



## Joseph Steadman

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## Practice Overview

Joseph has a diverse commercial chancery practice, spanning all of Chambers' practice areas. He is regularly instructed to appear as sole counsel in High Court and County Court litigation, as well as being instructed as part of a larger counsel team. His practice also often involves advisory work.

### Notable recent instructions include:

- a four-month secondment with the Pensions Regulator, gaining experience of a wide variety of pensions regulatory matters including funding, governance, investments and scams;
- (as part of a team of matrimonial and trusts counsel) a matrimonial finance dispute involving a multi-billion dollar offshore trust and company structure;
- acting on behalf of the freeholder of a large residential development in a dispute over rights to parking spaces said to arise by proprietary estoppel; and
- successfully resisting an application for permission to appeal against a refusal to grant summary judgment in a multi-million pound civil fraud case.

### Background

Joseph studied Law at Selwyn College, Cambridge, graduating in 2013 with a first class degree. He was awarded a university prize for the best result in the Equity Tripos, as well as numerous college scholarships and prizes.

Joseph then spent a year at The Queen's College, Oxford, completing the BCL (distinction) in 2014. He studied advanced property and trusts, commercial remedies and restitution, and also produced a dissertation entitled "Remedies against Recipients from Defaulting Trustees".

Upon completion of the BPTC (outstanding) at City University, London in 2015, Joseph was awarded the William Rose Memorial Prize for Excellence in Drafting. He also holds Lord Denning, Hardwicke, and Sunley Scholarships from Lincoln's Inn.

Before starting pupillage, Joseph spent several months working with a major litigation funder, where he was responsible for assessing applications and drafting funding agreements. He is familiar with various funding models and with the effective presentation of cases to investors. Joseph has also taught and examined undergraduate courses in property and trusts at Cambridge and UCL.

Joseph joined Chambers in 2016 upon the successful completion of his pupillage. His pupil supervisors were Rupert Reed QC, Jonathan Hilliard QC, Emily Campbell, Julian Greenhill and Andrew Mold.



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## Pensions

A substantial part of Joseph's practice consists of regulatory and non-regulatory pensions work.

In regulatory matters, Joseph acts both for the Regulator and for other Directly Affected Parties. Recent instructions include:

- appearing (as sole counsel) in the Upper Tribunal on behalf of the Regulator, in relation to the appointment of an independent trustee of a pension scheme; and
- acting (as part of a team of counsel) for the Sponsoring Employer in relation to a pension scheme's triennial valuation.

He has also been instructed to act as legal clerk to the Regulator's Determinations Panel.

Joseph's non-regulatory experience includes:

giving advice as to the benefits due under a pension scheme, which included advice as to Guaranteed Minimum Pension and the anti-franking legislation; and

- (as a pupil) assisting with advice on a variety of matters, including amendment of scheme rules, equalisation of benefits, incidence of the PPF levy, and professional liability of advisors.
- In the early part of 2017, Joseph spent several months on secondment with the Pensions Regulator. His work there included:
- assisting with the preparation of pleadings and evidence in a claim concerning a multi-million pound pensions liberation scam;
- advising on the regulation of employer-related investments and employer-related loans; and
- advising and drafting in connection with several cases before the Determinations Panel and the Upper Tribunal.