

Jacob Rabinowitz

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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)

directory quotes

"For someone so junior, Jacob is quite exceptional, both legally and in terms of his judgement. He will without doubt be a star of the future." Chambers & Partners 2025

"He's wonderfully bright and exceptionally efficient. Solicitors love him because he's responsive and very user-friendly." Chambers & Partners 2025

"Approachable and clever, he has a real eye for detail." Chambers & Partners 2025

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