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Practice Overview

Jacob is developing a broad practice, focused primarily on commercial and competition litigation.

He has particular experience in large multi-party disputes, notably in claims brought by shareholders under FSMA and claims for 'follow-on' damages following infringements of competition law.

He also has a developing sports law practice, having acted in a range of disputes involving competition law challenges to rules and regulations adopted by sports governing bodies.

Commercial

Cases in which Jacob has been or is instructed include:

- *Claims under s.90A and s.90* (acting for the Defendant): Financial List claims under s.90 and s.90A of FSMA against an energy company.
- *Claims against a law firm* (acting for the Defendant): A series of High Court claims against a major multinational law firm in relation to the alleged conduct of several former partners.
- *Allianz Global Investors v RSA Insurance Group* (acted for RSA): Financial List claims under s.90A of FSMA against RSA in relation to allegedly untrue statements in its published information: see e.g. [2021] EWHC 570 (Ch), [2021] EWHC 3091 (Ch), [2021] EWHC 2950 (Ch).
- *Toucan Energy Holdings v Wirsol Energy* [2021] EWHC 895 (Comm) (acted for Wirsol): Acted for the successful party in a complex five-week trial in the Commercial Court.

- *Shulman v Hogan Lovells International LLP* (acted for Hogan Lovells): A claim in the Commercial Court alleging conflicts of interest and breaches of duty: see e.g. [2021] EWHC 2779 (Comm).
- Acted for the Claimant in high-value arbitration proceedings in relation to the operation of a 'right of first offer' clause in a Shareholders Agreement.
- Acted for the Claimant (as sole counsel) in a claim in the High Court seeking payment under a profit-share agreement in relation to development projects.
- Assisted in the provision of expert evidence on English law to a US District Court in relation to the interpretation and operation of a jurisdiction agreement.
- Assisted in the provision of expert evidence on English law to an expert determination panel in relation to the interpretation of a range of clauses in a sale and purchase agreement.

Competition

Cases in which Jacob has been or is instructed include:

- *The Trucks litigation* (acting for Volvo / Renault): Acting for a truck manufacturer in a series of follow-on damages claims including both individual actions and potential collective proceedings: see e.g. [2022] CAT 25 and [2023] EWCA Civ 875.
- Acting for a sports governing body in relation to competition law challenges to regulations adopted by the body.
- Advised a sports governing body in relation to a competition law challenge to, *inter alia*, the rules applicable to the authorisation of alternative leagues and tournaments.
- Advised a sports governing body in relation to a competition law challenge to emergency regulatory provisions adopted in response to geopolitical events.
- Advised a telecommunications company in relation to regulatory proceedings concerning alleged breaches of competition law.

Other

Other highlights include the following:

- *Killock v Information Commissioner* [2022] 1 WLR 2241 (acting for EW): Acted as sole counsel, *pro bono*, for the successful claimant in a landmark case in relation to the scope of the power of the Upper Tribunal to make orders against the Information Commissioner to progress complaints made by data subjects.
- Advised an environmental NGO in relation to a potential challenge to a decision to confer funding benefits in favour of a range of high-emission infrastructure projects.

Professional experience

- 2018-2019: Judicial Assistant to Longmore LJ in the Court of Appeal

Education

- 2017-2018: BPTC, City Law School (Outstanding, 5th in year)
- 2016-2017: GDL, City Law School (Distinction, 5th in year)
- 2013-2016: BA in History, Balliol College, Oxford (First Class, 2nd in year)

Prizes and scholarships

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Lincoln's Inn

- Buchanan Prize for BPTC performance (2018)
- Sir Thomas More Bursary Scholarship (2017)
- Hardwicke Entrance Award (2017)

City University

- Everard ver Heyden Foundation Prize for BPTC performance (2018)
- Jean Monnet Prize for joint-highest mark in EU GDL exam (2017)

Oxford University

- Gibbs Prize (Proxime Accessit) for second highest mark in History Finals (2016)
- Richard Cobb Prize for top undergraduate Thesis in European History (2016)

Balliol College

- Fletcher Scholarship (2015-16) and Exhibition (2014-15)
- William Mazower Prize for best-performing History undergraduate at the end of the second year of study (2015)