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YEAR OF CALL: 2012

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Legal 500 2025

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Practice Overview

Jo has a broad practice that covers the full range of commercial litigation and arbitration. She is ranked as a leading junior in Commercial Dispute Resolution, Civil Fraud, Energy, Banking and Finance and Group Litigation.

Jo is instructed in cases before the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court, and in LCIA, ICC, ARIAS and UNCITRAL arbitrations. She regularly acts unled in the High Court and in arbitration.

Jo is currently defending several substantial Quincecare claims brought against banks following the Supreme Court decision in Philipp v Barclays including Arena Television Limited v Lloyds and Bank of Scotland; and defending a claim for fraud, conspiracy and breach of fiduciary duty following a merger between major operators in the egg supply industry (Stonegate v Noble Foods).

Other recent instructions include Federal Republic of Nigeria v P&ID, acting for Nigeria in setting aside a London arbitration award worth US$11 billion on grounds of fraud; and various insurance matters arising from warranty and indemnity policies and business interruption cover. Jo is also particularly experienced in group litigation and jurisdiction challenges.

Jo is a Director of Bar Mutual Indemnity Fund Limited, the professional indemnity insurer for the Bar.

Banking and finance

Jo is recommended by Chambers & Partners and Legal 500 as a leading junior in Banking & Finance. Jo is currently defending several substantial Quincecare claims brought against banks following the Supreme Court decision in Philipp v Barclays.

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- *Arena Television Limited v Lloyds and Bank of Scotland; Sentinel Broadcast Limited v Lloyds*: defending two very substantial Quincecare claims following the Supreme Court decision in Philipp v Barclays arising out of an alleged largescale asset finance fraud (with Simon Salzedo KC).
- *Manolete Partners Plc v Barclays Bank*: defending a Quincecare claim arising out of an alleged fraud (with Simon Salzedo KC).
- *Rowe v Ingenious Media*: acting for the Ingenious Media defendants in relation to the Chancery Division group litigation arising out of the highly publicised film finance investment schemes (with Tim Lord KC and Simon Birt KC). One of The Lawyer's "Top 20 Cases" of 2018 and 2022.
- *Phillip Evans v Barclays Bank plc and others*, a claim against six banks for follow-on damages in relation to cartels in the FX (foreign exchange) market (with Aidan Robertson KC and Victoria Wakefield KC). One of The Lawyer's "Top 20 Cases" of 2020.

- A US$70+ million LCIA arbitration in relation to payment under an alleged guarantee (with Simon Salzedo KC).
- *Covalis Capital v Banco BTG Pactual SA*: a claim for performance fees and account of profits in relation to investment asset management services (with Anneliese Day KC).
- *TOTSA Total Oil Trading SA v Zenrock Commodities Trading, Natixis SA and HSBC*: acting for Total in two Commercial Court claims arising out of fraudulent claims on letters of credit (with Richard Lord KC).
- *SICL v JP Morgan and Awal Bank*: a high value claim relating to discharge of a swingline facility and ownership of trust assets following the collapse of the Saad Group (with Tim Lord KC and Stephen Midwinter KC).
- *Signia Wealth v Dauriac* [2018] EWHC 1040 (Ch): high-profile investment management company dispute regarding exit provisions and share value which settled after the grant of permission to appeal (with Thomas Plewman KC and Sarah Ford KC).
- *Petrosaudi Oil Services (Venezuela) Ltd v Novo Banco SA and PDVSA* [2017] EWCA Civ 9: acting for Petrosaudi in an expedited Commercial Court trial and subsequent Court of Appeal hearings in relation to a dispute concerning demands for $129 million under a letter of credit (with Jonathan Gaisman KC and Michael Bools KC).
- *Cattles Limited v PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP* (Commercial Court): acting for the defendant in a £1.6 billion claim for auditor negligence (with Mark Hapgood KC and Thomas Plewman KC). One of The Lawyer's "Top 20 Cases" of 2015.
- An LCIA arbitration relating to floating rate notes allegedly held as security (with Tim Lord KC).
- *Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc v Kubber Investments* (Commercial Court), an action for an anti-suit injunction and relief pursuant to a loan facility (with Fionn Pilbrow).

Civil fraud

Jo is recommended by Legal 500 as a leading junior in Civil Fraud.

"*She is a star civil fraud barrister. Very intelligent, methodical and has very sound judgement.*" (Legal 500 2025 – Civil Fraud)

- *Arena Television Limited v Lloyds and Bank of Scotland; Sentinel Broadcast Limited v Lloyds*: defending two very substantial Quincecare claims following the Supreme Court decision in Philipp v Barclays arising out of an alleged largescale asset finance fraud (with Simon Salzedo KC).
- *Stonegate v Noble Foods*: defending a claim for fraud, conspiracy and breach of fiduciary

duty following a merger between major operators in the egg supply industry (with Tony Singla KC).

- *Federal Republic of Nigeria v P&ID*: acting for Nigeria in setting aside one of the "world's largest lawsuits" – a London arbitration award worth US$10 billion – on grounds of fraud (with Mark Howard KC).
- *Manolete Partners Plc v Barclays Bank*: defending a Quincecare claim arising out of an alleged fraud (with Simon Salzedo KC).
- *Rowe v Ingenious Media*: acting for the Ingenious Media defendants in relation to the Chancery Division group litigation arising out of the highly publicised film finance investment schemes (with Tim Lord KC and Simon Birt KC). One of The Lawyer's "Top 20 Cases" of 2018 and 2022.
- *Northern and Western Insurance Company Ltd v BSG Valentine*: a claim for audit negligence and deceit arising out of the fraudulent collapse of NWIC (with Simon Salzedo KC).
- *TOTSA Total Oil Trading SA v Zenrock Commodities Trading, Natixis SA and HSBC*: acting for Total in two Commercial Court claims arising out of fraudulent claims on letters of credit (with Richard Lord KC).
- *Gerald Metals v Timis*: a $90 million claim for alleged breaches of contract, fraud and conspiracy in relation to an iron ore mine in Sierra Leone and oil assets in Senegal (with Mark Howard KC).
- *Petrosaudi Oil Services (Venezuela) Ltd v Novo Banco SA and PDVSA* [2017] EWCA Civ 9: acting for Petrosaudi in an expedited Commercial Court trial and subsequent Court of Appeal hearings in relation to a dispute concerning allegedly fraudulent demands for $129 million under a letter of credit (with Jonathan Gaisman KC and Michael Bools KC).
- *SAAD Investments Company Limited v JP Morgan International Bank Ltd and Awal Bank BSC*: acting for Awal Bank in a dispute relating to liabilities under a $75 million facility with JP Morgan, and ownership of trust assets worth approximately $200 million (with Tim Lord KC and Stephen Midwinter KC). This case arose from the collapse of the Saad Group following a major fraud.

Energy and natural resources

Jo is recommended by Chambers & Partners and Legal 500 as a leading junior in Energy & Natural Resources.

"*Jo is really responsive and user-friendly, a really good technical lawyer and a good advocate for her case.*" (Legal 500 2027 - Energy)

- *Federal Republic of Nigeria v P&ID*: acting for Nigeria in setting aside one of the "world's

largest lawsuits" – a London arbitration award worth US$10 billion in relation to a gas processing agreement – on grounds of fraud (with Mark Howard KC).

- *Assensus Ltd v Wirsol Energy Ltd* [2025] EWHC 410 (KB): acting unled in a four-day trial defending a bonus claim arising out of the development of the Cleve Hill Solar Park in Kent.
- An LCIA arbitration concerning claims arising under an oil and gas SPA (unled).
- *TOTSA Total Oil Trading SA v Zenrock Commodities Trading, Natixis SA and HSBC*: acting for Total in two Commercial Court claims arising out of fraudulent claims on letters of credit (with Richard Lord KC).
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- *Associated British Ports v Tata Steel UK Ltd* [2017] EWHC 694 (Ch) – dispute concerning the validity of an arbitration agreement in a 25 year licence for use of the jetty at Port Talbot Tidal Harbour.
- An LCIA arbitration in relation to blockages in the Forties oil pipeline.
- A US$300+ million UNCITRAL arbitration against a major national oil company in a dispute under a drilling services contract (with Michael Bools KC).
- A US$50+ million ICC arbitration under a drilling services agreement (with Richard Lord KC).

International Commercial Arbitration

A significant part of Jo's practice involves international commercial arbitration. Jo has acted in arbitrations under a wide variety of institutional rules (including LCIA, ICC, ARIAS and UNCITRAL arbitrations) as well as in court proceedings arising out of arbitrations.

Recent cases include:

- *Federal Republic of Nigeria v P&ID*: acting for Nigeria in setting aside one of the "world's largest lawsuits" – a London arbitration award worth US$10 billion – on grounds of fraud (with Mark Howard KC).
- An LCIA arbitration concerning claims arising under an oil and gas SPA (unled).
- An ARIAS reinsurance arbitration in relation to claims arising out of COVID-19 (with Harry Matovu KC).

- A US$70+ million LCIA arbitration in relation to payment under an alleged guarantee (with Simon Salzedo KC).
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- A US$50+ million ICC arbitration under a drilling services agreement (with Richard Lord KC).
- An LCIA arbitration concerning credit insurance (with Tom Adam KC).
- An LCIA arbitration relating to floating rate notes allegedly held as security (with Tim Lord KC).
- An ICC arbitration concerning liability under an IT contract, raising issues of capacity and restitution (with Hilary Heilbron KC and David Scannell).
- An ad hoc shipping arbitration under the AA 1996 concerning demurrage and alleged wrongful arrest of a vessel (with Richard Lord KC).
- *Associated British Ports v Tata Steel UK Ltd* [2017] EWHC 694 (Ch) – dispute concerning the validity of an arbitration agreement in a 25 year licence for use of the jetty at Port Talbot Tidal Harbour.

Chancery: commercial

- *Stonegate v Noble Foods*: defending a claim for fraud, conspiracy and breach of fiduciary duty following a merger between major operators in the egg supply industry (with Tony Singla KC).
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Insurance and reinsurance

Jo advises and acts regularly in insurance and reinsurance disputes, including numerous disputes arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic. Recent cases include:

- *Project Angel Bidco Limited (In Administration) v Various Insurers* [2024] EWCA Civ 446 (with Simon Salzedo KC): acting for the insured in a claim under a buyer-side warranty and indemnity insurance policy concerning the breach of warranties relating to bribery and corruption.
- *CP Holdings Limited v Generali*: defending business interruption claims brought by various hotels arising out of Covid-19 (with Harry Matovu KC).
- An ARIAS reinsurance arbitration in relation to claims arising out of COVID-19 (with Harry Matovu KC).
- An ad hoc arbitration regarding ATE insurance (with Stephen Midwinter KC).
- A $20 million LCIA arbitration concerning credit insurance (with Tom Adam KC)

Qualifications

Employment

2013 - present Tenant, Brick Court Chambers

2012 - 2013 Pupil, Brick Court Chambers

2011 - 2012 Teaching Fellow in Law, University College London

2011 - 2012 Visiting Tutor in Contract Law, King's College London

2010 Summer Associate, Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, New York

2009 - 2010 Supervisor in Law, University of Cambridge

Professional Memberships

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Education

2011 - 2012 BPTC, Kaplan Law School (Outstanding)

2010 - 2011 LLM, Harvard Law School

2009 - 2010 LLM, University of Cambridge (Starred First, 1st in year)

2006 - 2009 BA (Hons) Law, University of Cambridge (Double First)

Scholarships and Prizes

Baron Dr Ver Heyden de Lancey Prize, Middle Temple

Certificate of Honour, Middle Temple

Marina Catovsky Advocacy Scholarship, Kaplan Law School

Queen Mother Scholarship, Middle Temple

Dean's Scholar, Harvard Law School

BRD Clarke Prize for Best Performance in the LLM, University of Cambridge

AHRC Studentship, University of Cambridge

Rebecca Flower Squire Scholarship, University of Cambridge

Rosemary Murray Scholarship, University of Cambridge

Winner of the USA Universities Debating Championships

Finalist, Willem C Vis International Arbitration Moot (representing Harvard Law School)

Publications

Trade Mark Law and the Threat to Free Speech [2012] IPQ 289

L'Oreal v Bellure: Important Questions for Trade Mark Law 41 IIC 485 (2010)

Further Doubt in the Law of Mistake 6 CSLR 308 (2010)

Directory quotes

"Jo is fantastic. We couldn't ask for better service and quality." (Chambers & Partners 2027 - Energy & Natural Resources)

"Joanne Box is incredibly hard-working, with sound judgement and excellent analytical skills. She is also an effective cross-examiner." (Chambers & Partners 2027 - Energy & Natural Resources)

"Joanne Box is amazing." (Chambers & Partners 2027 - Energy & Natural Resources)

"She is absolutely excellent and runs cases like a junior silk. Clients love her; she does her own advocacy and runs trials on her own." (Chambers & Partners 2027 - Banking & Finance)

"An outstanding junior." (Chambers & Partners 2027 - Banking & Finance)

"On point with the detail, strong on advocacy and calm and collected, Joanne has a brilliant legal brain, thinks strategically and reads the courtroom very well." (Chambers & Partners 2027 - Banking & Finance)

"She is brilliant and very impressive." (Chambers & Partners 2027 - Banking & Finance)

"Joanne is a really clever junior. She is diligent." (Chambers & Partners 2027 - Group Litigation)

"Joanne is really, really talented." (Chambers & Partners 2027 - Group Litigation)

"Joanne is an extremely sound choice as a senior junior for complex banking and commercial matters. She is unflappable and on top of everything." (Chambers & Partners 2027 - Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"Clients really like Joanne; she's fantastic with them. She gives good, clear and analytical advice." (Chambers & Partners 2027 - Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"Joanne Box is really adept at handling tricky courts situations." (Chambers & Partners 2027 - Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"Joanne Box is very classy, really strong and someone with very good judgement." (Chambers & Partners 2027 - Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"She is on point on the detail. Her advocacy is strong, calm and collected, and she made herself available on short notice." (Chambers & Partners 2027 - Fraud: Civil)

"An extremely gifted lawyer, as an advocate she provides a wonderful sense of managing to get the court in her favour. She has a gift in that her submissions always convey a charming reasonableness." (Chambers & Partners 2027 - Fraud: Civil)

"Joanne is excellent; a very good drafter." (Chambers & Partners 2027 - Fraud: Civil)

"Excellent technical advice, strong advocacy skills, measured and clear advice." (Legal 500 2027 - Commercial Litigation)

"*Jo* is really responsive and user-friendly, a really good technical lawyer and a good advocate for her case." (Legal 500 2027 - Energy)

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2027 - Group Litigation)

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"Joanne Box has a thriving practice in group claims arising in a diversity of areas. Her experience notably spans both group litigation orders and collective proceedings bids." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Joanne Box is a highly rated junior on commercial litigation and arbitrations. She has an impressive track record in the oil and gas sector and can act on the full range of disputes, from upstream to downstream." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Joanne Box boasts a highly regarded banking and finance practice, with particular expertise in banking group actions. She has in-depth knowledge of complex areas of banking, including Quincecare claims and foreign exchange disputes." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Joanne is able, competent and someone you can trust." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Joanne is excellent on her feet and adept at reading a tribunal, flexing her style as appropriate." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"She is very good to work with, very bright and down to earth." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Joanne is very good at getting into the detail, writes well, is very responsive and can pick things up at a moment's notice." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Joanne Box is bright, hard-working and always gives advice of practical utility to the client." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Joanne Box is very good. She has a relaxed but appealing advocacy style." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Joanne Box is a fine advocate who gives clear advice in a client-friendly way." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Joanne has a very strong intellect and is excellent with clients." (Chambers & Partners 2026)

"Joanne is a calm, focused barrister who is able to argue points with clarity and simplicity." (Legal 500 2026)

"Stellar – calm under pressure, collected and natural, assured and commanding. A clear standout barrister who is sure to be a leading silk" (Legal 500 2026)

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"She is very impressive, very balanced, and someone who gives good advice." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

"Joanne is a star in the making. She is clear in her thinking and her written advocacy is very good." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

"Joanne is a go-to junior for us. She is very hard-working and all over the detail." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

"Joanne Box is measured and very direct." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

"Joanne Box is really good with clients and you can completely rely on her intellectual ability." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

"Joanne is good at overall strategy and dealing with complex factual settings." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

"She is excellent at drawing out the issues and approaching matters in reasonable, pragmatic way." (Legal 500 2025)

"Calm under pressure and utterly unflappable, able to cut to the chase and argue difficult points with simplicity and cohesion. An excellent addition to any team." (Legal 500 2025)

"Really unflappable, with great judgement and with the ability to cut to the heart of every issue, Joanne is a dream addition to every legal team." (Legal 500 2025)

"She is a star civil fraud barrister. Very intelligent, methodical and has very sound judgement." (Legal 500 2025)

"Joanne is a pleasure to work with. She is extremely hard working, and her written work is excellent." (Legal 500 2025)

"Joanne Box is spectacularly blunt about what needs to be delivered, but in a charming fashion. She is super bright." (Chambers & Partners 2024)

"She takes on cases that are horrifically complex, and she's always, always well prepared." (Chambers & Partners 2024)

"Joanne Box is very commercially minded and very client-friendly." (Chambers & Partners 2024)

"She is really hard-working and manages to crunch through the detail and produce analysis in an effective way." (Chambers & Partners 2024)

"Jo is a brilliant junior. She gets stuck in, understands the client's commercial aims, and provides relevant and thoughtful contributions." (Chambers & Partners 2024)

"Very smart and conscientious. Really gets into the detail of the case and assimilates information very quickly. Very hardworking, team player and a pleasure to work with. Absolute go-to junior for big and complex cases." (Legal 500 2024)

"Joanne's oral advocacy is well prepared and persuasive." (Legal 500 2024)

"A very effective barrister with excellent instincts, Jo is decisive and cuts to the heart of the matter." (Legal 500 2024)

"Joanne is a very effective barrister, with excellent instincts and a great ability to identify the heart of an issue quickly. She remains calm under pressure and is an asset to any team." (Legal 500 2024)

"She is efficient, intelligent and very commercially minded." (Legal 500 2024)

"Bright, practical and very clever, she manages clients well." "A rising star." (Chambers & Partners 2023)

"Joanne is very smart and proactive; she has a good understanding of what group litigation is all about and the commercial fundamentals that drive cases." "Her documents are clear, comprehensive, well reasoned and well argued." (Chambers & Partners 2023)

"Simply brilliant. She is fiercely intelligent, diligent and gets the job done." (Legal 500 2023)

"Jo should not be underestimated, she is fiercely intelligent and a great advocate." (Legal 500 2023)

"Great client skills. Hard worker with real intellect and strategically astute. Good team player and an asset to any serious legal team." (Legal 500 2023)

"Clear and robust in her views, which she can always back up when challenged. She is always prepared to argue her position and does so graciously and intelligently." (Chambers & Partners 2022)

"Jo is a dream to work with – super-smart, practical and persuasive." (Legal 500 2022)

"A rising star of the Bar. Super bright, excellent drafting and a natural instinct for exploiting weaknesses in the other side's case." (Legal 500 2022)

"Excellent, proactive and great to work with." (Chambers & Partners 2021)

"She is extremely user-friendly, really commercial, and invariably calm at all times. Her drafting is excellent, precise and to the point." (Chambers & Partners 2021)

"She is a marvel, superlative on all counts – she has a great grasp of details and is destined for the top." Legal 500 2021