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Qualifications and Appointments

- BA in Law, University of Cambridge (Starred First Class)
- BCL, The Queen's College, Oxford (Distinction)
- BPTC, BPP University (Very Competent)
- Awarded a number of university prizes and scholarship, including the Clifford Chance CJ Hamson Prize for Aspects of Obligations, the Fairest Prize, and the Pump Court Tax Chambers Scholarship
- Taught the law of trusts at University College London and Selwyn College, Cambridge
- Lord Denning and Eastham Scholar of Lincoln's Inn
- Called to the New York State Bar

Practice Overview

Jia Wei has a burgeoning commercial chancery practice, with a particular focus on commercial, fraud, trusts and pensions work. Much of his practice spans across jurisdictions, and involves a wide range of both contentious and advisory work, and he is comfortable being instructed as part of a team, or in his own right. Jia Wei has also been admitted to the New York State Bar.

Notable recent instructions include:

- *Raiffeisen Bank International v Scully Royalty*. Acting for various defendants in civil fraud proceedings in the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands, involving claims over €40m under the Cayman Fraudulent Dispositions Law and in conspiracy. This includes two separate appeals on interlocutory matters before the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands (with [John Wardell QC](#)).
- *Chia Hsing Wang v Otaibi*. Acting in an ongoing dispute between a private individual and his financial advisors about his substantial investments in various offshore investment funds in the Cayman Islands and the BVI (with [John Wardell QC](#) and [Tom Roscoe](#)).
- *Takhar v Gracefield Developments Limited*. Acting successfully for the claimant in long-running claim to set aside a judgment obtained in 2010 on the basis that judgment had been procured by fraud (with [John Wardell QC](#)).
- *Otello Corporation ASA v Moore Freres & Company LLC & ors* (Chancery Division). Acting for the defendants in relation to consequential matters arising out of order appointing a receiver over shares pursuant to s996 of the Companies Act 2006 (with [Nikki Singla QC](#)).
- *Silentnight Group DB Pension Scheme*. Acting for the Pensions Regulator in a long-running investigation into the pre-pack sale of the business and assets of Silentnight in 2011, and its impact on the pension scheme. The Regulator sought contribution notices against various members and executives of a US private equity house. The matter settled for £25m in March 2021 (with Keith Rowley QC, Mark Arnold QC, [Tom Robinson](#) and Rebecca Zaman).
- Acting in an LCIA arbitration, concerning a dispute relating to mining interests worth several hundreds of millions (with [Alan Gourgey QC](#) and [Bobby Friedman](#)).
- Acting in proceedings arising out of an abortive multi-million dollar development. Claimant is raising claims for, *inter alia*, breach of confidence, dishonest assistance and breach of fiduciary duty (with [James Ayliffe QC](#)).



Practice Overview continued

- Advised trustees of an employee benefit trust in relation to various proprietary claims that could be brought against HMRC to reclaim compound interest on overpaid tax (with [Fenner Moeran QC](#)).
- Acting in unfair prejudice proceedings, in which the petitioners allege that the respondents froze them out of a care home business, and diverted business opportunities to other companies in their sole control (with [Jack Watson](#)).
- Advising the trustees of a large offshore trust in relation to potential claims in mistake, misrepresentation and under the Re Hastings-Bass jurisdiction arising out of historic dispositions made to the guardian of various beneficiaries.
- Acting for a court-appointed deputy in confidential Court of Protection proceedings relating to the management, investigation and disposition of a protected person's assets.
- Acting in relation to consequential matters arising out of a multi-million pound divorce award made against the client. Advised on trust-related aspects of the proceedings.
- Drafting proceedings alleging that senior employees of a design-and-build company had been paid bribes/secret commissions to falsely inflate invoices over the course of several years, and advising in relation to the parties' disclosure obligations.
- Drafting proceedings alleging a multi-million pound fraud arising out of various interrelated agreements for the purchase of shares in a Swedish public company.

Jia Wei completed his undergraduate studies in law at Cambridge University, graduating in 2015 with a starred first-class degree. He was awarded a university prize for the best result in the Aspects of Obligations Tripos, as well as numerous college scholarships and prizes. Jia Wei also spent a year at The Queen's College, Oxford, completing the BCL with distinction in 2016. He was awarded the Pump Court Tax Chambers Scholarship to support his graduate studies.

Before commencing pupillage, Jia Wei taught and examined undergraduate courses in property and trusts law at Cambridge and UCL.

Jia Wei is fluent in written and spoken Mandarin Chinese.

Property

Jia Wei regularly acts as sole and junior counsel in property disputes.

His notable recent experience includes:

- Advising in relation to the builders' and developers' liability for corroded chilled water pipework in a multi-million pound development (with [Julian Greenhill QC](#)).
- Acting successfully for the claimant in seeking an order for sale of property formerly used as a family home.
- Acting successfully for the claimant developers in obtaining injunctive relief against a defendant who was obstructing the accessway to a construction site.
- Advising in relation to a boundary dispute. Dispute raised complex questions regarding the possibility of acquiring title by adverse possession over a public highway before the passage of the Highways Act.
- Advising a lessor as to the application of the transitional provisions of the New Electronic Communications Code to the validity of various s31 notices served upon its lessees.
- Advising various leaseholders as to the merits of a potential challenge to a final account of service charges demand by the landlord pertaining to various major works done on a block of flats, on the basis that the landlord had failed to comply with its consultation obligations.
- Advising in relation to issues of standing and proper service in a claim for the determination of interim rent under the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954.