



Aaron accepted tenancy at 5 Essex Court in September 2015 following successful completion of his pupillage. Aaron completed his Law degree at University College London in 2011. He took the Bar Professional Training Course at Kaplan and was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in July 2013.

Before joining 5 Essex Court, Aaron served as a Special Constable in the Metropolitan Police Service from 2009 to 2014, spending the last 18 months leading a team as a Special Sergeant in Westminster. He has a first-hand understanding of operational policing, both as a constable and as a line manager, which gives him a good insight into the legal and practical problems confronting the police service.

Practice Areas

POLICE LAW
INQUESTS
LICENSING LAW
PERSONAL INJURY LAW
EMPLOYMENT LAW

Clerks

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Aaron accepts instructions in all of Chambers' main practice areas. He has undergone vetting and is part of the Government Legal Department's "Baby Barrister" scheme.

Police Law

Building on his experience as a Special Sergeant, Aaron frequently represents police forces in the Crown and Magistrates' Courts in applications for, and challenges to, civil Orders including POCA forfeitures, SHPOs and Football Banning Orders, as well as the destruction of dangerous dogs.

He also has experience defending claims against the police in the County Court in matters on the fast and small claims tracks, and has represented the police in CCMCs on the multitrack. He has also appeared on behalf of prison service providers.

He represents the police in issues of disclosure and PII in Family proceedings, and has experience in relation to issues of National Security. Aaron has also successfully represented a Local Authority applying for a Forced Marriage Protection Order for reasons of capacity.

Aaron often advises on the exercise of operational police powers, and the application of the Police Regulations in cases such as pay and pensions.

He was instructed by the Metropolitan Police in a large disclosure review as part of a sensitive inquiry into the alleged misconduct and criminality of officers, having also carried out disclosure reviews for the Government Legal Department. Aaron is often instructed for LPP sifting following police seizure.

Whilst under the supervision of Charlotte Ventham, Aaron worked on a large number of assault, malicious prosecution and false imprisonment cases, some with juries, as well as claims under the Human Rights Act and Data Protection Act. He has also been involved in resisting judicial review claims on behalf of police forces. Aaron is keen to expand this area of this practice.

Inquests

Aaron has experience representing the Police in Inquests lasting multiple days, including A2 Inquests. He is currently instructed as junior counsel to the Tunisia Inquests, and is familiar with issues regarding national

security and other sensitive material. He also has experience appearing for the ambulance service in relation to deaths in prison custody.

Under the supervision of Charlotte Ventham, Aaron assisted in Article 2 Inquests involving deaths in both police and prison custody.

Licensing Law

Aaron has successfully represented Transport for London in multiple appeals in the Crown and Magistrates' Courts, in respect of both Driver and Operator Licence decisions taken by Taxis and Private Hire.

He represents the Police in licensing appeals in firearm and shotgun matters, and has appeared for the Police in the review of an alcohol premises licence.

Personal Injury Law

Aaron advises on issues of liability and quantum in personal injury cases, including highways, occupiers' liability, employers' liability and RTA claims. He has been instructed in infant settlement hearings and fast-track trials, having gained experience in these areas whilst providing in-house advice to a firm of personal injury solicitors.

Aaron accepts instructions on a CFA basis in appropriate cases.

Employment Law

Under Victoria von Wachter's supervision Aaron gained experience in both claimant and respondent cases in first instance and appellate tribunals, within both the private and public sectors. Claims on which Aaron has recently worked have included sex and sexual orientation discrimination, constructive dismissal, wrongful dismissal, harassment and victimisation. He also assisted his supervisor on a remedy hearing involving extensive medical evidence.

Education and Awards

James Hunt Prize for Advocacy, 2015 (Gray's Inn)

BPTC (graded Outstanding in 3 modules, including Civil Advocacy), Kaplan, 2012 - 2013

LL.B, University College London, 2008 - 2011

King's College School, Wimbledon, Exhibition Scholar, 2003 – 2008

Languages

Aaron has a working knowledge of Italian.

Publications

Manners maketh man: a comparison of the ethics of anencephalic and baboon organ donation (UCL Journal of Law and Jurisprudence 2012)

Memberships

Bar Pro Bono Unit