL (2005-8)

Personal

Robert is a life-long QPR fan, a former skiing instructor, and a devotee of blues music.