

# Ramby de Mello

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Ramby de Mello is an experienced and important member of chambers Immigration, International and Public Law groups.

## Expertise

### Immigration, Asylum & Nationality

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Ramby is a specialist barrister in judicial review and public law. He has many high profile reported cases and has appeared in the High Court, Court of Appeal, House of Lords (Supreme Court) and the European Court of Justice.

In addition he is an acknowledged expert in human rights (including being a general editor of Human Rights Act 1998 Practical Guide' –published by Jordans) European Union law particularly in relation to anti-discrimination law, administrative law, public procurement, freedom of establishment, services and movement (including social security, immigration, crime, customs and excise) Nationality and immigration law (including national security and terrorism law) .

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#### Articles:

- Consultant editor of INLR (Jordan)

### International

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Ramby de Mello is an acknowledged and highly regarded practitioner in the field of human rights. He has represented clients in the Supreme Court, the European Court of Justice and the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights. Ramby appears regularly in the UK Courts in test cases involving human rights.

Ramby represented a French citizen against the French State, with Belgium intervening, against the burca ban before the Grand Chamber of the ECHR. He argued on behalf of the applicant that the ban of the full face veil breached her right to privacy, freedom to manifest her religious belief and that the law prohibiting the wearing of the veil was discriminatory on grounds of gender and religion: SAS-v-France Judgment is expected in 2014.

Another one of his cases, the first internationally, involved a post-operative transgender person claiming that she was discriminated against on grounds of her status and that this was unlawful under the gender discrimination laws. This case was brought before the ECJ which ruled in her favour and led to the change of the UK Sex Discrimination Act 1975: P-v-S C13/94 [1996] ICR 795 EC]

Another well-known case brought before the ECJ involved the rights of an EU citizen child to have her primary carer parent reside in the Member State with the child though the parent was a third country national. This case was the first internationally to define the rights of a child, under European Union law, to have his parent reside with the child so that the child's citizenship rights could be exercised on her behalf: Chen-v-SSHD Case C-200/02.

Manjit Kaur ECJ Case C-192/99 [2001] ECR I-1237 (whether British Overseas nationals are EU citizens).

Ramby was nominated lawyer of the week for the Times News Paper.

Ramby is also the General Editor of the book "Human Rights Act 1998 – A Practical Guide" (Jordans). Other published works include a chapter on Immigration and Nationality for the Discrimination Law Association book entitled "Making Rights Real" (a handbook on challenging racism and racial discrimination under the Human Rights Act) and contributions to the Bar Council Human Rights Handbook (Study Guide). He is also written a book for the NHS and Local Authorities on Human Rights (Monitor Press). He is also a consultant editor for the "Immigration and Nationality Law Reports" (Jordans).

## Public Law

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Ramby de Mello has advised clients from different countries on making representations to Interpol to remove red notices from their data base on grounds that it amounts to a misuse of applications of red notices by participating countries. These representations include reference to international law, human rights and EU data law. He specialises in human rights and EU data law. Certain countries that subscribe to Interpol often misuse red notices as a political means to persecute their nationals abroad. Interpol is aware of this being done. Ramby de Mello advises clients how to make representation to Interpol to remove the red notices and failing which to advise and represent

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clients how to challenge these decisions before domestic and international forums including making submissions to Commission for the Control of INTERPOL's Files (CCF).

The CCF can recommend to the General Secretariat that, as an interim measure pending completion of the CCF's review, to restrict and block access to the information so that it becomes invisible National Central Bureau.

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Ramby de Mello has also advised and represented foreign Embassies and Consuls on State Immunity defences.

#### **Books and Articles:-**

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## Education

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## Prison & Police Law

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