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Qualifications and Appointments

- BA Law, Oxford University (2018, First Class Honours)
- BCL, Oxford University (2019, Distinction)
- BPTC, BPP Law School (2020, Outstanding)
- Prince of Wales BPTC Scholarship from Gray's Inn (2019)
- Advocacy Scholarship from BPP Law School (2019)
- Full BCL Scholarship from Arts and Humanities Research Council (2018)
- Taberdarship from The Queen's College (2018)
- Michel Junior Scholarship from The Queen's College (2016)

Awards

- 3 Verulam Buildings Prize in Legal Concepts in Financial Law (2019)
- 5 Stone Buildings Prize in Trusts (2018)
- 3 Verulam Buildings Prize in Commercial Law (2018)
- White and Case Prize in Comparative Private Law (2018)
- Mander Law Prize from The Queen's College (2018)
- Norton Rose Fulbright Prize for Best Overall Results in Law Moderations (2016)
- Slaughter and May Prize in A Roman Introduction to Private Law (2016)

Practice Overview

Ram practices across all of Chambers' core practice areas, including trusts, property, pensions, insolvency, company and commercial law. He regularly appears as sole counsel in both the High Court and the County Court and is equally comfortable being instructed in his own right or as part of a larger counsel team.

Ram is consistently praised by solicitors for the quality of his work and his ability to achieve a positive outcome for the client. Recent feedback includes:

"Ram's involvement has been a godsend from our perspective. I am not sure we could be anywhere near as advanced on everything without his involvement"

"Ram is always very responsive, concise and not only gets the job done but is a real pleasure to work with"

"Ram is very clear and methodical and very pleasant to work with. He is very reasoned in everything he does. Ram is very good with clients and very hard working and supportive."

Prior to coming to the bar, Ram obtained a first-class law degree from the University of Oxford and a distinction in the BCL. He was consistently amongst the best performers in his year in exams: receiving the highest marks in the year in five separate modules, as well as the best overall marks in the year in his first-year exams. He also won the University's largest undergraduate mooted competition. In addition, Ram spent a year teaching the law of trusts to Oxford undergraduates: his tutorials were described as "simply brilliant" and "fantastic"

Publications

- "[Special Administration and Sanctions on Russian Banks \(Re Sberbank\)](#)" LexisNexis (May 2022)
- "[Be careful what you assume: professional negligence claims against tax advisors following Mclean v Thornhill](#)" Wilberforce Chambers Private Client e-briefing (May 2022)

Recent examples of notable work include:

- Appearing, led by [Jack Watson](#), in the matter of *Louise Mary Brittain (as trustee in bankruptcy of Jonathan Ferster) v (1) Jonathan Ferster (a bankrupt) (2) Jonathan Seeds and (3) Evolution Software (UK) Ltd* [2022] EWHC 1060 (Ch). Jack and Ram acted for the applicant trustee in bankruptcy and successfully obtained a suspension of the bankruptcy to its fifth anniversary as well as extensive orders for the disclosure of information and documentation.
- Acting as junior counsel to [Jonathan Hilliard QC](#) advising trustees in relation to very high value divorce proceedings in which the wife was seeking orders for the trusts to be varied or otherwise treated as a matrimonial resource.



Publications continued

- ["When is an order under s48 AJA appropriate? That's a matter of Opinions"](#) Wilberforce Chambers Private Client e-briefing (October 2021)

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- Acting, led by [Lexa Hilliard QC](#), on behalf of the joint administrators in relation to a complex administration involving the intermingling of assets between group companies. Appeared as sole counsel on an application to extend the administration and successfully obtained a 3-year extension.
- Appearing successfully as sole counsel in the High Court in an application to enforce a buy-out order following an unfair prejudice petition, obtaining final charging orders over four properties.
- Assisting [Jonathan Hilliard QC](#) and [Sebastian Allen](#) in relation to a complex and high value pensions dispute involving the validity of benefit changes made to a pension scheme across a period of more than 20 years.
- Assisting [Andrew Mold QC](#) and [James Goodwin](#) advising a group of investors in Venture Capital Trusts (VCTs), now in liquidation, about potential claims against the former directors and managers of the VCTs.
- Assisting [Alan Gourgey QC](#) and Harris Bor acting for the Defendant in a substantial commercial dispute relating to the payment of a success fee for a SPAC transaction.
- Acting, led by [Tom Roscoe](#), on behalf of High Court Enforcement Officers, defending claims for false imprisonment, malicious prosecution and breaches of the human rights act brought by protestors in relation to their eviction from HS2 land.
- (As a pupil) assisting [Tom Robinson](#) and Henry Legge QC in *Punter Southall Governance Services Ltd v Hazlett* [2021] EWHC 1652, the leading case on forfeiture and limitation in the context of claims to pension arrears.
- Appearing successfully as sole counsel in various commercial and residential possession proceedings (both landlord/tenant and mortgagor/mortgagee), as well as proceedings to stay the enforcement of writs and warrants of possession.
- Appearing successfully as sole counsel in various insolvency proceedings (both personal and corporate) in both the High Court and the County Court.