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Edmund Gross joined 5 Essex Chambers in June 2023.

Prior to joining Chambers, Ed gained considerable experience appearing in both the Magistrates' Court and the Crown Court in a whole range of criminal matters. More recently he has developed a growing Public Law practice which includes being instructed for the Home Office in the Undercover Policing Inquiry. Additionally, he is instructed in several matters that raise national security issues. This year he was appointed to the Attorney General's C Panel of Civil Counsel.

Ed has a growing Sports Law practice including instructions from the Rugby Football Union and sitting on MCC Disciplinary Panels. He also sits on the Football Association's National Serious Case Panel.

Ed has experience in both part 1 and part 2 Extradition matters at Westminster Magistrates Court and is on the CPS Extradition Level 1 Panel.

Expertise

Police Law

Ed has a growing practice in this field, in particular in relation to civil orders and applications in the Magistrates' and Crown Court.

During his time so far at 5 Essex Chambers and prior to joining, Ed has gained experience of representing those involved in a variety of proceedings including those under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, Police Property Act 1897 and driving licence appeals.

Public Law and Inquiries

Ed has a growing Public Law practice and is instructed in a wide range of matters particularly in those that raise national security related issues.

He has considerable experience in Public Inquiries and is currently instructed in a number of high-profile matters, including by the Home Office in the Undercover Police Inquiry.

Previously he has been instructed by the Department of Health and Social Care on work in relation to European Union exit legislation.

He is appointed to the Attorney General's C Panel of Civil Counsel.

During his masters, Ed obtained a Distinction in his dissertation- 'The Special Immigration Appeals Commission: an unfortunate but justifiable necessity?'

Sport

In July 2023 Ed was appointed to the Football Association's National Serious Case Panel. Furthermore, he has been sitting on MCC Disciplinary Panels for several years. In July 2024 he was appointed as a Sports Resolutions Pro Bono Service Member

Ed has been instructed in a wide range of regulatory and disciplinary matters by the Rugby Football Union which includes issues relating to anti-doping.

Ed was instructed as part of a barrister and solicitor team by a national sport's governing body who are exploring the implementation of a new governance structure.

Before commencing pupillage, Ed spent a year with leading disputes practice Peters & Peters LLP. He worked in their Commercial Litigation team on a high-profile case that had been brought by over 100 individuals, including many high profile footballers and cricketers, in relation to investments in schemes offered by The Ingenious Group.

Ed enjoys writing on all issues relating to Sports Law. Previous publications include:

- Article published in the Football Legal, the international journal dedicated to football law, analysing the High Court's decision in *Mercato Sports (UK) Ltd & McKay v Everton FC*. (2019)
- Article published by LawInSport, the leading sports law website in the world, "*Knocked Down, but Not Out – A Review of the ICC's new Concussion Replacement Regulations*". (2019). Ed co-authored the article with Thomas Cleeve, of Penningtons Manches Cooper solicitors. The article explored the new concussion replacement substitutions in cricket.
- Article published by LawInSport, "*The curious case of Wigan Athletic and the English Football League's owners & directors test*". (2020). Ed co-authored this article with Wayne Barnes, Partner at Squire Patton Boggs.
- Article published by LawInSport, "*Practical Considerations For Introducing A 'Fit and Proper Test' To Elected Members OF World Rugby's Council*". (2021). Ed co-authored this article with the Fulcrum Sports Law team.
- Article published by LawInSport, "*Here we go again – how to address pitch invasions in English Football?*" (2022).
- Article published by LawInSport, "*How have the pitch invasions at Everton and Manchester City been dealt with by the FA?*". (2022). This was a follow up piece to Ed's article earlier in 2022 on pitch invasions in football.

Extradition

Ed has experience in both part 1 and part 2 Extradition matters at Westminster Magistrates' Court.

Furthermore, in early 2023 he was appointed to the CPS Level 1 Extradition Panel, through which he has appeared regularly before Westminster Magistrates' Court representing a variety of Judicial Authorities at Extradition Hearings.

Education

- Law LLB, Oxford Brookes University, First Class
- LLM, University College London, Merit
- BPTC, BPP, Very Competent

Scholarships and Prizes

- Gray's Inn, Patrick Back Scholarship
- University College London Judicial Institute Placement Award

- Oxford Brookes University Future Barrister Scholarship
- Prize for Outstanding Contribution to the Oxford Brookes University School of Law

Appointments & Professional Memberships

- Attorney General's C Panel (2023 – present)
- Attorney General's Junior Juniors scheme (2018 – 2022)
- SFO C Panel
- CPS Level 2
- Clerk to the Bar Tribunals & Adjudication Service
- LawInSport Plus Member

Interests

Ed was a Trustee of the Kalisher Trust from 2019 – 2022.

Ed greatly enjoys assisting with moots and other educational events at Gray's Inn. During his BPTC year Ed was a mentor for Vocalise and taught debating at HMP Feltham.

In his spare time, Ed enjoys all sports. He represented Oxfordshire County Cricket at all age groups up to men's second eleven. He is a playing member of the MCC. He represented the Bar of England and Wales Cricket Club at the Lawyer's World Cup in New Zealand in 2019/20 and Sri Lanka in 2017.

Ed is a very keen traveller.