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Qualifications and Appointments

- BCL, Brasenose College, Oxford (Distinction) (2008-9)(Restitution, Conflicts of Laws, Advanced Property and Trusts papers)
- MA (Law), Emmanuel College, Cambridge (2004-8)(University prizes awarded for top mark in year in Land Law and Public International Law (both 2006))
- Maitrise en Droit, mention assez bien, Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas (2006-8)(French equivalent of a Master's degree in law)
- Queen Mother Scholarship (Middle Temple) and Outstanding BVC

Memberships

- COMBAR
- Chancery Bar Association
- Registered Advocate of the DIFC Courts

Publications

- ['Rules of the DIFC Courts'](#) (2016) *Wilberforce Chambers, 4th edition*
- ['Phillips v Francis'](#) (2015) *Wilberforce Property Update (Issue 1)* May 2015
- [Rules of The DIFC Courts 2014](#) (2014) *Wilberforce Chambers, 3rd Edition*
- 'What Price Trespass' (2013) *Conveyancer* 439

Practice Overview

In both 2014 and 2015, Jonathan was instructed to act in one of The Lawyer's "Top 20" cases of the year.

Jonathan has a broad practice across chambers' main practice areas. It encompasses, pensions, property (including landlord and tenant), domestic and international commercial work, and trusts. He deals with professional negligence, company and insolvency issues arising out of these core areas.

As well as being regularly led in the High Court, Court of Appeal and internationally, Jonathan acts as sole counsel in the High Court (Chancery Division, Commercial Court, QBD and TCC) and county court. Outside court, Jonathan appears before tribunals (such as the FTT or Pensions Regulator DP) and at mediations or settlement meetings.

Recent successes in his own name include appearing in the Court of Appeal (*Matchmove v Dowding* [2015] EWCA Civ 313), winning a heavily-fought 11-day county court trial, and a reported High Court case (*Dany Lions v Bristol Cars* [2014] 2 All ER (Comm) 403.) His cases have been referred to in leading texts such as Chitty, Lewison and the White Book.

Other highlights include:

- *Phillips v Francis* [2015] 1 WLR 741. Jonathan acted with [Jonathan Seitler QC](#) for the successful appellant on the leading case on the meaning of 'works' for landlord and tenant consultation purposes.
- One of the Lawyer's "Top 20 Cases of 2015": *Callendo v Mishcon de Reya* (awaiting judgment). Jonathan, led by [Ian Croxford QC](#) and [Clare Stanley QC](#), acts for the defendant firm in relation to a professional negligence claim brought arising out of the sale of QPR football club to Flavio Briatore and Bernie Ecclestone in 2007.
- Appearing before the Pensions Regulator Determination Panel as sole counsel (against [Jonathan Evans QC](#) and [Fenner Moeran QC](#)), acting for the Original Trustee who had been removed by the Regulator facing allegations of misconduct and pensions liberation.
- *Damac Park Towers v Ward* (CA 006/2015, 14 December 2015.) Jonathan was led by [Rupert Reed QC](#) on the appeal in the DIFC Courts in Dubai. Rupert and Jonathan, having been brought in for the appeal, overturned the trial judge's decision on the construction of a "reservation agreement" for the purchase of off-plan property in Dubai.
- *Matchmove v Dowding* (permission [2015] EWCA Civ 313; full appeal forthcoming.) The dispute concerns constructive trusts, proprietary estoppel and section 2 of the 1989 Act. Jonathan, having obtained permission as sole counsel, is led by [Jonathan Seitler QC](#) for the appeal.



International Arbitration

Jonathan carries out both written and oral advocacy in relation to arbitrations. Although the details are confidential, the type of work Jonathan has recently been involved in includes:

- Preparing statements of case for arbitrations.
- Appearing on a challenge to an award for procedural irregularity and error of law.
- Settling application notices and claim forms for a challenge to an award.