

ERIC OWEN

Year of call: 1969

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Administrative & Public Law & Local Government Environment
Local Government Planning



Local Government

Eric has appeared in many applications for judicial review and statutory challenges appearing for clients in both the private and public sectors. This work has covered an extensive range of challenges, including human rights, prisoners' rights, education and planning.

Significant reported cases

Williamson v Church in Wales (availability of judicial review in dispute with Church in Wales)

Rigby v Halton BC [2010] EWHC (EIA Directive)

Home Builders Federation v Stockport MBC (statutory challenge to development plan).

Profile

Eric has considerable experience in a wide range of advisory and litigation work mainly in the sphere of Administrative and Public Law, Local Government Law and Finance, EU Procurement and State Aid, and Planning, Environmental, Water and Sewers. Eric has appeared before a variety of courts (including the European Court of Human Rights, and the Court of Appeal), as well as administrative tribunals (including Planning, Licensing, Education and Standards).

In 2011 and 2012 Eric held a public enquiry instructed by the Chief Executive of Warrington Borough Council and in 2012 he reported on governance issues and made key recommendations to the Council following an Ombudsman's report which had criticized the Council for destroying planning records.

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Memberships

Eric is a former member of the Bar European Group Committee, and of the PEBA committee.

Publications

Eric was the author of County Court Litigation (Sweet & Maxwell) and subsequently he was editor of Civil Court Practice. He has published various articles, including a paper delivered to an Annual Meeting of the Planning Inspectorate.

Qualifications

University Liverpool

Degree Law LL.B

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Joined Chambers 1990