

JOHN HUNTER

Year of call: 2002

Clerked by: William Brown Gary Smith Mark Ronson

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Administrative and Public Law Environment Local
Government Planning



Local Government

Profile

John is recommended as a leading junior by Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500 in administrative & public law and planning law. He also features in Planning Magazine's list of the top rated junior planning barristers nationally. He has appeared in a number of leading cases in the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court.

John is appointed to the Attorney General's Civil Panel. Between 2004-2005 he was judicial assistant to Lord Nicholls and Lord Rodger in the House of Lords.

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Memberships

Planning and Environmental Law Bar Association

Administrative Law Bar Association

Northern Administrative Law Association

Appointments

Attorney General's Regional Panel (Civil)

Qualifications

John attended secondary school and sixth form college in the north-east. He studied Philosophy and Spanish Literature (BA Hons First Class & Gibbs Prize - The Queen's College, Oxford University). He studied European Literature as a postgraduate (MSt. Distinction - The Queen's College Oxford University) before deciding to convert to law (CPE Commendation - Northumbria University). He studied for the bar in London (BVC Very Competent - Inns of Court School of Law) and was awarded a Sir Thomas More scholarship by Lincoln's Inn.

Recommendations

Chambers & Partners

"One of the brightest men I know! He is really particular in his preparation and has a very detailed and careful presentation." (Chambers and Partners UK, 2020)

"A brilliant barrister - he is always very calm and has a very good manner with clients." (Chambers and Partners UK, 2020)

"He gives clear, definitive, invaluable advice." "He often sees points others haven't identified." (Chambers and Partners UK, 2020)

"He is extremely bright and very academic. His arguments are convincing and well structured." (Chambers and Partners UK, 2018)

"We have always found him to be helpful and proactive." "Extremely bright and very academic." (Chambers and Partners UK, 2018)

"He is extremely bright and very academic. His arguments are very convincing but also seem to be well structured. He presents very technical issues in a straightforward way. He is very persuasive and has boundless energy." (Chambers and Partners UK, 2018)

"He is very professional and his written work is very good. He understood and clarified our position perfectly and was able to summarise it in a really concise and clear manner that put our case across perfectly." "He is a very good advocate to work with, and has an incredibly good memory and a genuine interest and enthusiasm about the law and its detail." (Chambers and Partners UK, 2017)

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"He is always fully on board with us, is really quick-thinking and able to predict where a case is going." "The biggest benefit he brings is his ability to liaise with the client and understand what the client's requirements are." (Chambers and Partners UK, 2016)

"His advocacy in court is relaxed, but very effective. He asks pertinent questions that cut through any line of defence." "He is bright, intellectual and enthusiastic." "He's extremely bright, and when dealing with clients and solicitors he's always able to listen and then formulate the best possible case." "He provides clear and concise advice to clients, and he's very approachable." (Chambers and Partners UK, 2015)

"Recognised for his handling of appeals and challenges in a range of legal spheres including planning and environment, immigration law and prison law" (Chambers and Partners UK, 2014)

"Instructing solicitors report being 'absolutely delighted' with his performance, saying that 'he is very logical in the way he approaches a case, and he won't let go of points without a fight.'" (Chambers and Partners UK, 2013)

Legal 500

'Great at understanding clients' needs and objectives.' (Legal 500, 2020)

'A highly intelligent barrister.' (Legal 500, 2018)

'He is great at tailoring his advice to meet client needs.' (Legal 500, 2018)

'He has an excellent courtroom presence.' (Legal 500, 2017)

"Academically and practically effective." (Legal 500, 2015)

"Modest and approachable." (Legal 500, 2014)

