



Jonathan Davey QC

Call: 2003

QC: 2016

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“A thoroughly modern QC who gives very straightforward and to-the-point advice. He’s someone who always provides answers rather than creates problems.” Chambers UK 2020

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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 (A Panel)

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 Queen’s Counsel in 2016 at just 13 years’ call. 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; and was shortlisted for *Chambers & Partners’ Junior of the Year* award in the areas of Chancery and Real Estate.

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

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, property and financial/tax litigation, for example, the current high profile £1 billion *Ingenious* litigation. Jonathan has considerable experience of leading large legal teams.

Jonathan is a highly persuasive advocate, with substantial 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 and other dispute resolution forums.

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
- Chancery – traditional
- Private client – trusts and probate
- Private client – tax
- Tax
- Private wealth
- Pensions
- Charities

Publications

[Butterworths Property Law Handbook 11th Edition \(2018\)](#)



Practice Overview continued

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", "makes things simple", "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".

Professional Liability

Jonathan has extensive experience of professional liability disputes, including claims for negligence, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty and breach of statutory and regulatory obligations.

Jonathan acts for claimants and defendants, and across a wide variety of different professions.

Jonathan's "*impressive breadth of expertise*" (Chambers & Partners) over a range of fields of law including property, trusts, tax and financial gives him a sound understanding, and practical experience, of the substantive issues underlying the claim of professional negligence or other breach of duty.

Some representative cases include:

- Acting for defendant accountants in respect of a £20m claim for breach of contractual and tortious duties owed to the commercial lender (with [James Ayliffe QC](#)).
- Acting for defendant solicitors in respect of a high-value dispute regarding drafting of trust documentation.
- Acting for claimant a investor in respect of a multi-million pound claim against an offshore discretionary fund manager.
- Acting for a claimant investor in respect of claim against IFA in respect of property based investments.
- Acting for defendant solicitors in respect of a dispute concerning the administration of a deceased's estate.
- Acting for defendant architects in respect of dispute concerning planning issues in relation to substantial residential development.