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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; first place in advanced trust law, 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

“A real driving force in the case”, “excellent advocacy”, “intellectually prodigious and always exceptionally well prepared”, “an exceptional litigator”. Chambers & Partners 2021

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-editor of Thomas On Powers (3rd ed, forthcoming).
- Significant number of trusts and pensions papers.
- Co-author of Protector's and Disclosure chapters in The International Trust and International Trust Laws.
- Co-author (with Dr Janet O'Sullivan, Reader of Law at the University of Cambridge) of *The Law of Contract* (1st-6th editions) (Oxford University Press).

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. 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 is ranked in the directories for trusts (private and pension), offshore, civil fraud, traditional chancery and high net worth work (Chambers and Partners) and offshore, pensions and private client (The Legal 500).

"He is so responsive and, night or day you very rarely have to wait very long for a response from him. I don't think I've ever come across a barrister who has a greater appetite for hard work and the law." "On another planet when it comes to detail" (Chambers & Partners 2021, Traditional Chancery)

"One of the best young brains at the Bar. He has a ferocious work ethic, an incredible attention to detail, and a creative sense which is badly needed in this area". (Chambers & Partners 2019 HNW)

"...very talented and an exceptional litigator" "His intelligence and knowledge is astonishing" (Chambers & Partners 2021, Offshore); *"Jonathan is an extremely commercial and savvy trusts operator. He's really passionate about his subject and knows it inside out."* *"He's a creative thinker and very clever."* (Chambers & Partners 2020, Offshore); *"Very dependable and really knows his stuff. He's on the ball and deeply analytical in his approach to complex matters."* (Chambers & Partners 2019, Offshore); *"He is an extraordinarily brilliant individual."* (Chambers & Partners 2018, Offshore)

"He works very effectively and does excellent advocacy" "He is intellectually prodigious and always exceptionally well prepared" (Chambers & Partners 2021, Pensions); *"He has phenomenal brainpower. His work is tremendous and nothing fazes him. He is very bright and very hard-working."* *"A joy to work with."* (Chambers & Partners 2019, Pensions); *"A true star that is rising at a meteoric rate."* (The Legal 500 2019, Pensions); *"He is very intelligent, hard-working and a pleasure to deal with. He always provides sensible advice and is able to turn matters around speedily."* *"Simply superb – he examines cases forensically and presents issues clearly."* (Chambers & Partners 2020, Pensions)

Practice Overview continued

"Extremely bright, energetic and a very good advocate" (Chambers & Partners 2021, Civil Fraud); *"Very user-friendly. He has an encyclopaedic knowledge of insolvency-based fraud issues."* (Chambers & Partners 2019, Civil Fraud); *"He is technically excellent."* *"Very personable and level-headed in his advice."* (Chambers & Partners, 2020, Civil Fraud); *"Excellent at making a complicated case seem simple for a judge."* (Chambers & Partners 2018, Civil Fraud)

"An outstandingly intelligent guy and just one of the smartest people you will ever meet." (Chambers & Partners 2019, Trusts); *"One of the best young silks in the business."* (The Legal 500 2019, Trusts)

"One of the go-to chancery silks in the field, who handles highly substantial, complex cases and shows obsessive attention to detail. He is a real driving force in the case" (Chambers & Partners 2021, Family / Matrimonial: Trusts / Tax Experts); *"... exceptionally clever, great with clients and lovely to work with as an instructing solicitor"* (Chambers & Partners 2020, Family / Matrimonial: Trusts / Tax experts)

Professional Liability

Jonathan's professional liability practice focuses particularly on negligence in the context of:

- Trusts
- Pensions (both occupational and personal)
- Actuaries
- Financial services & investment products
- Tax
- Solicitors.

Ever since his first case as a tenant in Chambers, which concerned a long running accountancy and actuarial negligence dispute over the downfall of Equitable Life, his professional liability work has included a significant financial services element.

He is co-author of the Pension Scheme Actuaries chapter in the Professional Negligence and Liability looseleaf.