

## Robert Gardener

Director of Government Affairs  
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### Biography

Robert Gardener is a former Civil Servant in the Cabinet Office, Director in the Government of Abu Dhabi, and senior adviser to global corporations, governments and not-for-profit organisations.

Robert works alongside lawyers throughout the firm to ensure our legal advice is strongly infused with a public policy perspective, to help provide clarity to clients on regulatory environments, and to inform clients' current and perspective business decisions on which government policy may have an impact. That is why we are the only firm top-ranked by Chambers UK, for both Administrative and Public Law and Public Affairs, and by Legal 500 for Administrative and Public Law.

Robert is also Chair of the firm's UK2030 programme, which brings together specialism and experience from across Hogan Lovells to understand, engage and act on the principal risks and opportunities for businesses in the current decade, and a member of the Global Regulatory & IPMT Leadership. He is a member of a number of Government expert advisory panels, including Global Travel and National Security and Investment, and regularly advises Central Government on the business and regulatory implications of policy considerations.

In February 2023, Robert was appointed by the Ministry of Justice to be one of two Lay Advisers to the Northumbria Multi-agency public protection arrangements ("MAPPA"). He is also a College Mentor at Durham University, where he read Law.



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### Languages

English

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### Practices

Administrative and Public Law

Government Relations and Public Affairs

Africa Regional Practice

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### Industries

Aerospace and Defense

Automotive and Mobility

Consumer

Manufacturing and Industrials

Education

## Representative experience

Advising Middle East leadership on cross-border strategic partnerships with international organisations, to maximise the contribution towards economic diversification.

Advising foreign governments, global corporations and not-for-profits on their UK engagement with ministers, senior officials and parliamentarians.

In-house experience in Private Office at Buckingham Palace and Government House Melbourne, the Office of The Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, the British Embassy in the UAE, and at the UN in New York.

Advising corporations on current UK government policy and the cross-party political appetite for any changes to that policy, to support due diligence ahead of prospective corporate activity.

## Awards and rankings

- Administrative and Public Law (Tier 1), *Legal 500 UK*, 2022
- Parliamentary and Public Affairs (Band 1), *Chambers UK*, 2021
- Administrative and Public Law (Band 1), *Chambers UK*, 2021

## Latest thinking and events

- News
  - 2024 – The year of AI: six-part video series
- News
  - FDI - A global perspective
- News
  - Financial Institutions Horizons 2024
- News
  - French government extends the scope of application of the French Foreign Direct Investment screening regime
- News
  - A bumpy ride: Robert Gardener and Aaron Cutler

Energy and Natural Resources

Financial Institutions

Insurance

Life Sciences and Health Care

Technology and Telecoms

Sports, Media and Entertainment

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## Areas of focus

Brexit

Foreign Government Representation

Judicial Review

Legislation

Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology

UK Administrative Law

UK Parliamentary Affairs

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## Education and admissions

### Education

LL.B. (Hons), Durham University

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## Accolades

"Robert Gardener has been a key individual for us. His deep insight into government and public affairs allows the department to give a political and media angle to their assistance which has made it much more practically valuable for us."

*Legal 500, Administrative and Public Law (Tier 1), 2022*

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on the approaching UK and US elections

- News
- The Tortoise and the Tories: a tale of exercising public functions