



Jonathan Hilliard QC

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QC: 2016

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“A real star”

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Memberships

- Sits on Trust Law Committee
- Sits on APL Litigation Subcommittee
- Chancery Bar Association
- APL
- STEP Contentious Trusts and Estates Interest Group
- Commercial Bar Association

Publications

- Co-author of the Pension Scheme Actuaries chapter in *Professional Negligence and Liability looseleaf*.

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Qualifications and Appointments

- MA in Law, University of Cambridge (1st in year)
- LLM in Law, University of Cambridge (1st in year; starred first; highest ever mark in Advanced Trust Law, first place in tax and restitution)
- Number of other university and college prizes, including Chancellor's Medal and Tapp Scholarship
- Taught contract law at Gonville & Caius and Selwyn Colleges, University of Cambridge
- Awarded Denning, Hardwicke & Kennedy scholarships by Lincoln's Inn

Practice Overview

Jonathan has a broad trusts and commercial practice. Much of his time is spent on private, pension and other commercial trust disputes and fraud disputes, both on and offshore. His litigation often takes him into other areas of law, and he has significant experience of cases with family, regulatory, insolvency and public law elements. For example, over the next 18 months, the trials lined up include a large domestic fraud case, a high value Family Division trusts and divorce trial, a pensions liberation fraud and tracing claim, a 6 week trial attacking the trustees' exercise of discretion and a pensions regulatory trial before the Upper Tribunal. He also has a significant advisory practice across this spectrum of work.

He very much enjoys the challenge of breaking down complex issues into simple, clear points and the advocacy involved in litigation, both oral and written.

He took silk in 2016 and is ranked in the directories for trusts, offshore, traditional chancery and high net worth work (Chambers and Partners) and civil fraud, commercial litigation, pensions and private client (Legal 500). For example, the most recent Chambers and Partners states for offshore work that he is a **"real star"**, Chambers High Net Worth states for traditional chancery work that **"he very very quickly gets to grips with complicated cases. He has a good bedside manner. He gets the issues and is a great public speaker. He's very fluent. I can think of no improvements"**, and the most recent Legal 500 states for Pensions that he is **"exceptionally talented with great tactical awareness"**.

Before taking silk he was described by Legal 500 as **"[o]ne of the best juniors at the Bar, with a stellar future in front of him"** (private client) and a **"pensions star"** and by Chambers and Partners as **"exceptionally talented"**, **"hugely intelligent"** and **"He is excellent at making a complicated case seem simple for a judge"**. He was previously listed as one of the 10 stars of the junior commercial and chancery bar in Legal Week, and as one of the 10 future stars of the Bar in The Times, which commented that **"he has it all- no wonder he's in demand"**.

He was shortlisted for **ACTAPS Contentious Barrister of the Year 2014-2015**.

He is the youngest member of the Trust Law Committee.

Pensions

Jonathan is the youngest barrister currently recommended by Chambers & Partners in Band 1 of juniors.

He regularly acts on his own account, whether by himself or leading a junior junior, against QCs.

Apart from the cases listed below, he is currently involved in a significant number of rectification and construction claims and associated professional negligence actions.

Over the last few years, his reported cases have involved the following:

- *Box Clever* [2011 – date] CA, UT and DP unled against Michael Furness QC and Lord Pannick QC; final UT hearing listed for early 2018.
- *Pensions liberation fraud case*- listed for 2 ½ weeks in autumn 2017.
- *British Airways* – listed for 6 week trial in autumn 2016.
- *Pollock v Reed (2016)*- acted for tPR in a series of hearings over a pension restructuring.
- *MNRPF (2014/5)*- acted for Stena Line in dispute over broadening the pool of contributing employers, culminating in a 20 day final hearing.
- *Becker v Fellowes v TPR [2013]* Acted unled against commercial silk and junior in relation to a number of pension liberations issue.
- *Bestrustees v Singer & Friedlander [2013]*- calculation of s.75 debt.
- *Pi Consulting v TPR and Dalriada v TPR [2013]* Acted in a number of hearings concerning pensions liberation, in cases where a number of QCs and senior juniors involved for other parties.
- *MNRPF (2010)* First instance and CA in 2010/11 proceedings.
- *BT Pension Scheme Trustees [2010]* (first instance, CA, including a number of unled hearings).
- *FSS Pension Scheme [2014]* Crown Guarantee issues; led by Tim Kerr QC and dealt orally with the technical pension points.
- *Storm Funding [2013]* First instance and CA; appeal listed for 10.2014.
- *Lehman FSD [2010]* DP and UT; final hearing listed for 2.2015.
- *Nortel & Lehman v tPR insolvency proceedings [2010-2013]* first instance, CA and SC)
- *Nortel v tPR [2012]* (s.72 PA 2004 dispute.
- *Pilots National Pension Fund [2009-2014]*.
- *ITS v Hope [2010]*.
- *ITS v GP Noble [2009-2013]*.
- *Sea Containers v Gellately [2011]*.
- *Low v Bonar [2011]*.
- *Bridge Trustees v Yates [2010-2011]*; CA, SC.
- *Bonas CN [2010]*.
- *Nortel FSD [2010]*.