

George Hill

Year of Call: 2026



Practice Summary

George commenced pupillage in October 2026 and intends to build a practice in all areas of public and employment law. This builds on his experience in human rights law in domestic and international contexts.

Before coming to the Bar, George was a Judicial Assistant at the Court of Appeal, where he predominantly worked on public and employment law matters. He has also worked as a researcher supporting a King's Counsel specialising in public law and international human rights, as a trainee/stagiaire at the European Court of Human Rights, and as a researcher for the charity Care Rights UK. George has published a range of journal articles and book chapters on international law.

George is fluent in French (C1), has a working professional level of Italian (B2) and understands written Spanish.

Public Law & Human Rights

In his work as a Judicial Assistant, George worked on a number of public law appeals, covering immigration, planning, prisons and education. These included:

R (on the application of Fajr Ellis) v Secretary of State for Justice [2025] EWCA Civ 831 on prisoners' right to education under A2P1 ECHR.

AAZA (Yemen) v SSHD [2025] EWCA Civ 705 on the return of a Yemeni national to China.

Tortoise Media v Conservative and Unionist Party [2025] EWCA Civ 673 on whether party leadership elections are an exercise of a public function for the purposes of the Human Rights Act 1998.

Frack Free Balcombe v SSHCLG [2025] EWCA Civ 495 on the relevance of future production in exploration planning decisions.

R (on the application of Neophytou) v Governor of HMP Berwyn [2025] EWCA Civ 348 on the construction of the Early Release on Compassionate Grounds Policy Framework and a prison governor's authority where an ERCG application is made on medical grounds.

R (on the application of RWU) v Governing Body of A Academy [2025] EWCA Civ 147 on Article 4 ECHR duties in the school exclusion context.

R (on the application of AI) v West Berkshire Council [2025] EWCA Civ 136 on adequacy of reasons in age assessments.

R (on the application of FTDI) v Chancellor of Duchy of Lancaster [2025] EWHC 241 (Admin) on interim relief against a national security divestment order.

SSHD v EK & Ors [2024] EWCA Civ 1601 on interim relief for family reunion after a "small boats" separation.

While working for Lord Justice Singh, George also attended hearings in the Investigatory Powers Tribunal.

As a researcher supporting a King's Counsel, George supported counsel's advisory work on public law matters, as well as preparation for hearings in the Administrative Court and the Court of Appeal. This included the following reported cases:

R (on the application of Bryan) v HM Coroner for Buckinghamshire [2024] EWHC 26 (Admin) on the approach to insanity in unlawful killing conclusions and the use of narrative conclusions where it cannot be excluded.

R (on the application of O'Connor) v Police Misconduct Panel [2023] EWHC 2892 (Admin) on sanctions for sexual harassment by a police officer.

Re A (Parental Responsibility) [2023] EWCA Civ 689 on the inability to revoke married fathers' parental responsibility.

As an Advice and Information volunteer at Liberty (The National Council for Civil Liberties), George provided pro bono advice on public law and human rights matters.

Employment Law

In his work as a Judicial Assistant, George worked on a number of Employment appeals. In addition to preparing recommendations on applications for permission to appeal, George worked on the following reported decisions:

- *Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia (Cultural Bureau) v Alhayali* [2025] EWCA Civ 1162 on state immunity in embassy employment and discrimination claims.

- *Morais & Ors v Ryanair DAC* [2025] EWCA Civ 19 on the applicability of blacklisting protections to workers who took industrial action.

· *Kingdom of Spain v Lorenzo* [2024] EWCA Civ 1602 on the compatibility of the State Immunity Act 1978 with the ECHR in the embassy employment context.

He has also undertaken training to conduct cases in the Employment Tribunals, provided by the Free Representation Unit.

International Human Rights Law

As a researcher supporting a King's Counsel's international human rights practice, George gained experience of advocacy involving the UN Human Rights Council and treaty bodies.

As a trainee at the European Court of Human Rights, George assisted Judge Marko Bošnjak. He worked on cases including:

- *Big Brother Watch v the United Kingdom* [GC] (Apps. nos. 58170/13, 62322/14 and 24960/15) on bulk interception and intelligence sharing under Articles 8 and 10 ECHR.
- *Communauté Genevoise d'Action Syndicale (CGAS) v Switzerland* [GC] (App. no. 21881/20) on Covid-19 bans on public assemblies under Article 11 ECHR.
- *Ancient Baltic religious association Romuva v Lithuania* (App. no. 48329/19) on refusal of state recognition to a religious association.
- *Weickert v Slovenia* (App. no. 11841/21) on extradition to the United States facing de facto life imprisonment.
- *Gražulevičiūtė v Lithuania* (App. no. 53176/17) on respecting res judicata in later damages proceedings against the state.

Public International Law

George holds an LLM in international law from Jesus College Cambridge and has worked as a research assistant on a wide range of international law projects. He has published journal articles and book chapters on issues including ecocide, the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and urban fiscal governance. George was also a semi-finalist in the UK national round of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court.

Adult Social Care

Before coming to the Bar, George worked as a researcher at the charity Care Rights UK. There, he built a strong working knowledge of adult social care law in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. This work supported the charity's advice and policy/campaigns teams.

Education

- Bar Vocational Studies (BVS) – City Law School, City St George's, University of London
- LLM (Research) – European University Institute, Florence
- Winter Course – Hague Academy of International Law
- LLM (Taught) – Jesus College, University of Cambridge (First-Class Honours)

- LLB (European Legal Studies) – University of Kent (with a year abroad at Maastricht University) (First-Class Honours)

Areas of Expertise

- Human Rights Equalities
- Employment
- Adult Social Care