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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

Practice Overview

Jia Wei is developing a broad commercial chancery practice, spanning Chambers' main practice areas. His practice presently 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.

Notable recent instructions include:

- Acting for and advising the directors of the corporate trustees of a pension scheme in relation to a major regulatory investigation by the Pensions Regulator.
- Acting (as part of a counsel team) in an LCIA arbitration concerning a copper mine.
- Advising 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.
- 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.
- Acting successfully for the claimants in *Peter Shakeshaft & Vin-X Limited v William Storey & Rich Energy Limited*, concerning the scope of a director's obligation to procure the transfer of his company's shareholding to the claimants, and possible proprietary estoppels arising from representations to such effect.
- Advising in relation to the builders' and developers' liability for corroded chilled water pipework in a multi-million pound development.

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.



Trusts, Tax, Probate & Estates

Jia Wei taught and examined undergraduate courses in trusts law at the University of Cambridge and University College London. He is currently developing a wide trusts and pensions practice.

His recent experience includes:

- Acting (as part of a counsel team) for the directors of the corporate trustees of a pension scheme in relation to a major regulatory investigation by the Pensions Regulator.
- Advising (as part of a counsel team) in relation to various proprietary claims that could be brought by trustees of an employee benefits trust to reclaim compound interest on overpaid tax.
- Assisting in the preparation of an expert's opinion regarding a discretionary beneficiary's locus standi in the context an investment-treaty arbitration.
- Advising the trustees of a trust over land, settled for the benefit of a rugby club, as to the impact on such trust of the dissolution of the rugby club, and its subsequent reconstitution as a limited company.
- (as a pupil) Assisting [Jonathan Hilliard QC](#) in advising in relation to various professional negligence claims against the trustees of a pension scheme.