



Garrett Byrne

Year of call: 1986

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Practice Summary

Garrett Byrne has many years experience in environmental, planning, disciplinary and regulatory law. He has appeared in the Legal 500 for the last few years as a recommended junior in environmental law. He regularly advises on all aspects of environmental law, including waste management, waste packaging, transfrontier movement of waste, contaminated land, water pollution, water quality, sewers and drains, air pollution and IPC, environmental impact assessment, prosecutions, and health and safety. He advises and appears in court on behalf of industrial and commercial clients, as well as regulators. He is instructed by the Environment Agency and local authorities.

In addition to environmental work, Garrett undertakes all aspects of planning law, including appearing at inquiries on behalf of both promoters and authorities.

Garrett also practises in the area of disciplinary and regulatory law. He regularly appears before the police disciplinary tribunal and is instructed to advise on and present cases in disciplinary cases brought by the Metropolitan Police Service Anti-Corruption Command. He was legal assessor in the disciplinary proceedings arising out of the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry. He also conducts disciplinary and advisory work in relation to other professional bodies, such as accountants and solicitors.

Garrett participates in the training of new members of the profession, being a Gray's Inn Advocacy Trainer. He was a facilitator in the Bar Human Rights training programme in 2001/2002.

Appointments

- Recorder
 - Member of Bar Disciplinary Panel
 - Member of Attorney-Generals' 'B' Unified List of Prosecuting Advocates
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Affiliations

- Founding member of "Earthrights" Public interest law firm, Environmental rights' charity
 - UKELA
 - PEBA
 - CBA
 - Chairman of the Fulham Legal Advice Centre Management Committee
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Education

- 1976 – 1979 Wimbleton College
 - 1983 University of Bristol, LL.B
 - 1993 University of London (Kings) LL.M (Environmental Law)
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Circuits

South Eastern

Lectures

Regularly lectures on environmental law and litigation.

Directory Entries

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Recommended junior in Environment Law: *"He makes himself readily available to discuss any issues in a case. Once engaged, he adopts a methodical, balanced approach to the presentation of cases"* (2014) *"first choice for enforcement and regulatory matters"* (2008), *"a solid, pragmatic and trustworthy barrister,* (2009), *"very pragmatic, quick-witted and good at cross-examination"* (2010) and *"robust, innovative and extremely approachable advocate who has a fine reputation"* (2011), *"clear and unfussy advice"* and *"very fluent advocacy."* (2012); *"very careful and jury-friendly advocacy."* *"lovely courtroom manner "* *"he is so very gentle that you don't realise you have been floored until five minutes after its happened – he's lethal ."* Police Law (2008); Professional Discipline: *"a very sound and reliable individual"* and *"exceptionally fair and very balanced"* (2010) and *"a very impressive performer"* (2011).

Legal 500, 2012

Recommended junior in Environmental Law (first rank): *"very approachable and empathetic, robust and excellent on his feet"* (2011) *"received a growing amount of praise and was particularly recommended for prosecution work",* *"pragmatic and practical"*

and “... is praised for his waste and water expertise, and is commended for his responsiveness to work as a team” (2005) and “very impressive environmental specialist [he] is a leading junior in the field” (2008).

Legal Experts, 2012

Leading expert in Environment Law
