

RUPERT BELOFF

Year of call: 2001

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Administrative & Public Law Commercial Litigation Intellectual
Property & IT Sport



Sport

Rupert has substantial and wide-ranging experience of sports litigation and advisory work including regulatory and disciplinary proceedings, anti-doping, anti-corruption, free movement and right to play cases and contractual and sponsorship disputes. He has represented and advised clubs, governing bodies, coaches and individual sports men and women in front of a wide range of tribunals and courts.

Rupert has also appeared for both Claimants and Defendants in 'field of play' injury cases.

He regularly lectures and gives seminars on sports law subjects and is a co-author of several leading books in the field.

He is a member of ARDL, BASL, the editorial panel of Law In Sport and the Sport Resolutions pro-bono panel.

Examples of his previous cases include:

- Christine Ohuruogu v British Olympic Association (November 2007) - appeal against lifetime ban on competing at the Olympic Games
- Bell v Governing Body of St Olave's and St Saviour's Grammar School (2013) ISLR SLR 28 - duty of care for a school in respect of the use of gum shields during hockey matches
- Bruce Baker v British Boxing Board of Control [2014] EWHC 2074 (QB) injunction to restore boxing manager's licence based on competition and EU law arguments.
- Representing boxing promoters, boxers and licence holders in disciplinary proceedings in front of the British Boxing Board of Control.
- Representing a footballers, rugby players and swimmers in anti-doping proceedings.
- Advising a professional football referee in respect of an unfair dismissal claim against the FA.
- Advising a professional cricket coach in relation to constructive and unfair dismissal.
- Advising a leading speedway circuit in respect of safety rules imposed by the governing body.

Profile

Rupert worked in sports media before being called to the bar and completing a commercial and planning pupillage.

Rupert has a broad commercial and public law practice with a particular expertise in all aspects of sports and media law. He has extensive experience of appearing in courts and tribunals in London and nationwide, including high value complex claims.

Rupert's clients include regulatory bodies, sports clubs and agencies, sportsmen and women, national insurance companies, local authorities, FTSE listed companies, company directors, auctioneers and professionals.

He accepts instructions across a wide range of Chambers' work in both an advisory and advocacy capacity.

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Memberships

British Association for Sport and Law (BASL)

Personal Injuries Bar Association (PIBA)

Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)

Publications

- Co-author of the Halsbury Centenary Essay 'The Field of Play' (Butterworths, 2007)
- Contributor to the New Oxford Companion to Law (Oxford, 2008) on the subjects of combat and blood sports
- Contributor to Halsbury's Laws of England volume on Sports (Butterworths, 2012)
- Co-author of Sports Law by Beloff, Kerr and Demetriou (2nd Edition)(Hart Publishing, 2012)
- Co-author of Atkins Court Forms volume on Sports (Lexis Nexis, 2013)
- Contributor to the International Sports Law Review

Qualifications

MA (Oxon)

LLB PgDip(EC Law)

Rupert read History at Christ Church, Oxford, before studying Law at the University of Buckingham. He achieved the top first class law degree in the university; won university prizes for tort, EC law, trusts, criminal law and contract; and obtained the Edgar Palamountain Award for Excellence and Aylesbury Vale DC prize for Public Law. He holds a Postgraduate Diploma in EC Law from King's College, London.

Rupert worked in sports media before training for the Bar and undertaking pupillage at No5 Chambers. He is a member of Gray's Inn.