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Karwan Eskerie

Call: 2010

Karwan Eskerie has a broad practice covering all main areas of Chambers' work, with a particular focus on public, regulatory, employment, immigration and environmental law. He has been appointed to the Legal Services Board's Panel of External Legal Advisors and is the Regulatory and Environmental Law Advisor to the Minister of Natural Resources of the Kurdistan Regional Government.

Karwan regularly represents clients before various courts and tribunals, and has appeared in the Supreme Court, the High Court, the County Courts, the First-tier and Upper Tribunals, as well as employment and disciplinary tribunals. He is also regularly instructed in drafting and advisory work.

During pupillage, Karwan was also involved in preparing written observations to the European Court of Human Rights, matters before the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), Court of Appeal hearings in immigration and asylum matters, and VAT appeals.

In addition to being a member of the English Bar, Karwan has been admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor in New Zealand and a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales. Before coming to the Bar, he practised as a solicitor for four years in leading public law practices in New Zealand and England. As such, he acted on a wide range of public law, local authority, planning and regulatory law matters. Most recently, he advised the Solicitors Regulation Authority extensively on its new authorisation rules and acted in General Medical Council fitness to practise proceedings. He also spent some time in an employment law practice, advised on the drafting of primary and secondary legislation, and was seconded to a local authority as its planning appeals manager.

Karwan has a Bachelor of Civil Law with Distinction from the University of Oxford and first class undergraduate degrees in Law and Political Studies from the University of Auckland. During his undergraduate studies, he was granted the Senior Prize in Law for overall high grades and the Simpson Grierson Award for coming top of his class in employment law.

Karwan has interned at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and taught public law at

the University of Auckland. He has also been an associate editor of the Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal and a judge in the UK National Rounds of the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.

He speaks Hindi, Urdu, Persian and Kurdish fluently and has a working knowledge of Arabic and Punjabi.

Appointments

- Regulatory & Environmental Law Advisor to the Kurdistan Regional Government's Minister of Natural Resources (2013)
- Legal Services Board Panel of External Legal Advisors (2012)

Education

- Bar Aptitude Test, BPP Law School (2010)
- Bachelor of Civil Law (Distinction), St Catherine's College, University of Oxford (2009)
- Qualified Lawyers Transfer Test, College of Law (2008)
- Certificate of Professional Legal Studies, College of Law, New Zealand (2005)
- Bachelor of Arts (First Class), Major in Political Studies, University of Auckland (2005)
- Bachelor of Laws (First Class), University of Auckland (2005)

Memberships

- Advocates for International Development
- Constitutional and Administrative Bar Association
- Human Rights Lawyers Association

Publications

- Contributor to the UK Human Rights Blog
- Contributor to Burnett-Hall on Environmental Law