



Jonathan Davey QC

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QC: 2016

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reassuring client manner
and impressive breadth of
expertise”*

Memberships

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

Publications

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

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.

Jonathan is a highly respected litigator with a broad commercial chancery practice encompassing areas including property, commercial, tax and trusts. 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.

Jonathan 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 commercial and financial/tax litigation, for example the current high profile Icebreaker litigation referred to in the national press as "Taxman vs 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 the following areas:

- Real estate
- Private Wealth
- Private client – tax
- Pension
- Private client – trusts and probate
- Charities
- Chancery: Traditional
- Pensions

Clerks' Details

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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 (B Panel)



Comments that have been made of him in the directories include: "a key figure", "hugely respected", "extremely impressive", "phenomenally intelligent", "charming and effective", "user friendly", "a pleasure to work with", "a real team player", "practical", "an accomplished advocate", "incredibly eloquent", "an excellent draftsman", "reassuring client manner", "very calm", "impressive breadth of expertise", "in massive demand for good reason", and "handles complex litigation matters with aplomb".

Pensions

Jonathan has extensive experience of dealing with a wide range of pensions matters, including complaints to and appeal from the Pensions Ombudsman. In his capacity as junior counsel to the Crown, 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:

- Acting for a scheme trustee in respect of a dispute regarding the proper tax treatment of scheme investments (with [Michael Furness QC](#)).
- Acting for a scheme trustee in proceedings to recover assets transferred out of a scheme to a former trustee (with [Robert Ham QC](#)).
- Acting for a scheme administrator in respect of an appeal from the Pensions Ombudsman determination.
- Acting for the Crown in a multi-party pensions liberation dispute.
- Acting for the Pensions Ombudsman in a claim for judicial review.
- Acting for a scheme member in respect of a breach of trust claim against scheme trustee.