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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

- '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 has a broad commercial and chancery practice covering all areas of chambers work. In particular Jack's practice includes fraud disputes, company and insolvency, trusts, breach of fiduciary duties, professional liability, pensions as well as property-related work. Jack also has experience of acting in high value and complex fund disputes and often acts in cases involving an international dimension.

Jack recently acted as junior counsel in *AHAB v Saad*, one of the largest fraud cases ever litigated, involving a claim for around US\$9bn, a trial lasting over a year and the disclosure of over 5 million documents. In addition to complex issues of fact, the case involved issues relating to tracing and asset recovery, trust and partnership law, attribution of knowledge, ex turpi causa, bona fide purchase, conflicts of law and the law of Saudi Arabia, Switzerland and Bahrain.

Equally comfortable working on his own or as part of a team, Jack 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 and has appeared on his own against QCs or senior junior barristers.

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) and again by the Privy Council (*United Policyholders Group v Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago* [2016] UKPC 17).



Property

Jack regularly advises in both commercial and residential property related matters and appears in court at the interlocutory stage and in final hearings. Jack's recent property related experience:

- *Brudenell-Bruce v Moore and Cotton* [2014] EWHC 3679 (Ch): Acting with [Clare Stanley QC](#) in a three-week trial of a claim for breach of trust centring largely on an alleged failure by the trustees to rent out certain properties (raising issues of proprietary estoppel) and an alleged failure to keep properties in repair (involving significant expert surveying and valuation evidence and raising issues as to the scope of trustees' powers and duties to manage trust property and the measure of damages for losses sustained by trusts).
- Acting for the tenant of business premises in relation to a claim for damages resulting from the landlord's failure to keep the property in repair.
- A contested application for an injunction to allow a business tenant back onto property, raising issues of the scope of the 1954 Act, unlawful eviction, estoppel by convention and proprietary estoppel.
- An injunction to allow a licensee back onto business premises raising issues of proprietary estoppel and fraud.
- Advising on the scope of rights of way acquired by prescription.
- Numerous applications for possession of business and residential premises including applications against the Crown for repossession of leases held as bona vacantia.
- Acting for a claimant mother in appealing a local authority's determination that it had discharged its duty under s.193(7) Housing Act 1996 raising issues relating to public law and legitimate expectations.
- Acting for a mortgage company in successfully resisting an application to set aside default judgment on the grounds of a sale at an undervalue.
- Acting for a mortgage company in seeking recovery of moneys due under a guarantee despite the service of a defective statutory demand.

Jack also has experience of acting in relation to and advising on the scope of option agreements, restrictive covenants, guarantee agreements, business tenancy renewals and the recovery of service charges.