

Charles Brasted

Partner

London

Biography

Described as a 'public law guru' by Legal 500 and 'brilliantly creative and intellectually first-rate' by Chambers UK, Charles Brasted works at the intersection of business and government.

He helps businesses engage effectively in the making of the laws, regulations and policies that affect them. He also helps governments, regulators and other policymakers to take robust decisions.

Charles is a seasoned litigator and a Solicitor Advocate whose practice is underpinned by his experience of acting in commercial judicial reviews and other legal challenges before UK Courts and tribunals, the European Court of Justice and the European Court of Human Rights (top-ranked in Chambers and Legal 500).

His experience spans a wide range of industries, acting for claimants, defendants and interested parties in high-profile and complex matters in heavily regulated sectors such as energy, financial services, gambling, life sciences, media and telecoms. Charles uses that experience to help clients to develop and deliver comprehensive strategies that combine effective and timely policy advocacy with hard-edged legal arguments based on UK constitutional and administrative law, EU law, international law and



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Practices

Administrative and Public Law

Gaming Law

Government Relations and Public Affairs

Litigation Services

Business and Human Rights

Sovereigns

Industries

Aerospace and Defense

Automotive

Diversified Industrials

Energy and Natural Resources

human rights law.

Charles leads our global regulatory practice in the UK and, as head of our public law and policy practice, has been at the forefront of developing our innovative approach to government affairs and policy advocacy, which brings together legal knowledge, dispute resolution experience and government affairs skills in a seamless team. That team won the Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Europe 2020 award for most innovative team. Charles also plays a leading role in our Brexit Taskforce and was highly commended by the The Law Society in Gazette Legal Personality of the Year 2020 category for his exceptional client and public-facing work as part of the Hogan Lovells Brexit taskforce.

Representative experience

Twice successfully representing Uber in appeals against TfL, securing its ability to continue operating in London.

Successfully defending ITV in a judicial review challenge regarding its broadcast coverage of the 2019 General Elections.

Advising a number of businesses and government bodies on regulatory and policy responses to COVID-19.

Advising Uber on an ongoing basis on its regulatory strategy to support the growth of its innovative service in regulated markets.

Advising The Crown Estate on a range of constitutional issues, including the design and drafting of the legislative package to deliver Scottish devolution and related constitutional issues.

Advising a drug manufacturer on navigating a Parliamentary inquiry and negotiations with the UK Government reaching an unprecedented agreement to

Financial Institutions

Life Sciences and Health Care

Technology and Telecoms

Transport & Logistics

Areas of focus

Aviation Legislation and Policy

Brexit

IERP Dispute Resolution

Foreign Government Representation

Education and admissions

Education

M.A. (Cantab), University of Cambridge

Memberships

Constitutional and Administrative Law Bar Association

UK Association for European Law (Committee member)

Human Rights Lawyers' Association

City of London Solicitors' Company (Liveryman)

TheCityUK, Committee Member (Public Affairs Group)

provide life-changing treatment for cystic fibrosis.

Acting for a US-based life sciences innovator to secure patient access to a life-saving treatment for an ultra-rare disease.

Advising the Gambling Commission on the design and delivery of the competition for the fourth National Lottery Licence.

Acting for oil drilling companies in a judicial review challenge and CJEU proceedings against primary legislation imposing additional tax burden.

Acting for Libyan State institutions to establish constitutional basis for control of assets, including releasing monies subject to sanctions.

Advising on Freedom of Information Act requests for details of communications with the UK Government in relation to Brexit.

Acting in successful UK and European Court of Human Rights proceedings to recover monies owed by a Ukrainian State-owned entity.

Acting for Stansted Airport in successfully securing first de-regulation of an airport by the CAA under the Airports Act 2012.

Advising Ofgem on major regulatory projects, including smart metering, environmental programmes and industry code reform.

Acting for the Gibraltar Gambling Commissioner in a judicial review against introduction of extra-territorial regulation of remote gambling operators.

Advising NATS on public law and regulatory issues, including engagement and litigation, relating to aviation economic, safety and environmental matters.

Acting for a mobile network operator in judicial review and CAT proceedings challenging Ofcom's proposed auction of next-generation radio spectrum.

Bar admissions and qualifications

Solicitor, England and Wales

Court admissions

Senior Courts of England and Wales

Accolades

"an exceptionally intelligent public lawyer whose analysis is superb"

Chambers UK

Described as "brilliantly creative and intellectually first-rate" by sources, who laud him as "probably the best in the commercial regulatory field."

Chambers UK

"Charles Brasted offers clear analytical thinking on judicial review issues and is available at the drop of a hat. ... He knows the law fantastically, has a good sense of what happens in litigation, and good judgement."

Chambers UK

Acting for the BT Pension Scheme in relation to State aid, regulatory and legislative issues arising from Crown guarantee.

Acting for Ofgem in resisting a number of legal challenges, including the first CMA code modification appeal.

Advising the UK Government on public law and legislative issues relating to the monetisation of the student loans portfolio.

Awards and rankings

- Administrative and Public Law (Tier 1), *Legal 500*, 2021
- Highly Commended, Gazette Legal Personality of the Year, *The Law Society*, 2020
- Winner of Innovative Team award, *FT Innovative Lawyers Europe*, 2020
- Leading Individual, Brexit, *Legal 500 UK*, 2020
- Public international law, *Legal 500 UK*, 2020
- Administrative and Public Law (Band 1), *Chambers UK*, 2018-2020
- Parliamentary and Public Affairs (Band 1), *Chambers UK*, 2018-2020
- Administrative and Public Law (Tier 1), *Legal 500*, 2017-2020
- Brexit, *Legal 500 UK*, 2017-2020
- Public International Law (Tier 2), *Legal 500 UK*, 2017-2020
- Hot 100, *The Lawyer*, 2019
- Acritas Stars, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2017-2020
- Administrative and Public Law (Band 2), *Chambers UK*, 2017
- Parliamentary and Public Affairs (Band 1), *Chambers*

"He has a really good eye for litigation. He has a great understanding of the law and also great tactical sense."

Chambers UK

"One of the best in the country ... an exceptional individual and professional"

Legal 500

UK, 2017

- Administrative and Public Law, *SuperLawyers*, 2017
- Pro Bono Team of the Year, *Lawyer Awards*, 2012

Latest thinking and events

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 - UK publishes Online Safety Bill: a new era in digital regulation
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 - Hogan Lovells publishes opinion to the Government's Response on the Independent Review of Administrative Law
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 - UK National Security and Investment - now is the time to Act