



**Rupert Butler**

**Call Date: 1988**

### Recent and Current Practice

Rupert has been involved in several high profile direct access cases:

- He was instructed as the sole legal representative of the estate of the late Lord Janner of Braunstone QC in The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse. Rupert worked alongside Daniel Janner QC (the late peer's son), with [The Times](#) describing them as a “formidable legal team”.
- Rupert also represents the estate of Lord Janner in respect of over 30 civil claims being brought against it by complainants of historic sexual abuse.
- Rupert represents on direct access David Bryant, for whom he also acted pro bono in the Court of Appeal in July 2016, whose conviction for sexual abuse of a boy in 1970s was quashed. This case received much media coverage with [The Daily Mail](#) recognising that without the help of Rupert and his team, “David would not be a free man today”. Rupert was also featured in Solicitors Journal with his account of the case- the article can be read in full [here](#). In December Rupert's analysis of policing complaints of historic sex abuse was commended in the House of Commons debate on Operation Midland, where general praise for the work of 3 Hare Court was given by the SNP.

### Commercial and Business Law; Insolvency and Restructuring

Rupert Butler has substantial experience in litigation and advisory work in the fields of company law and corporate insolvency. His practice covers a broad range of chancery and commercial litigation, including insolvency and company-related disputes, claims for breach of directors' duties and minority shareholders' actions, breaches of warranty, the enforcement of guarantees and security, liquidators' claims, civil fraud, asset recovery and constructive trusts. He acts regularly for several major accountancy firms.

Rupert Butler has developed a niche acting for company liquidators, including Deloitte and Grant Thornton, who have been appointed on behalf of HMRC to recover Crown debts incurred by VAT and Excise frauds.

He has sued successfully directors for fraud in the leading cases of:



- [QEB Metallica v. Peerzada and others \[2009\] EWHC 3348 \(Ch\)](#) and
- [Payless Cash & Carry v. Patel and others \[2011\] EWHC 2112 \(Ch\)](#).

He is instructed to take cases up from the moment of the appointment of a provisional liquidator, to obtaining freezing injunctions and search/seizure orders, winding-up errant companies and then to trial against its directors and those beyond.

In asset recovery he acts for banks within this jurisdiction and overseas.

### Sports Law; Media Law

Rupert Butler also specialises in sports and entertainment work, particularly acting for national governing bodies of sport, sports stars and agents, in all aspects of the business of sport and entertainment, regulation and disciplinary matters. He is recommended in Chambers UK Directory for sports law.

He acts for the [ECB](#) on a wide range of issues and, in particular, he advised over its relationship with Allen Stanford and his sponsorship of the [Stanford Twenty20 for 20](#) and the collapse of the Stanford Bank.

Since 2010 he has been representing Sven-Goran Eriksson, in pursuit of claims against his former financial adviser and Carole White, of Premier Model Agency, following her appearance in the Hague War Crimes Tribunal against former President Jerome Taylor and in litigation in New York against Naomi Campbell.

In 2008 he represented the entire [Trinidad and Tobago 2006 FIFA World Cup](#) squad in its action against its home Federation, headed by Jack Warner, for fees due to players, securing a substantial award in an international arbitration.

Recently he has been advising the acting president of [CONCACAF](#) in relation to his dispute with his Federation and [FIFA](#) following the resignation of Jack Warner.

In sports he has also represented and advised the following National Governing Bodies: [British Triathlon Association](#), the [British Cycling Federation](#), [International Federation of Strong Men](#), and the [British Bob Skeleton Association](#).

In 2011 he represented the former information spy Benji the Binman in a successful trial for breach of bailment.



### Employment Law

He has also represented and advised the following public authorities: [London Borough of Haringey](#), [London Borough of Hackney](#) and [London Borough of Redbridge](#), [Wiltshire County Council](#), National Police Improvement Agency.

He has extensive experience of appearing in Employment Tribunals covering all areas of employment law, and regularly represents City Executives in the negotiation of their service contracts, remuneration benefits, and severance agreements.

### Direct Access

Rupert Butler is licensed by the Bar Council to accept instructions direct from the public and is one of the first barristers in private practice to be granted the right 'to conduct litigation' since changes to the rules in 2014.

### Mediation

He is a trained and accredited mediator.

### Legal Directories

#### **Chambers & Partners 2017:**

"Very user-friendly and a good man to have on the team. He's got a lot of experience."

Sports

### Other Relevant Information

He also trains advocates for Grays Inn and is appointed as an external examiner for the [BPTC at City University](#) as well as a counsellor for people suffering from dependency and depression.

### Publications and Lectures

Former consulting Editor of LS law's online product liability cases and a regular contributor to leading law journals (including [The Solicitors' Journal](#)), as well as being a law lecturer.

Rupert regularly contributes to client bulletins and has recently been invited to speak at the [International Fraud Litigation conference](#) organized by Lexis Nexis. For more information

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and to download the conference material by Rupert Butler, titled: 'Trial process before trial, with particular reference to the JSC BTA Bank v Ablyazov & others litigation'.

Memberships

Member of the Irish Bar

Qualifications

LLB Manchester University