



Jonathan Davey QC

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*“Incredible eloquence,
reassuring client manner
and impressive breadth of
expertise”*

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Qualifications and Appointments

- First Class Honours degree, Philosophy, University of Nottingham
- Distinction, International Relations MA, University of Nottingham
- MPhil, Downing College, Cambridge University
- CPE, City University, London
- Denning, Mansfield, Bowen and Hardwicke Scholarships, Lincoln's Inn
- Commercial experience in United Kingdom, Europe and United States prior to being called to the Bar
- Attorney General's Panel of Counsel to the Crown

Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Property Bar Association
- Commercial Bar Association
- Commercial Fraud Lawyer's Association
- Association of Pension Lawyers
- Bar Pro Bono Panel

Practice Overview

Jonathan was appointed QC in 2016.

He was shortlisted for "Chancery Junior of the Year" at the Chambers Bar Awards in 2015.

He was shortlisted for "Property Junior of the Year" at the Chambers Bar Awards in 2014.

Prior to taking silk, Jonathan served on the Attorney General's A Panel of Counsel to the Crown, the most senior of the 3 Crown Panels. Before being appointed to the A Panel, Jonathan also served on the B and C Panels (10 years' AG panel experience in total).

Jonathan is a highly respected litigator with a broad commercial chancery practice encompassing areas including commercial, real estate, trusts, financial, revenue and professional liability.

He has considerable experience, in particular, of large-scale and high-value litigation in cases which involve more than one field of law. He is regularly instructed in complex tax litigation, and is currently involved in the high profile Ingenious litigation and Icebreaker litigation, both of which are in the national press, the latter under the headline "Taxman us Take That".

Jonathan is a highly persuasive advocate, with considerable experience both as a trial lawyer and as an appellate advocate. As well as appearing in the higher courts, Jonathan frequently appears across a range of tribunals including the Tax and Chancery Chamber of the Upper Tribunal.

Jonathan regularly appears in the legal directories (*Chambers & Partners*, *Chambers Global* and/or *The Legal 500*) as a leading practitioner in various areas:

- Real estate
- Private client / Tax
- Private wealth

Comments that have been made of him in the directories include: "a key figure", "hugely respected", "impressive", "phenomenally intelligent", "charming and effective", "user friendly", "practical", "an accomplished advocate", "incredibly eloquent", "an excellent draftsman", "reassuring client manner", "impressive breadth of expertise", and "handles complex litigation matters with aplomb".

Publications

- [Butterworths Property Law Handbook 10th Edition 2013](#)



Pensions

Jonathan has extensive experience of dealing with cases in the pensions field, including complaints to and appeal from the Pensions Ombudsman. Jonathan regularly acts for the Cabinet Office and the Department of Work and Pensions in relation to pensions disputes. Jonathan is a member of the Association of Pension Lawyers.

Some representative cases include:

- *Gareth Clark v HMRC* [2016] FTT: Acting for HMRC in tax appeal regarding fiscal implications of pensions liberation structure.
- *Ellis v Cabinet Office* [2015] EWCA Civ 252: Acting in the Court of Appeal (with Paul Newman QC) for the Cabinet Office in dispute concerning the meaning of the term "resignation" within the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme.
- *Webber v Department for Education* [2014] EWHC 4240: Appeal in the High Court from the Pension Ombudsman in respect of limitation regarding recovery of pension overpayments
- Acting for scheme trustee in respect of dispute regarding the proper tax treatment of scheme investments (with [Michael Furness QC](#)).
- Acting for scheme trustee in proceedings to recover assets transferred out of scheme to former trustee (with [Robert Ham QC](#)).
- Acting for the Pensions Ombudsman in judicial review claim.
- Acting for scheme member in respect of a breach of trust claim against scheme trustee.