

## Jacob Rabinowitz

YEAR OF CALL: 2018

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## Practice Overview

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Jacob joined chambers as a tenant in September 2020, after the successful completion of his pupillage under the supervision of Edward Harrison, Sarah Abram and Malcolm Birdling. He is developing a broad practice across all of chambers' main practice areas, with a particular focus on commercial litigation.

Jacob studied History at Balliol College, Oxford before completing the GDL and BPTC at City Law School. Prior to beginning pupillage, Jacob worked as the Judicial Assistant to Longmore LJ in the Court of Appeal.

## Commercial

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During pupillage, Jacob assisted with a number of commercial disputes, including:

- *Akers and others v Samba Financial Group* (supervised by Edward Harrison, acting for the Defendant): a claim alleging the knowing receipt by a Saudi bank of securities worth in excess of US\$300m, said to have been held on trust for the benefit of a Cayman entity (now in liquidation).
- *Recovery Partners v Rukhadze and others* (supervised by Edward Harrison, acting for the Defendants): a dispute concerning the proper scope of an account of profits ordered by the Court in respect of breaches of fiduciary duty found to have been committed in relation to asset recovery services provided to the family of Arkady Patarkatsishvili.
- *Federal Republic of Nigeria v Royal Dutch Shell and others* (supervised by Edward Harrison, acting for Energy Venture Partners): a challenge to the English Court's jurisdiction to hear claims worth over US\$1bn alleging fraud, dishonest assistance and unlawful means conspiracy in connection with the grant of a licence to develop an offshore oil and gas block in Nigerian waters.

- *CMA v Barchester Healthcare Limited* (supervised by Malcolm Birdling, acting for Barchester): a claim brought by the CMA against a care home provider in relation to alleged infringements of consumer rights law.
- A proposed claim by a pharmaceutical company against a drug manufacturer in relation to alleged breaches of a manufacturing licence (supervised by Sarah Abram).

## Competition

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During pupillage, Jacob assisted with a number of competition law disputes, including:

- *Litigation concerning the Trucks cartel* (supervised by Sarah Abram, acting for Volvo and Renault Trucks).
- *Follow-on damages claims from the Maritime Car Carriers Commission Decision* (supervised by Sarah Abram, acting for CSAV).
- *Phones4U v Telefonica and others* (supervised by Sarah Abram, acting for O2/Telefonica): a claim brought by the administrators of Phones4U regarding an alleged collective withdrawal from Phones4U by mobile network operators.

## Public Law

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During pupillage, Jacob assisted with a number of public law disputes, including:

- An appeal to the Supreme Court in a significant public and environmental law matter (supervised by Malcolm Birdling).
- *Arumugam and others (in the matter of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) v Secretary of State for the Home Department* (supervised by Malcolm Birdling, acting for the Appellants): an appeal to the Proscribed Organisations Appeals Commission against the Secretary of State's decision to continue to proscribe the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam as a terrorist organisation.
- *Independent Workers Union of Great Britain v Mayor of London and Transport for London* (supervised by Malcolm Birdling, acting for the Mayor and TFL): an appeal to the Court of Appeal concerning whether the removal of an exemption to the London congestion charge in respect of non-wheelchair-accessible private hire vehicles constituted unjustified indirect race discrimination.
- A proposed judicial review of Government tax proposals (supervised by Malcolm Birdling).

## Professional experience

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

## Education

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- 2017–2018: BPTC, City Law School (Outstanding, 5<sup>th</sup> in year)

- 2016–2017: GDL, City Law School (Distinction, 5<sup>th</sup> in year)
- 2013–2016: BA in History, Balliol College, Oxford (First Class, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)