

# Catherine Rowlands



called: 1992  
education: LLB (Hons.)

clerk: Elliot Langdorf

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Catherine Rowlands has a practice which covers all aspects of public law, especially social housing and community care, as well as property and other civil litigation. She is a robust and tenacious advocate with substantial experience at all levels and has appeared in cases from the House of Lords to the Magistrates Court.

Catherine joined Chambers in 2009 from St Ive's Chambers in Birmingham where she represented housing associations and local authorities across the West Midlands and beyond.

Qualifications: LLB (Hons.) Kings College London and Maitrise, Université de Paris (Pantheon-Sorbonne)

Called: 1992 (Gray's Inn)

## Public Law and Judicial Review

Many cases before the Administrative Court including appearing for Birmingham City Council in the six joined cases that led to the recent appeal to the House of Lords sub nom. *Birmingham City Council v Ali et al.*

Particular experience in housing-related applications including interim accommodation.

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## Administrative Law and Judicial Review

*"An excellent public law set"*  
(Legal 500)

### What We Do

- We have extensive experience of defending and challenging public law decisions in a wide range of fields including planning, housing, highways, community care, immigration, human rights and licensing.
- We appear in all courts and tribunals.
- We are regularly involved in judicial review proceedings, and similar statutory challenges and appeals.
- We act for regulatory bodies in disciplinary hearings and related statutory appeals.
- We are adept at dealing with public law claims at short notice.
- We act for many public and private bodies and individuals, as well as over 300 public authorities.
- A number of us are experienced as Adjudicators, Inspectors, Investigators, Boundary Commissioners and also as officers and elected members of local bodies.
- We have extensive experience in advising on local authority powers, and the full range of constitutional, procedural and conduct issues facing authorities.
- We have particular expertise in the local authority power to promote well-being.
- Our specialist expertise includes Freedom of Information, Data Protection and the Environmental Information Regulations. We also act for a number of Local Education Authorities, and in relation to children's services generally, and educational institutions.

## Publications

### More light on article 8: exceptions to the rule

Catherine Rowlands examines the circumstances where a successful defence relying on Article 8 might arise in *Local Government Lawyer*.

[More light on article 8: exceptions to the rule](#)

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## Associations

- Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)
- Founding member of Social Housing Law Association