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Rayan Fakhoury



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Year of call:	**2019**
Degree:	**BA Philosophy, Politics & Economics (Oxford, Double First), GDL (City, Distinction), BPTC (City, Outstanding)**
Languages:	**Arabic (fluent)**

Rayan has a diverse practice encompassing all areas of Chambers' expertise, with a focus on public and human rights law, commercial litigation, media and entertainment, competition law, and sanctions.

Rayan was instructed in three of The Lawyer's top 20 cases of 2025. Recent highlights of Rayan's practice include the following:

- Acting for the First and Second Defendants in a year-long civil fraud claim in the Commercial Court alleged to be worth in excess of USD 1 billion: Public Institution for Social Security v Al-Rajaan & Others.
- Successfully representing the Claimant in a high-profile challenge to the Secretary of State's decision to proscribe Palestine Action as a terrorist organisation: R (Ammori) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2026] EWHC 292 (Admin).
- Successfully representing the Foreign Secretary in the Supreme Court in the first challenge to a sanctions designation made under the post-Brexit Russia sanctions regime: Shvidler v Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs [2025] UKSC 30, [2024] EWCA Civ 172; [2023] EWHC 2121 (Admin).
- Acting for Visa in the long-running interchange fee litigation in the Competition Appeal Tribunal and the High Court.
- Successfully representing the claimants in proceedings before the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, High Court and the European Court of Human Rights challenging the Government's policy of removing asylum seekers from the UK to Rwanda: AAA v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2023] UKSC 42; NSK v United Kingdom (Application No. 28774/22).
- Acting for Scania in the Trucks cartel litigation in the Competition Appeal Tribunal and the High Court: [2024] CAT 2.
- Acting for the Intervener (JUSTICE) in proceedings before the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal concerning the nature and scope of the Special Immigration Appeals Commission's jurisdiction in appeals of citizenship deprivation decisions taken on national security grounds: U3 v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2025] UKSC 19.

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- Acting for the Claimant in a challenge to the UK Government's decision to continue granting arms export licences to Israel in relation to the war in Gaza: R (Al-Haq) v Secretary of State for Business and Trade [2025] EWHC 1615 (Admin).
- Successfully representing Ed Sheeran in a high profile copyright dispute in relation to the song 'Shape of You': Sheeran v Chokri [2022] EWHC 827 (Ch).

EXPERIENCE

Public & Regulatory

Rayan is ranked as an 'up and coming' junior in public and administrative law and has acted in some of the most high-profile litigation in this area over the past few years.

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Cases

Shvidler v Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

[2025] UKSC 30; [2024] EWCA Civ 172; [2023] EWHC 2121 (Admin)

Representing the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs in the Supreme Court in the first challenge to a sanctions designation made under the post-Brexit Russia sanctions regime (with Sir James Eadie KC and Jason Pobjoy).

R (Ammori) v Secretary of State for the Home Department

Representing the Claimant in a high-profile challenge to the Secretary of State's decision to proscribe Palestine Action as a terrorist organisation (with Paul Luckhurst and Grant Kynaston, as part of a wider team).

AAA v Secretary of State for the Home Department

[2023] UKSC 42

Successfully represented the claimant asylum-seekers in a judicial review challenging the Secretary of State's decisions to remove the individual claimants to Rwanda pursuant to her policy of removing asylum seekers from the UK to Rwanda, as well as the lawfulness of the Rwanda removal policy itself (led by Raza Husain KC and others).

The individual removal and human rights decisions were quashed by the High Court on 19 December 2022. On 29 June 2023, the Court of Appeal allowed the Claimants' appeal on the issue of whether Rwanda was a "safe third country" and held that there were substantial grounds for believing that asylum-seekers removed to Rwanda would be at real risk of torture or inhuman or degrading treatment contrary to Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights. On 15 November 2023, the Supreme Court dismissed the Secretary of State's appeal and held, in agreement with the Court of Appeal, that there were substantial grounds for believing that asylum-seekers removed to Rwanda would be at real risk of torture or inhuman or degrading treatment.

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IA v Secretary of State for the Home Department

[2025] EWCA Civ 1516

Acted for the respondent family in Gaza in a high-profile appeal concerning family reunion under Article 8 ECHR (with George Molyneaux, as part of a wider team)

R (Al-Haq) v Secretary of State for Business and Trade

Acting for the Claimant in a challenge to the Secretary of State's decision to continue granting arms export licences to Israel in relation to the war in Gaza.

Dana Astra v Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

[2025] EWHC 289 (Admin)

Successfully represented the Secretary of State in the first case to consider the extraterritorial application of the European Convention on Human Rights in relation to sanctions decisions under the post-Brexit regime (with Jason Pobjoy and Sean Butler).

U3 v Secretary of State for the Home Department

[2025] UKSC 19

Acting for the Intervener (JUSTICE) in proceedings before the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal concerning the nature and scope of the Special Immigration Appeals Commission's jurisdiction in appeals of citizenship deprivation decisions taken on national security grounds following the Supreme Court's judgment in Begum v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2021] UKSC 7 (with Tom Hickman KC and George Molyneaux).

MB v Secretary of State for the Home Department

UI-2024-001233

Successfully represented the Appellant (unled) in proceedings before the Upper Tribunal (Mr Justice Julian Knowles and Upper Tribunal Lindsley) in relation to appeals against (i) a decision to deport the Appellant under the EEA Regulations, (ii) a decision to refuse his human rights claim, and (iii) a decision to refuse his application for EU settled status.

Dana Abu Qamar v Secretary of State for the Home Department

HU/64191/2023

Successfully represented the Appellant in a human rights appeal (and parallel judicial review proceedings) concerning the Home Secretary's decision to cancel her permission to enter on the basis that her presence in the UK is "not conducive to the public good" by virtue of statements made by her in relation to the situation in Palestine/Israel. The Tribunal held that the decision represents an unlawful interference with her right to freedom of expression and the legitimate expression of support for Palestinians' right to resist occupation in accordance with International Humanitarian Law.

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R (Ashkar) v Secretary of State for the Home Department

Acted (unled) for the claimant in judicial review proceedings in the Upper Tribunal challenging the Secretary of State's refusal to grant an application for a student visa on the grounds that the claimant's presence in the UK would not be conducive to the public good. Successfully resulted in the withdrawal of the decision under challenge.

Bradshaw v United Kingdom

Acting for the Applicant Members of Parliament in a case before the European Court of Human Rights concerning the scope of the United Kingdom's obligations under Article 3 of the First Protocol (right to free and fair elections) in respect of allegations of foreign electoral interference (with Ben Jaffey KC, Jason Pobjoy, Natasha Simonsen and Tom Lowenthal).

Mazepin v Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

Acting for the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs in a claim brought by a Russian former Formula 1 driver challenging his sanctions designation (with Sir James Eadie KC, Jason Pobjoy and Femi Adekoya).

R (ClientEarth) v Financial Conduct Authority

Acting for ClientEarth in a judicial review of the Financial Conduct Authority's decision to approve the prospectus of Ithaca plc (an oil and gas company) as a precondition to its admission to the official list and the offer of its securities to the public (with Andrew George KC and Harry Adamson). The claim raises significant issues of law of wider public importance concerning the disclosure of information relating to an issuer's exposure to climate-related financial risks.

BPF v Financial Ombudsman Service

Acting for the claimant in a judicial review of a decision of the Financial Ombudsman Service (with Ben Jaffey QC).

Afghan Relocation Challenges

Successfully represented several Afghan claimants (unled) in pre-action challenges to the refusal of their applications for relocation under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP), resulting in fresh decisions to relocate them to the UK.

Dyer v Information Commissioner and Others

[2024] UKFTT 1042 (GRC)

Successfully represented the Cabinet Office in this claim before the First-tier Tribunal concerning the disclosure of information relating to the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments (with Jason Pobjoy).

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NSK v United Kingdom (App No. 28774/22)

Successfully obtained a Rule 39 interim measure from the European Court of Human Rights preventing the removal of an asylum-seeker to Rwanda pending the final determination of his claim for judicial review (with Jason Pobjoy and Will Bordell).

Data Protection Extraterritoriality Advice

Advising a foreign client in relation to the extraterritorial application of EU and UK data protection legislation.

A1P1 Advice

Advising a public authority in relation to potential litigation concerning the right to peaceful enjoyment of possessions under Article 1, Protocol 1 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Afghan Relocations and Assistance Programme

Advising in relation to several applications under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Programme following the collapse of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Public Authority Injunction

Advising a public authority in relation to a potential application for an urgent injunction in the High Court.

Data Protection and Scientific Research

Advising on the operation of data protection and privacy law in the context of scientific research.

FDA v the Prime Minister and Minister of the Civil Service

Claim for judicial review raising issues concerning the justiciability of the Prime Minister's interpretation and application of the Ministerial Code (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

McQuillan and Others v Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and Others

Joined Supreme Court appeals concerning the retrospective reach of investigative obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998 in relation to allegations of torture and unlawful killing arising from the Troubles in Northern Ireland (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

R (China Global Television Network Corporation) v Ofcom

Claim for judicial review in relation to Ofcom's decision to revoke the claimant's broadcasting licence on the grounds that it was controlled by a body whose objects are wholly or mainly of a political nature (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

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International Development Judicial Review

Claim for judicial review raising issues concerning the scope of the Secretary of State's obligations under the International Development Act 2002 (assisting Hanif Musa).

Various Claimants v Volkswagen AG and Others

Advising on public and EU law issues arising in complex High Court group litigation involving allegations of unfair trading, breach of statutory duty, and deceit (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

D v Secretary of State for Justice

Claim for judicial review challenging the Secretary of State's decision to terminate the claimant's membership of the Parole Board on grounds of gross negligence (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

PG v the United Kingdom

Application before the European Court of Human Rights concerning the compatibility of absolute parliamentary privilege with the right to a fair trial under Article 6 ECHR (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Contempt of Court Application in Public Law Proceedings

Written submissions on the principles applicable to contempt proceedings arising in a public law context (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Sanctions Designation Advice

Advising on the lawfulness of a sanctions designation made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Parliamentary Privilege Advice

Advising on the operation of parliamentary privilege and its compatibility with the right of access to a court under Article 6 ECHR, as well as avenues for future reform (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Freedom of Information Advice

Advising on the principles applicable to the withholding of relevant information from a freedom of information response on the grounds that disclosure would cause prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

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Commercial

Rayan accepts instructions in all areas of commercial law and was instructed in the Public Institution for Social Security litigation, identified as one of The Lawyer's Top 20 cases of 2025. As one of few Arabic speakers at the Bar, Rayan has a particular interest in commercial litigation with a Middle East nexus.

Cases

Public Institution for Social Security v Al-Rajaan & Others

Acting for the First and Second Defendants in a civil fraud claim brought by the Kuwaiti Public Institution for Social Security alleged to be worth in excess of USD 1 billion (with Tom Weisselberg KC and Harry Adamson).

NOx Emissions Group Litigation

[2024] EWHC 2904 (KB)

Acting for the Volkswagen Defendants in the NOx Emissions Group Litigation in the High Court, involving extremely complex and high-value claims in relation to the manufacture and sale of diesel vehicles.

Interchange Fee Litigation

Acting for Visa in the long-running interchange fee litigation before the Competition Appeal Tribunal, in which merchants allege that the interchange fees applicable to card transactions in various jurisdictions are anti-competitive and breach Article 101 and/or Article 102 TFEU (and comparable national competition legislation).

Sheeran & Others v Chokri & Others

[2022] EWHC 827 (Ch)

Successfully represented Ed Sheeran, Steve McCutcheon, Johnny McDaid and the publishers of the song "Shape of You". The High Court granted a declaration that the Claimants had not infringed any copyrights of the Defendants in writing and exploiting that song and dismissed the Defendants' counterclaim (with Ian Mill QC).

Di Pietro v Universal Music

Acting (unled) for the Defendant music publishers in a claim alleging copyright infringement in respect of a song performed by Andrea Bocelli.

Asda & Ors v Bremnes & Ors

[2025] CAT 14

Represented the Lerøy Defendants in a jurisdiction challenge before the CAT concerning an alleged cartel in relation to the supply of farmed Atlantic salmon (with Paul Luckhurst).

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FCA v Papadimitrakopoulos and Gryparis

[2022] EWHC 2793

Acting for the Financial Conduct Authority in High Court litigation involving allegations of market abuse. The claim also raises significant issues of principle in relation to the use of evidence obtained through international mutual legal assistance requests (with Andrew George QC).

FCA v Banque Havilland SA & Ors

[2024] UKUT 00115 (TCC)

Acting for the Financial Conduct Authority in proceedings before the Upper Tribunal concerning allegations of a lack of integrity in relation to the creation and dissemination of a presentation which contained manipulative trading strategies aimed at creating a false or misleading impression as to the market in, or the price of, Qatari bonds, with a view to harming the economy of Qatar.

Trucks Cartel Litigation (CAT and High Court)

Representing Scania in relation to UK litigation arising from the Commission's decisions relating to the alleged trucks cartel, encompassing High Court and CAT proceedings (with Brian Kennelly QC, Jason Pobjoy, and Andrew Trotter).

Sony v VCCP

Acting (unled) for the claimant in a commercial dispute relating to a number of music licensing agreements.

FCA v Carillion & Others

Acting for the Financial Conduct Authority in proceedings against Carillion plc and three of its former directors in relation to allegations of market manipulation (with Javan Herberg KC and Ajay Ratan).

Foreign Sanctions Advice

Advising on the legal and commercial implications in the UK of a foreign sanctions designation.

Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company v RenaissanceIT Limited & Ors

Represented the Claimants (unled) in High Court proceedings involving allegations of trademark infringement and passing off. Successful application for default judgment raising issues of jurisdiction and service under the Companies Act 2006.

Music Licensing Dispute

Advising a music publisher in relation to a music licensing dispute.

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Rafis v Warner

Acted (unled) for the defendant music publisher in a claim in the Intellectual Property and Enterprise Court alleging copyright infringement in respect of a musical work. Successfully applied for the claim to be struck out.

Confidential Information and Harassment Injunction

Obtained undertakings in lieu of an injunction from the defendant in High Court proceedings in relation to allegations of misuse of confidential information and harassment.

Music Publishing Agreement Advice

Advising an independent artist in relation to a dispute with their music publisher.

TV Format Rights Dispute

Advising in relation to a dispute concerning television format rights and alleged breach of confidence.

B v BBC

Acted for the BBC in a claim alleging various breaches of duty in respect of the claimant's TV licence.

[Insurance Company] v [Former Employee and Competitor]

High Court employee competition claim involving allegations of misuse of confidential information and unlawful means conspiracy (assisting Diya Sen Gupta QC).

Montlake v Tiber LLP and Others

Acting for the claimant in this High Court claim for breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, and unlawful means conspiracy in relation to an allegedly fraudulent scheme involving an investment fund manager (assisting Victoria Windle).

Breach of Confidence Claim

Advising on a potential claim for an injunction and damages for breach of confidence and misuse of trade secrets by a former employee (assisting Victoria Windle).

Kinsella v Emasan and Others

High Court claim for breach of contract and misrepresentation involving an application for mutual legal assistance for the purposes of taking evidence abroad in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic (assisting Victoria Windle).

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Global Plastic v Inivos

High Court claim for breach of contract and unjust enrichment in relation to the supply of personal protective equipment in the course of the Covid-19 pandemic (assisting Victoria Windle).

PJSC National Bank Trust and Others v Mints and Others

High Court jurisdictional challenge on forum non conveniens grounds in a claim involving allegations of civil fraud in connection with a number of transactions in Russia (assisting Victoria Windle).

Jurisdictional Challenge (Recast Brussels Regulation)

High Court jurisdictional challenge under the Recast Brussels Regulation in a claim for breach of fiduciary duty, dishonest assistance, and unlawful means conspiracy (assisting Victoria Windle).

Civil Liberties & Human Rights

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The individual removal and human rights decisions were quashed by the High Court on 19 December 2022. On 29 June 2023, the Court of Appeal allowed the Claimants' appeal on the issue of whether Rwanda was a "safe third country" and held that there were substantial grounds for believing that asylum-seekers removed to Rwanda would be at real risk of torture or inhuman or degrading treatment contrary to Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights. On 15 November 2023, the Supreme Court dismissed the Secretary of State's appeal and held, in agreement with the Court of Appeal, that there were substantial grounds for believing that asylum-seekers removed to Rwanda would be at real risk of torture or inhuman or degrading treatment.

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Dana Abu Qamar v Secretary of State for the Home Department

HU/64191/2023

Successfully represented the Appellant in a human rights appeal (and parallel judicial review proceedings) concerning the Home Secretary's decision to cancel her permission to enter on the basis that her presence in the UK is "not conducive to the public good" by virtue of statements made by her in relation to the situation in Palestine/Israel. The Tribunal held that the decision represents an unlawful interference with her right to freedom of expression and the legitimate expression of support for Palestinians' right to resist occupation in accordance with International Humanitarian Law.

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Sanctions and War Crimes Advice

Advising a human rights organisation in relation to potential litigation concerning persons allegedly implicated in torture and war crimes.

International Law of Freedom of Expression

Advising on the international law of freedom of expression in relation to constitutional litigation in a foreign country concerning the obligations of social media companies in conditions of civil unrest and instability.

A1P1 Advice

Advising a public authority in relation to potential litigation concerning the right to peaceful enjoyment of possessions under Article 1, Protocol 1 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Afghan Relocations and Assistance Programme

Advising in relation to several applications under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Programme following the collapse of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Freedom of Expression and Discrimination Claim

Successfully represented a claimant at pre-action stage in relation to a claim against a public authority for breach of the claimant's Article 10 rights to freedom of expression as well as discrimination on grounds of philosophical belief, resulting in the revocation of the decision.

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McQuillan and Others v Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and Others

Joined Supreme Court appeals concerning the retrospective reach of investigative obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998 in relation to allegations of torture and unlawful killing arising from the Troubles in Northern Ireland (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

MGN Limited v the United Kingdom

Application before the European Court of Human Rights concerning the compatibility of the UK litigation costs regime with the right to freedom of expression under Article 10 ECHR (assisting Jason Pobjoy)

Stott v the United Kingdom

Application before the European Court of Human Rights concerning the compatibility of the UK criminal sentencing regime, and in particular the scheme underpinning extended determinate sentences, with Articles 5 and 14 ECHR (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

PG v the United Kingdom

Application before the European Court of Human Rights concerning the compatibility of absolute parliamentary privilege with the right to a fair trial under Article 6 ECHR (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Counterterrorism Sanctions Advice

Advising an international human rights organisation on the potential sanctions implications of an award of compensation granted by the European Court of Human Rights in relation to allegations of unlawful rendition and torture (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Freedom of Expression Advice

Advising an NGO on a university's obligations in relation to freedom of expression in the context of internal disciplinary proceedings (pro bono).

Competition

Rayan accepts instructions in all areas of competition law and is presently instructed in some of the largest competition disputes in the jurisdiction, including the Trucks and the Diesel litigation.

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Cases

Trucks Cartel Litigation (CAT and High Court)

Representing Scania in relation to UK litigation arising from the Commission's decisions relating to the alleged trucks cartel, encompassing High Court and CAT proceedings (with Brian Kennelly QC, Jason Pobjoy, and Andrew Trotter).

Interchange Fee Litigation

Acting for Visa in the long-running interchange fee litigation before the Competition Appeal Tribunal, in which merchants allege that the interchange fees applicable to card transactions in various jurisdictions are anti-competitive and breach Article 101 and/or Article 102 TFEU (and comparable national competition legislation).

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Acting for the Volkswagen Defendants in the NOx Emissions Group Litigation in the High Court, involving extremely complex and high-value claims in relation to the manufacture and sale of diesel vehicles.

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[2025] CAT 14

Represented the Lerøy Defendants in a jurisdiction challenge before the CAT concerning an alleged cartel in relation to the supply of farmed Atlantic salmon (with Paul Luckhurst).

Creditfix Limited & Ors v Google Ireland Limited

Acting for the claimants in a claim alleging abuse of a dominant position in respect of a proposed revision to Google's advertising terms and conditions (with Kieron Beal KC and Emily Neill).

Various Claimants v Metro Bank

Advising on the recoverability of damages under the EU Blocking Statute, an instrument intended to protect EU persons from the extraterritorial effect of sanctions legislation enacted by other states (assisting Jason Pobjoy)

Various Claimants v Volkswagen AG and Others

Advising on public and EU law issues arising in complex High Court group litigation involving allegations of unfair trading, breach of statutory duty, and deceit (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

Aviation Claim

Successfully represented the defendant in a claim for compensation under Regulation (EC) 261/2004.

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Sanctions

Rayan is ranked as a 'rising star' in sanctions and has acted in a number of the most significant post-Brexit sanctions cases before the English courts.

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Shvidler v Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

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Acting for the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs in a claim brought by a Russian former Formula 1 driver challenging his sanctions designation (with Sir James Eadie KC, Jason Pobjoy and Femi Adekoya).

Public Authority Sanctions Advice

Advising a public authority on the implications of the UK Russia sanctions regime for the exercise of its public functions

Foreign Sanctions Advice

Advising on the legal and commercial implications in the UK of a foreign sanctions designation.

Sanctions and War Crimes Advice

Advising a human rights organisation in relation to potential litigation concerning persons allegedly implicated in torture and war crimes.

Russia Financial Sanctions Advice

Advising a company on the implications for its business of recent financial sanctions in relation to Russia.

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Financial Sanctions Advice
Advising on potential litigation in relation to the application of financial sanctions under UK and EU sanctions regimes.

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International Sanctions Advice
Advising on the operation of the sanctions regime under the Terrorist Asset-Freezing Act 2010, as well as its potential interaction with international humanitarian law (assisting Hanif Musa).

Sanctions Designation Advice
Advising on the lawfulness of a sanctions designation made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

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Media & Entertainment

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Cases

Sheeran & Others v Chokri & Others
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Successfully represented Ed Sheeran, Steve McCutcheon, Johnny McDaid and the publishers of the song "Shape of You". The High Court granted a declaration that the Claimants had not infringed any copyrights of the Defendants in writing and exploiting that song and dismissed the Defendants' counterclaim (with Ian Mill QC).

Keisha Buchanan v Metamorphosis Management Limited & Ors
Represented one of the Defendants in this High Court claim relating to the management of the 'Sugababes'.

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Di Pietro v Universal Music

Acting (unled) for the Defendant music publishers in a claim alleging copyright infringement in respect of a song performed by Andrea Bocelli.

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Music Publishing Agreement Advice

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B v BBC

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Phone Hacking Litigation Advice

Advising on ongoing group litigation involving allegations of unlawful phone hacking and misuse of private information (assisting Hanif Musa).

Public International Law

Rayan accepts instructions in all areas of public international law.

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Advice on Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities

Advised in relation to diplomatic privileges and immunities under English and international law.

NSK v United Kingdom (App No. 28774/22)

Successfully obtained a Rule 39 interim measure from the European Court of Human Rights preventing the removal of an asylum-seeker to Rwanda pending the final determination of his claim for judicial review (with Jason Pobjoy and Will Bordell).

Sanctions and War Crimes Advice

Advising a human rights organisation in relation to potential litigation concerning persons allegedly implicated in torture and war crimes.

International Law of Freedom of Expression

Advising on the international law of freedom of expression in relation to constitutional litigation in a foreign country concerning the obligations of social media companies in conditions of civil unrest and instability.

Counterterrorism Sanctions Advice

Advising an international human rights organisation on the potential sanctions implications of an award of compensation granted by the European Court of Human Rights in relation to allegations of unlawful rendition and torture (assisting Jason Pobjoy).

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International Sanctions Advice

Advising on the operation of the sanctions regime under the Terrorist Asset-Freezing Act 2010, as well as its potential interaction with international humanitarian law (assisting Hanif Musa).

Financial Services & Banking

Rayan accepts instructions in all areas of financial services law.

Cases

FCA v Papadimitrakopoulos and Gryparis

[2022] EWHC 2793

Acting for the Financial Conduct Authority in High Court litigation involving allegations of market abuse. The claim also raises significant issues of principle in relation to the use of evidence obtained through international mutual legal assistance requests (with Andrew George QC).

FCA v Carillion & Others

Acting for the Financial Conduct Authority in proceedings against Carillion plc and three of its former directors in relation to allegations of market manipulation (with Javan Herberg KC and Ajay Ratan).

FCA v Banque Havilland SA & Ors

[2024] UKUT 00115 (TCC)

Acting for the Financial Conduct Authority in proceedings before the Upper Tribunal concerning allegations of a lack of integrity in relation to the creation and dissemination of a presentation which contained manipulative trading strategies aimed at creating a false or misleading impression as to the market in, or the price of, Qatari bonds, with a view to harming the economy of Qatar.

R (ClientEarth) v Financial Conduct Authority

Acting for ClientEarth in a judicial review of the Financial Conduct Authority's decision to approve the prospectus of Ithaca plc (an oil and gas company) as a precondition to its admission to the official list and the offer of its securities to the public (with Andrew George KC and Harry Adamson). The claim raises significant issues of law of wider public importance concerning the disclosure of information relating to an issuer's exposure to climate-related financial risks.

Fraudulent Trading Claim

Acting for a defendant in this High Court claim for fraudulent trading, knowing receipt, and dishonest assistance (assisting Victoria Windle).

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Education

- BA (Hons) Philosophy, Politics & Economics (Oxford, Double First)
- Graduate Diploma in Law (City, Distinction)
- Bar Professional Training Course (City, Outstanding)

Awards

- William Rose Memorial Prize for Excellence in Drafting (BPTC, 2019)
- Buchanan Prize for Outstanding mark in Bar examinations, Lincoln's Inn (2019)
- Cassel Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn (2018)
- BPTC Scholarship, City Law School (2018)
- Wadham College prize for performance in Final Examinations (results in top 5 of 238 candidates in PPE graduating class of 2017)
- Takashi Kisaki Prize in Philosophy (2017)

Publications

Separately from his work at the Bar, Rayan regularly writes for various publications (in both English and Arabic) on a range of social, legal, and cultural issues relating to the Middle East.

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