**GORDON WIGNALL**

**PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL CV**

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**Education**  
MA, University of Oxford   
Karmel Scholarship prizewinner (commercial law), Gray’s Inn  
Norman Tapp memorial prizewinner (mooting), Gray’s Inn

Diploma in EU Law (merit), King’s College London (2014)

Diploma in EU Competition Law (merit), King’s College London (2015)

**Appointments**CEDR trained mediator

Formerly a part-time employment judge

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

*“An experienced junior who has an extensive planning and environmental practice. The majority of his environmental work involves regulatory disputes with local authorities, planning authorities and the Environment Agency… He's a very experienced and knowledgeable barrister, and has a very pleasant manner*."   
  
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| **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL PROFILE** |

Gordon Wignall has a specialist understanding of all aspects of environmental and planning work which involve, in particular, the waste and recycling industry, environmental permitting and the trans-frontier shipment of waste.

The subject-matter of his practice may well have some aspect of pollution prevention or remediation about it (including contaminated land issues). He practices in all areas relevant to his specialist experience including tribunals and civil and criminal courts, and he has a detailed knowledge of the necessary procedural rules. He also provides advice in non-litigious regulatory cases.

Gordon has acted for Sims Recycling UK, EMR, Squibb & Co, Ward & Co and many other waste and recycling operators. His environmental work includes judicial review and Planning Inspectorate appeals concerning suspension notices, enforcement notices and Works Notices, as well as waste exemptions and the IED Directive. As to permitting exemptions, he has successfully presented judicial review applications in the High Court in which it has been alleged that the UK has not transposed the exemption provisions of the Waste Framework Directive correctly.

Planning appeal work for waste and recycling clients has included issues relating to noise, applications to introduce machinery, agricultural waste, spoil and landfill sites and WEEE. His planning work includes PINS appeals against enforcement notices.

Criminal cases in which he has appeared have been concerned with various offences arising out of the management and handling of waste, breaches of abatement notices contrary to the statutory nuisance regime and offences contrary to the Control of Pollution Act. He was instructed in the Crown Court in the first major prosecution by the Environment Agency concerning the transfrontier shipment of waste.

The types of operators who instruct him or find him either on the other side of the courtroom or tribunal include scrap yards, plastics recyclers, WEEE operators, agricultural feed manufacturers, poultry and bovine renderers, aluminium foundries, racing circuits, sludge waste handlers, food producers, smelting plants, iron foundries and gypsum producers. Not surprisingly he is especially pleased to be able to assist in claims where complex expert evidence needs to be considered and challenged.

His waste and recycling work overlaps with a civil practice for and against those allegedly polluting neighbouring land, whether by noise, odours, dust or other matters, or alternatively by causing physical damage by spillage of oil, kerosene, diesel, or by the physical interference with land. He undertakes flooding and subsidence claims and was instructed in respect of several high-profile group litigation proceedings which followed the floods in 2007.

Whilst residential planning appeals form part of his practice these too tend to include issues relating to the Aarhus convention and EU-related matters such as Environmental Impact Assessments. He was instructed in a recent High Court challenge involving the effect of the Localism Act and the Aarhus Convention on the proper application of the prematurity principle.

Gordon is accustomed to working under pressure and on an urgent basis to obtain injunctive relief. He has also obtained injunctions on behalf of local authorities where statutory nuisance proceedings have provided inadequate remedies, as well as in the context of private law proceedings.