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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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## Trusts, Tax, Probate & Estates

Joseph has a busy trusts and probate practice across a wide variety of contexts, including in the context of divorce proceedings.

Joseph's trusts experience includes acting in relation to both onshore and offshore trusts, often requiring an awareness of tax concerns. Recent experience includes:

- acting (as part of a team of matrimonial and trusts counsel) on behalf of the applicant wife in ancillary relief proceedings, seeking a share of a multi-billion dollar offshore trust and company structure;
- advising in relation to the validity and construction of will trusts, and on the exercise of powers by the trustees; and
- (as a pupil) assisting with advice concerning the appointment and removal of trustees, both onshore and offshore.

Joseph's recent probate and estates experience includes:

- advising in relation to the validity of various wills and codicils;
- drafting proceedings concerning the construction of a will and the ownership of joint bank accounts in relation to an estate in Singapore; and
- advising in relation to unexplained transfers made shortly before a testator's death to one of the beneficiaries of his will.