

Ian Peacock

Year of Call: 1990



Practice Summary

Ian specialises in housing, property, and public law. He is recognised as a leading junior in both Chambers & Partners and Legal 500.

He is an expert in homelessness and allocations law and has appeared in the Court of Appeal, the Administrative Court, and the County Court.

Notably, he has appeared unled (and without a junior) in two Supreme Court cases. The case of *Nzolameso v Westminster City Council* [2015] 2 All ER 942 is still the leading case regarding the scope of local authorities' duties to secure accommodation in their areas. More recently, he has appeared in Court of Appeal cases concerning the test for settled accommodation (*Bullale v City of Westminster City Council* [2021] HLR 21) and local authorities' obligations when approving a private rented sector offer (*Hajjaj v City of Westminster* [2022] PTSR 420).

Earlier in his career, Ian played a part in the development of the concept (now abolished) of the "tolerated trespasser" in the case of *Greenwich London Borough Council v Regan* (1996) 28 HLR 469.

He regularly acts in landlord and tenant disputes, whether public or private. He has particular expertise in claims involving local government landlords.

Ian sits as a Recorder on the South Eastern Family Circuit.

Publications

- Contributor to 'Macdonald on the Law of Freedom of Information and Hill and Redman's Law of Landlord and Tenant'
- Regular case analysis for Lexis Nexis PSL