Procedural Fairness as a Ground of Judicial Review

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Procedural fairness is an increasingly important ground of judicial review. From licence application procedures to regulatory decisions, immigration refusals to disciplinary decisions, there are many opportunities for public decision-makers to go wrong procedurally. The law applies strict standards of procedural fairness which must be observed by public decision-makers. A sound understanding of this important ground of judicial review is necessary, both for government and public decision-makers to keep themselves right, and applicants who may seek to enforce this ground in judicial review.

This seminar will take participants through the main aspects of the law on procedural fairness, including the right to be heard, the right to be represented, the duty to give reasons for a decision, and bias/partiality. Real cases will be used to explain and illustrate the main points and your seminar leader will be delighted to answer your questions on the day. The session will be useful for solicitors in both the public and private sectors; and to those who both seek to launch a judicial review application or who may find themselves on the receiving end of one. Come along and learn from this interactive seminar. All welcome!

Key points covered:

- Up-to-date coverage of procedural fairness as a ground of judicial review
- Explanation of the key aspects of procedural fairness: the right to be heard, the right to be represented, the duty to give reasons for a decision, and bias/partiality



- Aimed at applicants and respondents; those working in private practice, and those working in government and the public sector
- Use of real cases to explain and illustrate the main points
- Accessible and easy to understand explanations

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