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MAIN AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Commercial Law
Constitutional Law
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Eddie has an extensive international law practice and regularly appears before a range of international courts and tribunals. He represents and advises states, corporations, NGOs and individuals. Eddie also practices in media and information, public, criminal and commercial law.

EXPERIENCE

Eddie has appeared in high profile international litigation before the International Court of Justice, the European Court of Human Rights and the UK Supreme Court. His practice includes international boundary disputes, international human rights law and international humanitarian law, international environmental law, the law of the sea, the law of state immunity and a wide range of private international law issues. He acted for Croatia in proceedings before the ICJ against Serbia under the Genocide Convention and is currently representing Somalia in its maritime boundary dispute with Kenya (currently before the ICJ).

In addition to his representative and advisory work, Eddie serves as an ad hoc clerk at the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland and is a trial observer for the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute.

Eddie holds a first class law degree from Cambridge University and a first class postgraduate law degree from the University of Oxford. He was graded 'Outstanding' for his bar examinations and finished in the top five students in his year. Eddie has previously served as a judicial assistant (law clerk) at the United Kingdom Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal. Prior to joining Matrix, he spent several months working as a Stagiaire at the European Court of Human Rights.

Alongside his professional practice, Eddie also teaches on international human rights and fair trial issues on the postgraduate BCL course at Oxford University.

SELECTED NOTABLE CASES

ICJ

Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Croatia v Serbia) – Case concerning the responsibility of Croatia and Serbia for alleged violations of the UN Genocide Convention during and after the dissolution of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Maritime Delimitation in the Indian Ocean (Somalia v Kenya) (Counsel for Somalia) – Case concerning the location of the Somalia/Kenya maritime boundary in the territorial sea, exclusive economic zone and continental shelf.

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DIRECTORIES' RECOMMENDATIONS

"He's a bright and charming young barrister with a big future."

"He's very good - incredibly bright, one of those who can do anything. He has a sound understanding of everything."

"He's cerebral, knowledgeable and picks things up quickly."

Chambers & Partners 2016

"Clever, consistent and enthusiastic; a rising star."

"It is hard to believe he's a junior; he makes complex litigation seem easy."

Legal 500 2015

"He's one to watch for the future. A very, very bright and intelligent guy. He's got an instant grasp of the facts."

"You can see he's the sort of person who's going to be very successful."

Chambers & Partners 2015

European Court of Human Rights

Liberty v United Kingdom – Application challenging the compatibility of mass telecommunications interception regime and international intelligence sharing regime with Articles 5, 6, 8, 10 and 13 of the ECHR

Beghal v United Kingdom – Application challenging the compatibility of UK terrorism legislation with Articles 5, 6 and 8 of the ECHR.

Briggs-Price v United Kingdom – Application concerning compatibility of confiscation procedures under UK drugs trafficking legislation with Article 6 of the ECHR.

UK Supreme Court and Court of Appeal

Smith v Ministry of Defence [2013] UKSC 41 – Supreme Court appeal concerning extra-territorial application of the ECHR.

Belhaj v Straw; Rahmatullah v Ministry of Defence (2015) – Supreme Court appeal concerning state immunity and foreign act of state doctrine in tort claims arising out of torture committed by foreign state agents outside the UK.

Serdar Mohammed and Rahmatullah v Ministry of Defence (2015) – Appeal concerning (i) justiciability of tort claims involving acts of foreign state agents in Afghanistan and Iraq and (ii) power to detain under international humanitarian law and international human rights law in a non-international armed conflict. (Appeal currently pending before the Supreme Court)

International Environmental Law

Bodo Community v Shell Petroleum Company of Nigeria Ltd – Claims on behalf of approximately 15,000 individuals concerning extensive oil pollution to a fishing community in Nigeria. In 2015 the claims were settled for £55m, the largest compensation payment ever awarded to an African community for environmental damage.

Ogale Community v Royal Dutch Shell and Shell Petroleum Company of Nigeria Ltd – Claim on behalf of a Nigerian community of approximately 40,000 villagers concerning extensive environmental damage caused by oil spills in Rivers State, Nigeria. (Identified by The Lawyer as one of the top 20 cases of 2016.)

Mulenga & Others v Vedanta Resources Plc and Konkola Copper Mines Ltd – Claims brought by almost two thousand inhabitants of a rural community in Zambia concerning environmental damage and personal injuries caused by the discharge of pollution from the world's second largest open cast copper mine.

Court of Arbitration for Sport (ad hoc clerk)

Dutee Chand v International Association of Athletics Federations (2015) – Appeal concerning IAAF regulation restricting eligibility of female athletes with hyperandrogenism to compete in international athletics competitions.

Veronica Campbell-Brown v International Association of Athletics Federations and Jamaica Athletics Administrative Association (2014) – Appeal concerning irregularities in Jamaican anti-doping procedures.

Eddie accepts instructions under the Bar Council Standard Contractual Terms, details of which can be found [here](#).