



Jack Watson

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Qualifications and Appointments

- BA, Emmanuel College Cambridge
- LLM, Emmanuel College Cambridge, graded First
- MPhil, Emmanuel College Cambridge
- BPTC, BPP, graded Outstanding
- Denning Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn)
- Hardwicke Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn)
- Rodwell Prize (Emmanuel College)
- Bachelor Scholarship (Emmanuel College)
- European and World Masters Cup Debating Champion; winner of a record 28 university level debating competitions.

Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association

Publications

- 'Brudenell-Bruce v Moore & Cotton' [2014] Wilberforce Legal Digest (Issue 1) March 2015
- 'Doubt, mistake and risk-taking in restitutionary claims' [2011] *K.L.J.* 22(2), 220-227
- 'Legitimate expectations and the Lisbon Treaty (Case Comment)' [2010] *C.S.L.R.* (1), 330.
- 'Clarity and Ambiguity: A New Approach to the Test of Legitimacy in the Law of Expectations' [2010] *Legal Studies* Vol 30 No. 4

Practice Overview

Jack joined Chambers in October 2013 having successfully completed his pupillage. His pupil supervisors were: Martin Hutchings QC, Rupert Reed, Julian Greenhill, Jonathan Hilliard and Andrew Mold.

Since joining chambers Jack has gained experience in a number of Chambers' practice areas, including:

- Pensions - including issues of construction, rectification and pensions liberation
- Landlord and tenant - including both residential and commercial possession proceedings, rights of forfeiture and dilapidations.
- Real and personal property - including rights of way and boundary disputes, proprietary remedies and tracing.
- Trusts and probate - including trustee's duties, removal of trustees, breach of fiduciary duties and liability to account.
- Professional negligence - including SRA and FOS complaints and professional trustee liability
- Commercial litigation - including company law, LLP agreements and commercial fraud
- Public/Administrative law

Jack recently acted as junior counsel in *Brudenell-Bruce v Moore and Cotton* [2014] EWHC 3679 (Ch), a three-week trial of a multi-million pound claim for breach of trust and removal of trustees. He also has significant advocacy experience and has appeared as sole counsel in a wide range of matters in both the county court and the High Court. He has also undertaken work in a number of offshore jurisdictions.

Equally comfortable working on his own or as part of a team, Jack is a former European Debating Champion and his published written work has been described as 'illuminating' in the Privy Council (*Paponette v A-G of Trinidad and Tobago* [2010] UKPC 32 per Lord Brown) and been cited approvingly by the Court of Appeal for Northern Ireland (*Re Loreto Grammar School* [2012] NICA 1).



Pensions

Jack's recent pensions experience includes:

- Acting with Jonathan Hilliard in *The Pensions Regulator v. Dalriada, Fellowes et. al.* [2013] EWHC 4346 (Ch) resisting an application to discharge a freezing injunction obtained against pensions trustees which had been obtained under the Regulator's Pensions Liberation provisions and who were alleged to have been engaged in multiple breaches of the duties under the relevant pensions legislation and under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.
- Acting with Andrew Mold for defendant benefit consultants facing professional negligence claims in the administration of the Bloxwich pension scheme.
- Acting for the Pensions Regulator seeking to remove trustees of several occupational pension schemes.
- Advising the trustees of an Occupational Pension Scheme as to the appropriate principles to be applied to the construction and/or rectification of that scheme.
- Acting for the trustees of a SIPP in a claim for breach of contract and restitution in relation to a sale of land in the Cayman Islands.
- Bringing and defending complaints to the Financial Ombudsman Service in relation to the sale of Self-Invested Personal Pensions.
- Acting in a claim brought by the employers of an occupational pension scheme against the former accountants of that scheme for failing to properly calculate necessary increases to members' benefits.