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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](#), [Julian Greenhill](#), [Jonathan Hilliard QC](#) 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).



Trusts, Tax, Probate and Estates

Jack has a particular interest in trust work and regularly accepts instructions on a wide range of matters where trusts are involved.

Jack's recent instructions include:

- *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 and the removal of trustees issues as to (a) the scope of trustees' powers and duties to manage trust property (b) trustee remuneration (c) acquiescence and concurrence by beneficiaries (d) the relevant principles to be applied when considering whether to remove trustees and (e) the measure of damages for losses sustained by trusts.
- Acting for the settlor of several property trusts in seeking a declaration that certain of those properties are held on trust for his children as part of ongoing ancillary relief proceedings.
- Advising the trustees of several London properties as to the scope of their duties to carry out works to trust property and their ability to recover expenses from the fund.
- Advising the executors of a deceased's estate as to the merits of an intimated claim in Jersey under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1982.
- Advising the settlor of a trust under the Schedule 1 Children Act as to a potential claim against his former solicitors for failing to settle on more advantageous terms.
- Acting for the beneficiary under a trust in seeking to have monies paid into court.
- Providing advice as to the scope of trustees' powers and acting in respect of Inheritance Act Claims.