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## Philippe Bonavero – Barrister

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Philippe is the head of the immigration and asylum team at 4 King's Bench Walk. He provides advice and representation to claimants across the full range of immigration-related matters, from the First-Tier Tribunal to the Court of Appeal. He has particular expertise in representing vulnerable appellants and is often instructed to represent unaccompanied minors and victims of trafficking. He has represented politicians, professional sportsmen, former diplomats and high-profile political activists.

Philippe's wide-ranging judicial review practice focuses primarily on fresh claims, claims certified as "clearly unfounded" and on unlawful detention.

Philippe is committed to pro bono work. He is regularly instructed by [Bail for Immigration Detainees](#) to represent long-term detainees in bail hearings. He is part of the [Asylum Support Appeals Project's](#) volunteer scheme, through which he represents appellants appearing in the Asylum Support Tribunal and provides advice on strategic litigation.

Outside of the courtroom, Philippe has recently acted as legal consultant for the BBC documentary series [Refugee Diaries](#).

### Recent reported cases:

- ***Sala (EFMs: Right of Appeal)*** [\[2016\] UKUT 411](#)  
Whether "extended family members" have a right to appeal to the First-tier Tribunal under the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006.
- ***R (on the application of Vassell) v Secretary of State for the Home Department*** [\[2015\] All ER \(D\) 220](#)  
Leading case on the proper approach to section 96 of the *Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2002* in deportation proceedings.
- ***PF (Nigeria) v Secretary of State for the Home Department*** [\[2015\] WLR \(D\) 149](#)  
Circumstances in which the presiding member of a Tribunal can exercise his casting vote when the panel is equally split in immigration tribunal proceedings.

- ***ED (Ghana) v Secretary of State for the Home Department*** [\[2012\] EWCA Civ 39](#)  
Whether a long-term young unlawful resident was able to rely on the test in *Maslov v Austria* (1638/03) [2007] 1 F.C.R. 707 to resist his removal from the United Kingdom.

### **Education & Qualifications:**

2004 – 2005 INNS OF COURT SCHOOL OF LAW, City University  
Bar Vocational Course: Very Competent

2001 - 2004 SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES, University of London  
Law LLB: Upper Second

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