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Academic Qualifications

BA (Oxon) Literae Humaniores (1992)

Dip Law, Westminster University (1995)

Public Law & Regulatory

Lachlan's public and administrative law practice is centred on the field of education and he appears in the Legal 500 for this field. He taught for a number of years before qualifying as a lawyer and now conducts cases involving a wide range of education law issues at all levels from the Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal to the Court of Appeal.

Lachlan advises and represents children, parents, school proprietors and governing bodies, local education authorities, voluntary organisations and charitable trusts, further and higher education institutions, students, and universities, on the full range of education disputes, including:

- School admissions - policies and appeals (including nursery and infant class admissions)
- School exclusions - policies and appeals, and other pupil disciplinary matters
- School attendance and registration of pupils
- Discrimination (including allegations of disability discrimination before the Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal, and Independent Appeal Panel in cases of permanent exclusion)
- Special Educational Needs (including hearings before, and appeals from, the SENDIST)
- Local Government Ombudsman (complaints to, and challenges against decisions of)
- Negligence in the field of Education
- Employment in Education, and other education contracts
- Charitable Trusts
- Further and Higher Education - admissions, attendance, disciplinary issues
- Universities - admissions, academic and disciplinary disputes

Indicative cases

R v Wakefield MDC ex p G (LTL 30/1/98 : Times, February 10, 1998)

R v Wakefield LEA ex p K (LTL 24/6/99)

R v Oxfordshire CC Exclusions Appeal Panel, ex p P [2001] ELR 631

R v S Gloucestershire Education Appeals Committee, ex p B [2001] ELR 53

R (ota) Wakefield MDC v E and SENT (2002) ELR 2003

Olchfa Comprehensive School Governors v (1) IE & EE (2) Helen Rimington (Chair Of Special Educational Needs & Disability Tribunal) [2006] EWHC 1468 (Admin)

Lachlan heads up the Education Law unit in Chambers and regularly advises both informally, and in formal presentations, on latest developments in Education Law. Further details can be obtained from the specialist clerk to the Public and Regulatory Group.

Professional Qualifications and Appointments

- Accredited Mediation Advocate
- Accredited Mediator