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Ravi Mehta

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Year of call:	**2010**
Degree:	**LLB in English and French Law (London) First Class**
Languages:	**French (fluent), German (working knowledge), Dutch (working knowledge), Farsi (working knowledge)**

Ravi is a leading junior with a wide-ranging practice across Chambers' main areas of work. He has a particular expertise and experience of the cross-over between international and European law, public law, and commercial litigation. His clients include blue chip corporations, individuals, NGOs and regulatory bodies.

Ravi regularly appears - unled and led - before a range of tribunals and courts, including the High Court, the Court of Appeal, the Supreme Court, the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights, employment, immigration and social security tribunals, sports arbitral tribunals, the Court of Arbitration for Sport and the Upper Tribunal (Tax & Chancery, General Administrative and Immigration & Asylum Chambers). He has also assisted in mediations and arbitrations.

Ravi has particular expertise in EU, competition law, international human rights and international trade law through his practice, as well as having worked as a judicial assistant (stagiaire) to the cabinet of the British judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg and as a Fellow at the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice at New York University School of Law.

Ravi is a member of the Attorney General's B Panel (effective September 2021). Ravi was appointed as a trustee of the Public Law Project (PLP) in December 2023. Ravi has been appointed to the Sports Resolution Pro Bono Panel until 2027.

In 2024, Ravi was named Legal 500 Sport Junior of the Year and was nominated for Junior Pro Bono Barrister of the Year.

Ravi is ranked as a leading junior by both of the key independent legal directories, Legal 500 and Chambers UK, as well as the JUVE Patent directories.

Key recent quotes include:

- "Ravi is simply brilliant!" – Chambers UK Bar 2026
- "Ravi's legal expertise is second to none. He is the perfect blend of sharp and charismatic!" - Chambers UK Bar 2026

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- "He is fearsomely bright, thinks outside the box and is imaginative." - Chambers UK Bar 2026
- "Ravi is a smart, dynamic and pragmatic counsel. He is highly perceptive, engaging and understanding of the client's needs, ensuring his advice and advocacy secures the best outcomes for the client." Legal 500 2026

EXPERIENCE

EU Law

Ravi regularly acts for private entities and individuals as well as local and national regulatory bodies on issues of EU law ranging from environment, pharmaceutical regulation, data protection, tax, pensions, public procurement, free movement and telecommunications. He has appeared in three high-profile led and unled in cases before the Grand Chamber of the CJEU, including cases concerning the constitutional status of Gibraltar (GBGA), and UK data retention legislation (Watson v SSHD), and the European Banking Authority (ABE) as well as cases in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court raising novel issues on the application of EU law in domestic proceedings.Ravi is a Committee member of the Bar European Group and the European Circuit. He is also a member of UKELA. He is ranked as a 'leading junior' in both Chambers & Partners and Legal 500.

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Cases

Pan-NOx Litigation
Ongoing

Ravi is instructed (with Thomas de la Mare KC) in a high-profile dispute concerning the alleged breach of EU emissions legislation. In particular, he will be acting in a dispute listed for October 2024, which raises EU law issues under the Withdrawal Act.

Advice – EU (Withdrawal) Act
2023

Advising a leading NGO in relation to trade and environmental issues.

Amirra Harrington v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions
[2023] EWCA Civ 433

Ravi acted for the AIRE Centre, as Intervener in an appeal concerning the payment of the care component of disability living allowance (as well as certain Withdrawal Act issues).

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Fédération bancaire française (FBF) v Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution (ACPR)

Case C-911/19

Ravi acted alongside Brian Kennelly KC on behalf of the European Banking Authority in a case heard by the Grand Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Union ("CJEU") concerning a challenge to the legality of guidelines issued by the European Banking Authority ("EBA") in 2016.

R(Napp Pharmaceutical Ltd) v MHRA and Sandoz Limited

[2016] EWHC 1982 (Admin)

Ravi acted successfully for the Interested Party in judicial review proceedings concerning the hybrid abridged procedure for authorisation of medicinal products under article 10(3) of the Medicinal Code. The case raised novel questions of EU law concerning the reliance upon data previously submitted by a separate generic manufacturer.

R. (on the application of ClientEarth (No. 3)) v (1) SSEFRA (2) Welsh Ministers [2018]

EWHC 315 (Admin) (High Court, with Nathalie Lieven QC)

Ravi acted successfully for the Claimant in the third EU law challenge to the UK's ongoing failure to meet air quality standards in 45 local authority areas across England and in Wales, raising issues concerning effective domestic remedies for breaches of EU Directives.

In its judgment, the Court ordered a new remedy for the first time in judicial review proceedings: liberty to apply extending to the lawfulness of the supplemental Air Quality Plan for England, published in October 2018.

Secretary of State for the Home Department v Davis, Watson and ors

[2015] EWCA Civ 1185 (ongoing)

Ravi is acting for Open Rights Group and Privacy International as interveners in these high-profile proceedings concerning the compatibility of the Data Retention and Investigatory Powers Act 2014 with EU law and the ECHR. The Divisional Court ([2015] EWHC 2092 (Admin); [2016] 1 C.M.L.R. 13) declared that that s.1 of the Act is inconsistent with EU law and granted a suspended order disapplying the provision. On appeal, the Court of Appeal referred a number of questions to the CJEU on the consequences of the CJEU's judgment on the Data Retention Directive in Joined Cases C-293/12 and 594/12 Digital Rights Ireland.

ClientEarth (no2) v Secretary of State for the Environment, Food And Rural Affairs [2016]

EWHC 2740 (Admin); [2017] P.T.S.R. 203; [2017] Env. L.R. 16 (High Court)

Ravi acted successfully in an EU law challenge to the UK's failure to meet air quality standards in London and other major urban areas, raising issues concerning effective domestic remedies for breaches of EU Directives. The Court ordered a full reconsideration of the air quality plans for the entire country..

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Ravi acted as junior counsel for Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar in this challenge to the legality of Part 3 of the Finance Act 2013 for alleged incompatibility with EU law (with Lord Pannick QC). The High Court referred fundamental questions of EU law to the CJEU, including a question relating to the constitutional status of Gibraltar in EU law which was determined by the Grand Chamber.

Fisher v HMRC UT/2015/0019 and UT/2015/0020

(Upper Tribunal, and Court of Justice of the European Union)

Ravi acted for Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar as an Interested Party in proceedings in the Upper Tribunal, which led to a preliminary reference to the CJEU raising issues concerning the applicability of the freedom of establishment and the free movement of capital provisions of the EU Treaties to persons established in/providing services from Gibraltar.

Revision of Code of Practice

Advising PhonepayPlus on its update of the Code of Practice.

Zakrzewska v SSWP

(Upper Tribunal) CE/98/2015

Ravi acted successfully in long-running and complex appellate proceedings before the Upper Tribunal concerning the right to employment support allowance for EU nationals residing in the UK on the basis of a temporary and/or permanent incapacity to work and the transitional regime applied to so-called "accession workers". The case has, to date, given rise to three judgments of the Upper , including a significant ruling that the UK had not derogated from Article 17 of the Citizens' Directive in relation to A8 nationals, such that they were entitled to rely upon its grounds even whilst awaiting their period of registered employment to be completed. The Upper Tribunal upheld Ms Zakrzewska's claim.

Surinder Singh claim

Acting for a claimant relying upon derivative residence rights on Surinder Singh principles in an appeal to the Upper Tribunal.

Dairo v SSHD

IA/20655/2013

Successful appeal (acting pro bono) for claimants in First-Tier and Upper Tribunal proceedings raising Chen, Zambrano and Article 8 ECHR issues.

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Ravi acted as junior counsel for Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar in this high profile case concerning a challenge to the compatibility of the Gambling Act 2005, as amended, with EU law. The case raised complex issues concerning the constitutional status of Gibraltar under EU law.

Fujitsu Services Ltd v (1) Department for Transport, (2) IBM UK Ltd (2014)

(High Court, with James Segan)

Acting for the claimant in a public procurement challenge to the amendment of one of the largest Government contracts in the UK, the DVLA's contract for IT services.

R (Blue Bio) v MHRA

[2014] EWHC 1679 (Admin)

Ravi acted for the Claimant in a case concerning the definition of a "medicinal product" under the Medicines Directive and the duties of the MHRA to apply the so-called functional test in a consistent fashion to like products (with Thomas de la Mare QC).

Simonis v Arts Council of England [2018] EWHC 1822 (Admin)

(High Court, with Ben Jaffey QC)

Ravi successfully represented the Arts Council in resisting a judicial review concerning a highly valuable painting attributed to the Italian artist Giotto di Bondone, following the Arts Council's refusal to issue an export licence. This was the first case concerning Council Regulation (EC) No 116/2009 on the export of cultural goods in the UK. The Court accepted the Art Council's interpretation of the meaning of "lawful and definitive dispatch from another Member State" in Article 2(2)(b) of that Regulation.

R (Teva Pharmaceuticals Ltd) v MHRA and Synthon B.V. and anor

(High Court,) (CO/3516/2016)

Ravi acted successfully for the Interested Party in judicial review proceedings concerning the hybrid abridged procedure for authorisation of medicinal products under article 10(3) of the Medicinal Code.

Tri-Ocean Energy and Tri-Ocean Trading v European Council Cases T-383/16 and 384/16

(General Court of the European Union, with Pushpinder Saini QC and Brian Kennelly QC)

Ravi acted successfully for two entities in challenging their listing by the European Council on the EU's sanctions list relating to the Syrian regime. The entities were entirely removed from the EU's lists.

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Competition

Ravi is a leading competition junior with extensive experience of advisory work, administrative proceedings and litigation in the UK and EU courts. He has particular experience of cartel damages actions, state aid and FRAND issues and has extensive experience of competition issues in the sport, pharmaceutical, and telecommunications context.

Ravi is featured as a 'leading junior' in Chambers & Partners and Legal 500, and he is recommended in the JUVE Patent rankings.

"Ravi is a safe pair of hands and knows his stuff."

— LEGAL 500, 2025

Cases

Alcatel Lucent SASD v Amazon Digital UK Ltd & Ors

[2024] EWHC 1921(Pat)

Ravi appeared on behalf of Amazon, led by James Segan KC, in a dispute regarding RAND terms for a licence to standard essential and non-essential patents. A case summary may be found here.

Lenovo v Ericsson

[2024] EWHC 846 (Ch)

Ravi acts for Lenovo in successfully resisting InterDigital's applications to challenge the Court's jurisdiction.

Lenovo v InterDigital

[2024] EWHC 1036 (Pat)

Ravi acted for Lenovo in successfully resisting InterDigital's applications contesting the Court's jurisdiction. The Court found that there is a reasonable prospect of success that Lenovo is entitled to a FRAND licence in respect of InterDigital's entire portfolio of patents, finding that it may be discriminatory for InterDigital to offer a SEP-only licence to Lenovo if it offered licences covering its entire portfolio to other licensees.

Lenovo Group Ltd & Ors v InterDigital Technology Corporation & Ors

[2024] EWHC 596 (Ch)

Ravi acted for Lenovo in their application for declarations that the terms of a draft interim licence would be fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory ("FRAND") pending the final FRAND trial between the parties. The Court also considered (and dismissed) InterDigital's application for a case management stay in favour of patent infringement proceedings in the Regional Court of Munich.

InterDigital v OPPO

Ongoing

Ravi is acting for the Defendants in only the fourth substantive FRAND dispute to go to trial before the English Courts. The dispute concerns InterDigital's global Standard Essential Patent ("SEP") portfolio.

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Nokia Technologies OY & Anor v OnePlus Technology (Shenzhen) Co, Ltd & Ors

[2023] EWHC 1912 (Pat)

Ravi acted for the Defendants in these international telecoms patent infringement and FRAND proceedings.

InterDigital Technology Corp. and ors v Lenovo Group Limited and ors

[2023] EWHC 539 (Pat)

Ravi acted for Lenovo in a dispute concerning InterDigital's global Standard Essential Patent ("SEP") portfolio. The decision is one of only a handful in the world to reach a final determination in a FRAND dispute and reinforces the world-leading role of the English courts in this field. InterDigital's appeal and Lenovo's cross-appeal against this decision are due to be heard by the Court of Appeal in June 2024.

H7 Heathrow Airport Licence Modification Appeals

2023

Ravi acted for the CAA in relation to an appeal under s. 25 of the Civil Aviation Act 2012, with Heathrow Airport Ltd alleging that the CAA had set the price cap too low, and the airlines alleging that the CAA had set the price cap too high. The CMA held that the CAA was not wrong in most of the decisions that were appealed.

Golfers v PGA European Tour

SR/165/2022

Ravi acted for the PGA European Tour at both the initial hearing and appeal before an Appeal Panel appointed by Sport Resolutions. The case concerned the suspensions of the professional golfers Ian Poulter, Adrian Otaegui, Justin Harding and others from playing in the Scottish Open and two other DP World Tour co-sanctioned tournaments. Their suspensions were initially stayed pending the determination of the golfers' appeals. The Sports Resolutions Appeal Panel dismissed the appeals, upholding the original fines.

GlaxoSmithKline and ors v Competition & Markets Authority Case 1252/1/12/16

(Competition Appeal Tribunal, with John Turner QC and Marie Demetriou QC) (ongoing)

Ravi is part of the counsel team which continues to represent the Competition & Markets Authority, which was the respondent in these appeals against its decision to fine GSK in relation to its agreements with certain generic companies concerning the terms on which the parties settled expected or ongoing patent litigation relating to paroxetine (supplied in the UK as Seroxat, an antidepressant medicine). The case required the CAT to consider the interpretation and application of the principles of market definition, restrictions by object and effect as well as one of the first instances of the 'hot-tubbing' of economic experts before the CAT. Following a lengthy trial, the CAT has referred questions to the CJEU on Articles 101 and 102 TFEU.

FX cartel

(ongoing)

Ravi is instructed to advise FX claimants in relation to substantial claims, which it is anticipated will be brought in the course of the year.

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Air Cargo cartel

Ravi was instructed (with Thomas de la Mare QC and Andrew Scott) on a substantial damages claim pending in the High Court arising from a cartel in the air cargo sector. The claim raises novel questions of jurisdiction and applicable law as well as the application of economic torts in cartel cases.

Industrial plastic bags cartel

Ravi was instructed by a claimant industrial manufacturer in a damages claim in the Commercial Court (with Kieron Beal QC, Fraser Campbell and Tom Cleaver).

Advising the Competition Commission

Advising the Competition Commission on the scope of its investigative powers (with James Eadie QC).

Leased Lines – Colt Technology Services v OFCOM

[2013] CAT 29 (CAT, with Mark Vinall)

Ravi acted for OFCOM in successfully resisting this appeal before the Competition Appeal Tribunal concerning the remedies imposed in its Business Connectivity Market Review (March 2013).

Leased Lines – Vodafone and Verizon Limited v OFCOM

(2013) (Case 1210/3/3/13) (Competition Commission, with Mark Vinall)

Ravi acted successfully for OFCOM in this reference to the Competition Commission concerning the allocation of common costs to Traditional Interface (TI) circuit.

Public & Regulatory

Ravi has a broad practice in public and administrative law, acting for claimants, public bodies, NGOs, and third parties across a number of sectors including immigration, telecommunications, regulated professions, and pharmaceuticals. Ravi regularly acts in cases for and against regulators in the fields of education, aviation, arts regulation, the regulation of legal services, telecommunications, accounting, financial services, sport and medical regulation. He is a member of the Attorney General's B Panel of Counsel. He is ranked as a 'leading junior' in Chambers and Partners 2019, in which he was described as '[r]espected for his representation of claimants and defendants in high-profile judicial reviews and regulatory matters. He is particularly noted for his expertise in EU, competition and commercial cases'.

"Ravi always achieves fantastic results on critical matters. He is responsive, super bright and I have nothing but the highest praise for him."

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Vote Leave Ltd v The Electoral Commission

[2019] EWCA Civ 1938

Ravi acted for the Electoral Commission in an appeal brought by Vote Leave, the designated lead campaigner for the "leave" outcome in the 2016 EU referendum, against the decision of the Electoral Commission to publish a report of its investigation into suspected breaches of electoral legislation.

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Big Brother Watch and Others v the United Kingdom

App. Nos. 58170/13, 62322/14 and 24960/15

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Judicial review of NHS funding decision

Advising a pharmaceutical company on a public law challenge to funding decisions within the NHS (with Thomas de la Mare QC).

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Legal aid reforms – the residence test

Ravi advised the Public Law Project and thirteen other NGOs as to the legality of the proposed residence test for legal aid (led by Michael Fordham QC and Ben Jaffey). The advice was publicly disclosed and published in the Legal Aid Reforms special edition of Judicial Review (JR Vol 18, Issue 3, September 2013, pp.219-222).

Challenge to expulsion from school

Successfully challenging the expulsion of a student from a Sixth Form college for comments posted on social media, before an Independent Review Panel.

Rahmatullah v Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

[2012] UKSC 48 (Supreme Court)

Successful claim for a writ of habeas corpus in respect of Yunus Rahmatullah, a detainee held by the US Government at Bagram in Afghanistan (assisting Ben Jaffey).

Roberts

[2012] EWHC 1977 (Admin) (High Court)

Successfully defending a challenge to the lawfulness of knife crime 'stop and search' powers (assisting Ben Jaffey).

The Queen on the application of NM v Secretary of State for Justice

[2012] EWCA Civ 1182 (Court of Appeal)

Successfully defending an appeal to the Court of Appeal on the positive duties of investigation owed by public authorities under article 3 ECHR to prisoners assaulted in prison (assisting Kate Gallafent QC).

R(Napp Pharmaceutical Ltd) v MHRA and Sandoz Limited

[2016] EWHC 1982 (Admin)

Ravi acted successfully for the Interested Party in judicial review proceedings concerning the hybrid abridged procedure for authorisation of medicinal products under article 10(3) of the Medicinal Code. The case raised novel questions of EU law concerning the reliance upon data previously submitted by a separate generic manufacturer.

Reilly (no.2) and anor v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

([2016] EWCA Civ 413; [2017] Q.B. 657 (Court of Appeal, with Tom Hickman)

Ravi acts for the claimants in a challenge to retrospective legislation passed to validate the Government's 'back to work' schemes after these were held to be ultra vires by the Supreme Court in October 2013 ([2013] UKSC 68; [2013] 3 W.L.R. 1276) . The High Court granted a declaration of incompatibility on Article 6(1) ECHR grounds ([2014] EWHC 2182 (Admin); [2015] Q.B. 573). The Court of Appeal rejected an appeal by the Secretary of State on Article 6(1) and a cross-appeal by the Claimants on Article 1 of the First Protocol.

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Civil Liberties & Human Rights

Ravi regularly acts and advises on cases raising common law, ECHR, EU and international law human rights issues. He also takes a keen interest in claimant human rights work. His experience in this area includes cases where there is a considerable overlap with EU and public international law.

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Prior to pupillage, Ravi was an Associate Fellow of the Centre for Human Rights & Global Justice at New York University, School of Law from September to December 2010. He conducted research and helped draft two reports: Foreign Land Deals and Human Rights: Case Studies on Agricultural and Biofuel Investment and A Decade Lost: Locating Gender in U.S. Counter-Terrorism. He also contributed to the launch of the 'Business and Human Rights Documentation' Project. Since joining Blackstone, he has continued this research work, including assisting in the drafting of a report on "Legal barriers to women's access to credit: Morocco and the Kyrgyz Republic case studies" for the Law & Development Partnership and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (with Naina Patel).

Ravi was also a Legal Panelist (contributor) to a book, edited by Shaheed Fatima KC, entitled 'Protecting Children in Conflict (Hart Publishing, 2018)' which examines the efficacy of current international humanitarian law, international criminal law and international human rights law protections for children in armed conflict.

Ravi is the author of several articles on public law and human rights, in particular in an international context. He has also been invited to present papers at a number of conferences including at the "Market Freedoms and Fundamental Rights in the Enlarging European Union" conference (Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, April 2010) and the "Emerging Human Rights Scholarship Conference" 2009 (NYU Centre for Human Rights & Global Justice).

Cases

Cannavacciuolo and others v Italy

Applications nos. 51567/14 and 3 others

Ravi acted for the interveners, ClientEarth, in this high-profile pollution case before the European Court of Human Rights. Further information is available here.

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Duarte Agostinho & 5 Others v Portugal & 31 Others

2024

Ravi acted for third party interveners, Save the Children, in this high-profile climate change case before the European Court of Human Rights.

Wessex Fertility Ltd and ors

[2024] EWHC 587 (Fam)

Ravi acted for the Interested Party, the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, in this case concerning a request by a fertility clinic and NHS Trust to contact an egg donor, many years after the donation, to seek her agreement to undergo genetic testing.

Al-Hawsawi v. Lithuania

(App. No. 6383/17)

Ravi acted pro bono with REDRESS for Mr al-Hawsawi before the European Court of Human Rights in a case concerning the rendition and conditions of detention in Lithuania of a so-called “High-Value Detainee” in Guantánamo Bay.

Semenya v Switzerland

(App no. 10934/21)

Ravi acted for World Athletics in its intervention in this case before the Grand Chamber of the European Court, relating to the rights of so-called “DSD athletes” to compete in female-only athletics events.

Jennings v Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA)

[2022] EWHC 1619 (Fam)

Ravi acted for the Interested Party, the HFEA, in this case which considered the statutory requirement, under s.12(1)(c) and Schedule 3, paragraph 1(1) of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990. In a high-profile judgment, the Family Court granted a declaration that it would be lawful for the Applicant, Mr Jennings, to use an embryo created using his sperm and the eggs of his late wife, in treatment with a surrogate, notwithstanding the absence of her written, signed consent to that effect.

Belhaj & Boudchar v Straw & others

[2017] UKSC 3; [2017] A.C. 964 (Supreme Court, with Nathalie Lieven QC and Shane Sibbel)

Ravi acted for the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment and the Chair-Rapporteur of the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention in the first intervention by UN Special Rapporteurs before the Supreme Court or the House of Lords. This leading case concerned questions of the law of state immunity as well as the Foreign Act of State doctrine in the context of claims against senior British officials made by two Libyan victims of 'extraordinary rendition' . The Supreme Court held that the claimants’ allegations of kidnap and torture must be heard at trial in the English courts.

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Big Brother Watch and Others v the United Kingdom

App. Nos. 58170/13, 62322/14 and 24960/15

Ravi acted alongside others for the applicants in this case concerning the compatibility of the UK's bulk surveillance regime with the European Convention on Human Rights ("ECHR").

Belhaj and ors v Rt Hon Jack Straw and ors

[2017] UKSC 3; [2017] 2 W.L.R. 456 (Supreme Court, with Nathalie Lieven QC)

Ravi acted for the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and the Chair of the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention in the first ever intervention before the Supreme Court or House of Lords by a UN Mandate-Holder. The claim has been brought against HM Government, Jack Straw MP and MI6 senior official by Libyan family subject to 'extraordinary rendition' from the Far East to Gaddafi's Libya. It raised significant issues concerning the Foreign Act of State doctrine and State Immunity, as well as the international responsibility of States for acts of their agents in collaboration with agents of other States.

Mustafa Al-Hawsawi v Lithuania (ongoing)

(European Court of Human Rights, with Shaheed Fatima QC)

Ravi is acting for a so-called "High-Value Detainee" in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba who is bringing a claim in the European Court of Human Rights against the Lithuanian State for complicity in the CIA's extraordinary rendition program from approximately 2005-2006. The claim raises important issues concerning the right to life (prohibition of the death penalty), the prohibitions of torture and arbitrary detention, the right to a fair trial, the right to private family life and the right to an effective remedy.

Reilly (no.2) and anor v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

([2016] EWCA Civ 413; [2017] Q.B. 657 (Court of Appeal, with Tom Hickman)

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Big Brother Watch and ors. v United Kingdom

(App. No. 58170/13) (ongoing) (European Court of Human Rights, with Tom Hickman)

Ravi acts for three of the UK's leading privacy groups (Big Brother Watch, Open Rights Group, and English PEN) and a prominent German internet campaigner (Constanze Kurz) in a high-profile application to the European Court of Human Rights challenging the UK's legislation governing the surveillance of communications, following the disclosures by Edward Snowden. The case led to an exceptional oral hearing before the Court in Strasbourg in November 2017. The Judgment of the First Section on 13 September 2018 upheld the complaint on Article 8 ECHR grounds. An appeal to the Grand Chamber of the Court was heard on 10 July 2019 at another exceptional oral hearing. Judgment is awaited.

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Beghal v Director of Public Prosecutions

[2015] UKSC 49; [2015] 3 W.L.R. 344 (Supreme Court, with Thomas de la Mare QC)

Ravi acted for the fourth to sixth interveners, in an appeal to the Supreme Court raising the question of the compatibility of Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000, which contains powers to stop, search and detain persons without "reasonable suspicion", with the common law and European Convention Rights of liberty of the person and personal privacy .

Dairo v SSHD

IA/20655/2013

Successful appeal (acting pro bono) for claimants in First-Tier and Upper Tribunal proceedings raising Chen, Zambrano and Article 8 ECHR issues.

R (on the application of 'AM') v DPP

[2014] UKSC 38; [2014] 3 W.L.R. 200 (Supreme Court, with Lord Pannick QC)

Intervened on behalf of Dignity and Choice in Dying in this four-day appeal to a 9-judge panel of the Supreme Court. Concerned the question of the degree of guidance which the DPP must provide to the public regarding her policy on whether to consent to the institution of prosecutions for the crime of 'assistance or encouragement' of suicide.

Ismail and others v Secretary of State for Defence

(2013)

Ravi acted for the claimants in claims concerning the lawfulness of extra-judicial detention by the UK armed forces in Afghanistan (led by Michael Fordham QC Shaheed Fatima, Hanif Mussa and Paul Luckhurst).

Sport

Ravi regularly acts for players, clubs, and sporting bodies before a variety of tribunals, as well as for individuals facing and regulators bringing disciplinary charges. Ravi has also been involved in a number of Rule K arbitration proceedings concerning the payment of agent's commission. He has advised individuals, leagues, clubs, commercial intermediaries and governing bodies on a range of issues including anti-doping, disciplinary procedures, broadcasting and sponsorship, eligibility for national and international competitions and the organization of or access to rival competitions.Ravi is a co-author of the chapter on Sport and free movement under EU law (with Thomas de la Mare QC) in the third edition of Lewis and Taylor's Sport: Law and Practice and a regular contributor to the Blackstone Chambers' sports blog.

He was named Legal 500 Sport Junior of the Year 2024 and is ranked as a 'leading junior' in the Legal 500 directory.

> ***"Ravi was very good at dealing with complex issues in sports law. He offered very good analysis and very good reporting."***
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Cases

SLB v BBF

(pending, High Court)

Ravi is instructed (with Rowan Stennett) on behalf of the national governing body of basketball, the British Basketball Federation, in a competition law dispute with Super League Baskbetball.

Smith v FA

(pending, Administrative Court)

Ravi is acting (with Adam Lewis KC) on behalf of the FA in a claim for judicial review brought in relation to the Rainbow Laces Campaign .

Ongoing PSR investigation

(pending)

Ravi is acting for a football club in an ongoing PSR investigation.

David Evans v BHA

(May 2025)

Ravi acted successfully on behalf of a trainer who appealed a decision concerning the consequences of a positive test for LADY WINGALONG arising from contamination in its stable.

Sports Resolutions Disciplinary Appeal

(April 2025)

Ravi acted, as a member of the SR Pro Bono Panel, on behalf of an athlete facing disciplinary charges concerning their online activity.

PSR Investigation

(2024)

An investigation into PSR issues regarding a Premier League club.

CAS dispute

(2023)

A CAS dispute between a Premier League Club and a former Player.

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Golfers v PGA European Tour

SR/165/2022

Ravi acted for the PGA European Tour at both the initial hearing and appeal before an Appeal Panel appointed by Sport Resolutions. The case concerned the suspensions of the professional golfers Ian Poulter, Adrian Otaegui, Justin Harding and others from playing in the Scottish Open and two other DP World Tour co-sanctioned tournaments. Their suspensions were initially stayed pending the determination of the golfers' appeals. The Sports Resolutions Appeal Panel dismissed the appeals, upholding the original fines.

Athletics Integrity Unit v CJ Ujah

(2022)

Ravi acted for British 100m sprinter CJ Ujah concerning an Anti-Doping Rule Violation at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. The AIU and Wada were satisfied that the Anti-Doping Rule Violation was not intentional but the result of Mr Ujah's ingestion of a contaminated supplement.

Fulham v Liverpool

(Professional Football Compensation Committee, February 2021)

Ravi acted alongside Nick De Marco QC for Fulham in its claim for compensation for the training and development of Harvey Elliot following his move to Liverpool. The PFCC awarded a record breaking amount of compensation to Fulham for a 16-year old player.

The PFA v The EFL – Football League 1 and 2 Salary Cap Arbitration

(February 2021)

Ravi acted alongside Nick De Marco QC for the Professional Footballers Association (instructed by Mills & Reeve) in its arbitral challenge to the English Football League's (EFL) League 1 and League 2 Player Salary Caps – the first salary caps to be introduced in European football.

Doping appeal

(March 2016)

Acting for an amateur rugby player in an anti-doping appeal.

Regulatory Investigations

Ravi has undertaken regulatory investigations in the sport sector.

Training compensation advice

Advising a Premier League Club on EU free movement rules and their impact on compensation for a player transfer.

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Gibraltar Football Association v FIFA

Ravi successfully acted for the GFA in its efforts to secure admission as a member of FIFA before CAS (with Adam Lewis QC).

(1) Frank Warren (2) W Promotions Limited v Ricky Burns

[2014] EWHC 3671 (QB)

Ravi acted as junior counsel for the First Claimant, the well-known boxing promoter and manager in his dispute with the boxer, Ricky Burns, concerning unpaid management commission, quantum meruit, and breach of contract (with Ian Mill QC).

Advice on legality of changes to a sporting body's constitutional rules

Advising an association of players on a potential challenge to a sporting body's decision to alter its constitution and decision-making powers.

Olympic Selection Appeals

Assisting Kate Gallafent QC in her role as the sole arbitrator in Olympic Selection Appeals by athletes in the run-up to the London 2012 Olympics.

Employment dispute in the horseracing sector

(November 2013)

Acting for the owner of racing stables in a claim for discrimination, redundancy and unfair dismissal by a former employee.

Football Agent's Commission dispute

Acting for a football agent in a FAPL Rule K arbitration against a Premiership footballer in a claim for non-payment of commission (with Nick de Marco).

Kolles v Force India

Ravi acted as junior counsel for the former F1 Team Principal in a substantial high court claim for commission against the F1 team (with Nick de Marco).

Football Agent fee dispute

Acting for a football agent in a FAPL Rule K arbitration against a Premiership footballer in a claim for non-payment of fees (with Jane Mulcahy QC).

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NZ Cricket v (1) Neo Sports Broadcast PVT Limited (2) Nimbus Communications Limited

Ravi acted successfully for the Claimant in this dispute over breach of a Media Rights agreement relating to the broadcasting of international and domestic cricket matches in New Zealand. Summary judgment was obtained on the substantial debt claim before the Commercial Court in London.

The Football Association v FIFA

Ravi acted for the FA in one of the most high profile sporting disputes in the last year. In the so-called 'poppy case', FIFA initiated disciplinary proceedings against the English and Scottish FAs with regard to a number of alleged incidents at a World Cup 2018 qualifying match. The case involved significant press coverage, which ultimately led to FIFA and IFAB (the rule-setting body for football) amending the Rules of the Game to permit the Poppy to be displayed.

Stapley v RFU (RFU Disciplinary Panel)

Ravi acted for an amateur rugby player charged with an anti-doping violation by the RFU, in an appeal before an RFU Appeal Board. The case gave rise to an important issue concerning the state of mind required to be found guilty of the ordinary anti-doping violation and also the test for No Significant Fault or Negligence.

Data Protection, Freedom of Information & Privacy

Ravi regularly advises regulators, NGOs and private individuals in cases raising data protection issues, including the application of the GDPR, in particular in the context of surveillance powers of national and local authorities, the charitable sector and the transfer of data overseas. He has appeared in several of the leading cases concerning the interaction of FOIA with the judiciary and judicial information.

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Cases

Forstater v (1) The ICO (2) The Ministry of Justice and (3) The Judicial College

[2023] UKUT 303 (AAC)

Ravi appeared on behalf of the Second and Third Respondents, the Ministry of Justice and the Judicial College, in a case concerning the application of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FOIA") to information held by the independent judiciary. The decision confirmed the constitutional status of the Judicial College following the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 and the exclusion of information held by or on behalf of the judiciary from the FOIA regime.

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Gabriel Kanter-Webber v ICO

[2022] UKFTT 0481 (GRC)

Ravi acted for the Ministry of Justice and the Judicial Office in an appeal seeking disclosure of the index ('site map') to the content available on the judicial intranet under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). The Tribunal confirmed that the information requested was held on behalf of the judiciary and fell outside the Act.

Department for Health and Social Care v Gilbert

(GIA/139/2019) (2021)

Ravi acted for the Department for Health and Social Care in an appeal to the Upper Tribunal concerning section 35 of FOIA.

Department for Health and Social Care v Gilbert

(EA/2016/0282) (2018)

Ravi acted for the Department for Health and Social Care in an appeal arising out a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the disclosure of the contents of the diary of the then Secretary of State for Health, the Rt. Hon Jeremy Hunt MP

Department of Health v The Information Commissioner & Anor

[2017] EWCA Civ 374; [2017] 1 W.L.R. 3330

Ravi acted for the Department of Health in an appeal arising out a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 by the second respondent, Mr Simon Lewis, a journalist, for the disclosure of the contents of the Ministerial diary of the Rt. Hon Andrew Lansley MP.

Big Brother Watch and ors. v United Kingdom

(App. No. 58170/13) (ongoing) (European Court of Human Rights, with Tom Hickman)

Ravi acts for three of the UK's leading privacy groups (Big Brother Watch, Open Rights Group, and English PEN) and a prominent German internet campaigner (Constanze Kurz) in a high-profile application to the European Court of Human Rights challenging the UK's legislation governing the surveillance of communications, following the disclosures by Edward Snowden. The case led to an exceptional oral hearing before the Court in Strasbourg in November 2017. The Judgment of the First Section on 13 September 2018 upheld the complaint on Article 8 ECHR grounds. An appeal to the Grand Chamber of the Court was heard on 10 July 2019 at another exceptional oral hearing. Judgment is awaited.

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Secretary of State for the Home Department v Davis, Watson and ors

[2015] EWCA Civ 1185 (ongoing)

Ravi is acting for Open Rights Group and Privacy International as interveners in these high-profile proceedings concerning the compatibility of the Data Retention and Investigatory Powers Act 2014 with EU law and the ECHR. The Divisional Court ([2015] EWHC 2092 (Admin); [2016] 1 C.M.L.R. 13) declared that that s.1 of the Act is inconsistent with EU law and granted a suspended order disapplying the provision. On appeal, the Court of Appeal referred a number of questions to the CJEU on the consequences of the CJEU's judgment on the Data Retention Directive in Joined Cases C-293/12 and 594/12 Digital Rights Ireland.

Dojcsak v Telenor Magyarország Zrt

Ravi acted for Open Rights Group and Privacy International as interveners before the Hungarian Constitutional Court in Dojcsak v Telenor Magyarország Zrt, in a case concerning bulk data retention and a challenge following the CJEU's decision in Digital Rights Ireland.

Telecoms and data protection advice

Advising a telecommunications operator as to data protection and retention legislation (assisting Kieron Beal QC).

Department of Health v The Information Commissioner

(Appeal No: EA/2016/0282) (First-Tier Tribunal (General Regulatory Chamber), led by James Eadie QC) (ongoing)

Ravi is acting for the Department of Health in this appeal concerning the application of the Freedom of Information Act to the disclosure of ministerial diaries, following the Lewis case. The claim raises important questions about the type of evidence necessary in these appeals, and the appropriate balancing exercise of public interests at play, when this form of information is involved.

Environment

Ravi regularly advises regulators, individuals, NGOs and Government on issues of environmental law in the public, international trade and EU law context. He has also been involved in some of the highest profile environmental litigation in the UK courts, the ClientEarth proceedings. He has acted successfully for the claimant, a leading environmental NGO, in three high-profile EU law challenges to the UK's failure to meet air quality standards in London and other major urban areas, raising issues about effective domestic remedies for breaches of EU Directives (with Nathalie Lieven QC and Ben Jaffey KC). The claims have led to significant judgments in relation to:

- breaches of the Directive [2016] EWHC 2740 (Admin); [2017] Env. L.R. 16;
- appropriate mandatory relief [2016] EWHC 3613 (Admin);

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- the relevance of the concept of "purdah" to the UK's compliance with its obligations [2017] EWHC 1618 (Admin); and
- effective domestic remedies for breaches of EU Directives, including an order for liberty to apply to the Court for ongoing supervision, ordered for the first time in judicial review proceedings: [2018] EWHC 315 (Admin).

Ravi also regularly publishes articles and blogs on the intersection of EU law and environmental law, and has been invited to speak on environmental law issues, including at the 2017 annual conference of the UK Association of Environmental law (UKELA).

Cases

Cannavacciuolo and others v Italy

Applications nos. 51567/14 and 3 others

Ravi acted for the interveners, ClientEarth, in this high-profile pollution case before the European Court of Human Rights. Further information is available here.

The Estate of Ella Adoo-Kissi-Debrah v DEFRA & Ors

Ongoing

Ravi is instructed by the Estate of Ella Adoo-Kissi-Debrah in a ground-breaking civil claim which arose out of the illness and premature death of Ella Adoo-Kissi-Debrah, and which included alleged breaches of Articles 2, 3 and 8 ECHR.

Advice

2024

Advising in relation to marine conservation issues.

Inquest into the Death of Ella Adoo-Kissi-Debrah

2020

Ravi acted on behalf of the family in this landmark case, where H.M. Assistant Coroner for Inner South London concluded that Ella died at 9 years of age from acute respiratory failure, asthma and "air pollution exposure".

R. (on the application of ClientEarth (No. 3)) v (1) SSEFRA (2) Welsh Ministers [2018]

EWHC 315 (Admin) (High Court, with Nathalie Lieven QC)

Ravi acted successfully for the Claimant in the third EU law challenge to the UK's ongoing failure to meet air quality standards in 45 local authority areas across England and in Wales, raising issues concerning effective domestic remedies for breaches of EU Directives.

In its judgment, the Court ordered a new remedy for the first time in judicial review proceedings: liberty to apply extending to the lawfulness of the supplemental Air Quality Plan for England, published in October 2018.

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ClientEarth (no2) v Secretary of State for the Environment, Food And Rural Affairs [2016]

EWHC 2740 (Admin); [2017] P.T.S.R. 203; [2017] Env. L.R. 16 (High Court)

Ravi acted successfully in an EU law challenge to the UK's failure to meet air quality standards in London and other major urban areas, raising issues concerning effective domestic remedies for breaches of EU Directives. The Court ordered a full reconsideration of the air quality plans for the entire country..

Telecommunications

Ravi has developed a particular interest and expertise in the telecommunications sector, particularly in cases raising an EU and regulatory dimension. He regularly acts for regulators and regulated parties in this field.

Ravi has also appeared in several of the leading cases concerning patent litigation in the telecommunications sector for high-profile companies such as Lenovo, and Oppo. He has particular experience of cartel damages actions, state aid and FRAND issues.

Cases

Alcatel Lucent SASD v Amazon Digital UK Ltd & Ors

[2024] EWHC 1921(Pat)

Ravi appeared on behalf of Amazon, led by James Segan KC, in a dispute regarding RAND terms for a licence to standard essential and non-essential patents. A case summary may be found here.

Lenovo v Ericsson

[2024] EWHC 846 (Ch)

Ravi acts for Lenovo in successfully resisting InterDigital's applications to challenge the Court's jurisdiction.

Lenovo v InterDigital

[2024] EWHC 1036 (Pat)

Ravi acted for Lenovo in successfully resisting InterDigital's applications contesting the Court's jurisdiction. The Court found that there is a reasonable prospect of success that Lenovo is entitled to a FRAND licence in respect of InterDigital's entire portfolio of patents, finding that it may be discriminatory for InterDigital to offer a SEP-only licence to Lenovo if it offered licences covering its entire portfolio to other licensees.

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Lenovo Group Ltd & Ors v InterDigital Technology Corporation & Ors

[2024] EWHC 596 (Ch)

Ravi acted for Lenovo in their application for declarations that the terms of a draft interim licence would be fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory ("FRAND") pending the final FRAND trial between the parties. The Court also considered (and dismissed) InterDigital's application for a case management stay in favour of patent infringement proceedings in the Regional Court of Munich.

InterDigital v OPPO

Ongoing

Ravi is acting for the Defendants in only the fourth substantive FRAND dispute to go to trial before the English Courts. The dispute concerns InterDigital's global Standard Essential Patent ("SEP") portfolio.

Nokia Technologies OY & Anor v OnePlus Technology (Shenzhen) Co, Ltd & Ors

[2023] EWHC 1912 (Pat)

Ravi acted for the Defendants in these international telecoms patent infringement and FRAND proceedings.

InterDigital Technology Corp. and ors v Lenovo Group Limited and ors

[2023] EWHC 539 (Pat)

Ravi acted for Lenovo in a dispute concerning InterDigital's global Standard Essential Patent ("SEP") portfolio. The decision is one of only a handful in the world to reach a final determination in a FRAND dispute and reinforces the world-leading role of the English courts in this field. InterDigital's appeal and Lenovo's cross-appeal against this decision are due to be heard by the Court of Appeal in June 2024.

Secretary of State for the Home Department v Davis, Watson and ors

[2015] EWCA Civ 1185 (ongoing)

Ravi is acting for Open Rights Group and Privacy International as interveners in these high-profile proceedings concerning the compatibility of the Data Retention and Investigatory Powers Act 2014 with EU law and the ECHR. The Divisional Court ([2015] EWHC 2092 (Admin); [2016] 1 C.M.L.R. 13) declared that that s.1 of the Act is inconsistent with EU law and granted a suspended order disapplying the provision. On appeal, the Court of Appeal referred a number of questions to the CJEU on the consequences of the CJEU's judgment on the Data Retention Directive in Joined Cases C-293/12 and 594/12 Digital Rights Ireland.

Revision of Code of Practice

Advising PhonepayPlus on its update of the Code of Practice.

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Leased Lines – Colt Technology Services v OFCOM

[2013] CAT 29 (CAT, with Mark Vinall)

Ravi acted for OFCOM in successfully resisting this appeal before the Competition Appeal Tribunal concerning the remedies imposed in its Business Connectivity Market Review (March 2013).

Leased Lines – Vodafone and Verizon Limited v OFCOM

(2013) (Case 1210/3/3/13) (Competition Commission, with Mark Vinall)

Ravi acted successfully for OFCOM in this reference to the Competition Commission concerning the allocation of common costs to Traditional Interface (TI) circuit.

Telecoms and data protection advice

Advising a telecommunications operator as to data protection and retention legislation (assisting Kieron Beal QC).

Pharmaceuticals

Ravi regularly acts for pharmaceutical companies in disputes concerning licensing and data exclusivity, wholesale distribution, and competition law matters. He also advises on compliance with national and European regulatory regimes.

Ravi has:

- Acted for the Interested Parties in successfully resisting a claim for judicial review concerning a product for the treatment of multiple sclerosis, Copaxone®. The case raised questions about Article 10(3) of Directive 2001/83 and the concept of "appropriate" bridging data (R (Teva Pharmaceuticals Ltd) v MHRA CO/3516/2016, with Thomas de la Mare QC).
- Successfully represented the Interested Party in judicial review proceedings concerning the hybrid abridged procedure for authorisation of medicinal products under article 10(3) of the Medicinal Code (R(Napp Pharmaceutical Ltd) v MHRA and Sandoz Limited [2016] EWHC (Admin), with Thomas de la Mare QC).
- Advised a pharmaceutical company on a public law challenge to funding decisions within the NHS (with Thomas de la Mare QC).
- Acted for the Claimant in a case concerning the definition of a "medicinal product" under the Medicines Directive and the duties of the MHRA to apply the so-called functional test in a consistent fashion to like products (R (Blue Bio) v MHRA [2014] EWHC 1679 (Admin),with Thomas de la Mare QC).

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Cases

GW Pharma Limited & Anor v Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co, Limited

[2022] EWCA Civ 1462

Ravi represented Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Limited in this appeal raising important issues as to the jurisdiction of the court to determine the validity of foreign patents, relating to the Moçambique principle, derived from British South Africa Co v Companhia de Moçambique [1893] AC 602 and the foreign act of state doctrine.

GlaxoSmithKline and ors v Competition & Markets Authority Case 1252/1/12/16

(Competition Appeal Tribunal, with John Turner QC and Marie Demetriou QC) (ongoing)

Ravi is part of the counsel team which continues to represent the Competition & Markets Authority, which was the respondent in these appeals against its decision to fine GSK in relation to its agreements with certain generic companies concerning the terms on which the parties settled expected or ongoing patent litigation relating to paroxetine (supplied in the UK as Seroxat, an antidepressant medicine). The case required the CAT to consider the interpretation and application of the principles of market definition, restrictions by object and effect as well as one of the first instances of the 'hot-tubbing' of economic experts before the CAT. Following a lengthy trial, the CAT has referred questions to the CJEU on Articles 101 and 102 TFEU.

Sanctions

Ravi has acted for parties and advised clients on the sanctions regimes at EU and domestic level relating to Iran, and Syria. He has also advised third parties on the impact of sanctions regimes for investments and financial transactions.

Cases

Tri-Ocean Energy and Tri-Ocean Trading v European Council Cases T-383/16 and 384/16

(General Court of the European Union, with Pushpinder Saini QC and Brian Kennelly QC)

Ravi acted successfully for two entities in challenging their listing by the European Council on the EU's sanctions list relating to the Syrian regime. The entities were entirely removed from the EU's lists.

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Education

LLB in English and French Law (London) First Class; Master 1 en Droit français (Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne) (Mention Bien (1st class)); LLM in International Legal Studies (NYU – Fulbright Scholar)

Prizes & Scholarships

- ALBA Scholar (2012).
- Phoenicia Scholar, Bar European Group (2012).
- Lord Mansfield and Hardwicke Scholarships from Lincoln's Inn (September 2009 - June 2010).
- Grantee, Continuing Education Fund, Lincoln's Inn for a judicial assistantship at the European Court of Justice (January-July 2011).
- Fulbright Scholar, Belgium (2008-9).
- Recipient of Dean's Graduate Award, NYU School of Law for LL.M. in International Legal Studies.
- Jeff Price Memorial Scholarship (Two-year full tuition for Best Results in first year class) (King's College, London, 2005).
- King's College, London Examination Prizes: Clifford Chance Award for an Outstanding Performance in the First year LLB (2005), Kingsley Napley Award for Best Paper in Criminal Law (2005), Withers Trusts Prize for Runner-up Paper in Law of Trusts (2006).

Publications

Ravi's recent publications include:

- Fine tailoring or a simple change of wardrobe: Assessing the CMA's future against some notable peers, Competition Law Journal, Vol 13, Issue 2, pp.152-162.
- Counting the Pennies in Sport: UEFA's Financial Fair Play Regulations Under the Competition Law Microscope, with Brian Kennelly, CPI Antitrust Chronicle, January 2014 (1);
- Reigning in the "prohibitive expense" of environmental litigation: Edwards v. Environment Agency, with Ben Jaffey, JR Vol. 18, Issue 4, December 2013, pp. 403-415;
- EU Procedural law, chapter in Blackwell's Companion to EU law, with Professor Andrea Biondi (forthcoming) – available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/
- papers.cfm?abstract_id=2496902;
- Sir Thomas' blushes: Protecting parliamentary immunity in modern parliamentary democracies, (2012) E.H.R.L.R, Issue 3, pp. 309-318.
- The Continental Shelf: no longer a 'terra incognita' to the EU, (2012), Vol. 49, Issue 4, CMLRev, pp. 1395–1422.

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