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YEAR OF CALL: 2021

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(Legal 500, 2026)

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Practice Overview

Jagoda is an in-demand junior who practices across the range of chambers' practice areas. She has been named as a "Rising Star" in administrative law and human rights, and in civil fraud, by Legal 500. She is currently shortlisted for Advocate of the Year (jointly with Jennifer MacLeod) at the Women in Law and Diversity Awards 2026 (for her work on the Sparman Inquest).

She is regularly instructed on high profile cases in public, commercial and competition law for claimants and defendants. She has appeared in cases listed in in the Lawyer's Top 20 cases three years in a row (appearing as sole counsel in interim hearings in two of those cases), and last year was also named in the Lawyer's Top 20 appeals. Notable instructions include:

- Public law: ***Al Haq v Secretary of State for Business and Trade*** [2025] EWHC 173 (Admin) and [2025] EWCA Civ 1433: appearing for the Claimant in a judicial review challenge to the export of F-35 fighter jet parts to Israel following the military invasion of Gaza after 7 October 2023 (led by Phillippa Kaufmann KC, Raza Husain KC and Blinne Ní Ghrálaigh KC) (one of the Lawyer's Top 20 cases for 2025). Jagoda appeared unled at an interim hearing regarding disclosure.
- Commercial law: ***JSC Commercial Bank Privatbank v Kolomoisky and others*** [2025] EWHC 1987 (Ch) in which the High Court found a $1.9 billion fraud to have been perpetrated against Privatbank, Ukraine's largest lending bank, by its former owners, after a 14 -week trial at which Jagoda appeared for the First Defendant (led by Mark Howard KC, Mike Bools KC, Alec Haydon KC and Alex Milner KC). Jagoda also acted as sole counsel at the first consequentials hearing.
- Competition law: ***Merchant Interchange Fee Umbrella Proceedings***: Jagoda acts for Mastercard in these mass proceedings concerning interchange fees, in which the next step will be a 10 week trial concerning exemption under Article 101(3) TFEU (led by Mark Hoskins KC and Matthew Cook KC)

Jagoda is equally comfortable led in a team of counsel on large, significant matters, and acting as sole counsel – she has appeared as sole counsel in the Administrative Court, the Insolvency and Companies Court, the Business and Property Courts, county courts and various tribunals.

She is also committed to a *pro bono* practice: she has appeared on the Pro Bono Recognition List every year since its inception and was shortlisted for Young Barrister of the Year at the Bar Pro Bono Awards 2024.

Public Law

Jagoda accepts instructions across all areas of public law. She acts for both claimants and defendants and her recent experience includes:

- *Al Haq v Secretary of State for Business and Trade*: appearing for the Claimant in a judicial review challenge to the export of F-35 fighter jet parts to Israel following the military invasion of Gaza after 7 October 2023 (led by Phillippa Kaufmann KC, Raza Husain KC and Blinne Ní Ghrálaigh KC) (one of the Lawyer's Top 20 cases for 2025). As sole counsel, Jagoda successfully resisted a non-party application for disclosure in a hearing in the Administrative Court.
- As sole counsel, advising a multi-departmental government project regarding a matter of strategic importance to the UK. The advice addressed a wide range of topics in domestic and international law, including as to the UK's enforcement powers on the seas and the effect of the National Security and Investment Act 2021.
- *Inquest touching the death of Michelle Sparman*: Jagoda appeared on behalf of the family at an Article 2 inquest into the death of a mother in an inpatient psychiatric ward (led by Jennifer MacLeod, acting pro bono). Jagoda carried out questioning of NHS staff and made submissions as to PFD. The Coroner found that the death was a suicide, caused by "justifiable feelings of abuse" by Michelle's ex-partner; and by neglect on the part of the NHS Trust.
- *R (Caterpillar (Xuzhou) Ltd) v Secretary of State for Business and Trade* [2025] EWHC 1124 (Admin): Jagoda successfully appeared for the Defendant in a judicial review concerning a trade dumping investigation carried out under the Taxation (Cross-border Trade) Act 2018 (led by Sir James Eadie KC and Malcolm Birdling).
- *Kanu v Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs* [2023] EWCA Civ 796: successfully representing the FCDO in a judicial review in which the Court of Appeal clarified the scope of the *Abbasi* duty in an alleged rendition case (led by Sir James Eadie KC and Malcolm Birdling).
- *Ariste v The King (the Bahamas)* [2023] UKPC 18: successfully representing the Appellant in this Privy Council appeal from the Bahamas concerning a conviction obtained on the basis of a coerced confession, involving submissions on the right to a fair trial and access to a lawyer

(led by Paul Bowen KC and Emma Mockford, acting pro bono).

- *R (L J Fairburn & Son and others) v Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs* [2024] EWCA Civ 1585: representing the claimant poultry farmers and the National Farmers' Union (as intervener) in this challenge as to DEFRA's scheme of compensation for birds culled in order to curb avian influenza (led by Malcolm Birdling).
- *R (Al Attiya) v FCDO*: acting for the Foreign Secretary in a judicial review concerning the scope of the Foreign Secretary's powers to designate a person *persona non grata* under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (led by Malcolm Birdling).
- As sole counsel, continuing advice to a regulator as to its powers under the Legal Services Act 2007.

Commercial

Jagoda accepts instructions across all areas of commercial law, and has particular experience in civil fraud. She has appeared in the Lawyer's Top 20 cases for two consecutive years. Her recent experience includes:

- *JSC Commercial Bank Privatbank v Kolomoisky and others*: 2025] EWHC 1987 (Ch) in which the High Court found a $1.9 billion fraud to have been perpetrated against Privatbank, Ukraine's largest lending bank, by its former owners, after a 14 -week trial at which Jagoda appeared for the First Defendant (led by Mark Howard KC, Mike Bools KC, Alec Haydon KC, and Alex Milner KC). In addition to appearing at the 14 week trial for the First Defendant, Jagoda appeared as sole counsel at the first consequentials hearing, against Tim Akkouh KC and Alyssa Stansbury.
- *Johnson v FirstRand Bank Limited* [2025] UKSC 33: acting for the Financial Conduct Authority as intervener in this Supreme Court appeal concerning the payment of undisclosed commissions in the motor finance industry (led by Jemima Stratford KC) (one of the Lawyer's Top 10 appeals of 2025).
- *Athena Capital Fund v the Secretariat of State of Holy See* [2025] EWHC 355 (Comm): acting for the Vatican in a fraud trial concerning an allegedly overvalued London property sold to the Vatican (led by Charles Hollander KC) (one of the Lawyer's Top 20 cases of 2024).
- *Castleton v (1) Post Office (2) Fujitsu*: Jagoda acts for Fujitsu in this unlawful means conspiracy claim brought by a former subpostmaster in respect of a civil judgment obtained against him following shortfalls recorded by Horizon (led by Stephen Midwinter KC).
- *Gibtelecom Limited v Gibfibre Limited*: appearing for the defendants at the trial of an unlawful means conspiracy claim regarding the dissemination of unlicensed TV channels in Gibraltar (led by Thomas Plewman KC).
- *Novek v Barclays Bank*: Acting for Barclays Bank in relation to a claim brought to recover

money frozen by Barclays to implement US sanctions (led by Craig Morrison KC).

- *Dekel v Clerkenwell Limited*: acting for the claimant in three related sets of proceedings concerning an investment in a failed development project in London (with Ben Woolgar). Two of these proceedings are derivative proceedings, and one is brought in the BVI. Jagoda appeared unled at an interim hearing in the Insolvency and Companies Court and successfully obtained a stay of proceedings pending resolution of BVI proceedings.
- As sole counsel, acting for a professional surety putting forward a defence of fraudulent misrepresentation as the basis for the recission of a guarantee (worth £440,000).
- Representing a victim of domestic violence to seek rescission of a personal guarantee under *Etridge* principles, alleging undue influence, duress and misrepresentation (acting pro bono).

Jagoda also regularly appears in county courts and tribunals as sole counsel.

International/EU

Jagoda is developing a practice on the interaction between domestic and international/EU law. Many of the public law cases in which she is instructed (referred to above) involve an international element, whether as to the principles of international human rights law, international humanitarian law or the law of diplomatic relations. As sole counsel, she has advised a government department on the retention of EU law, the law of the sea and general PIL principles.

Competition

Jagoda accepts instructions across all areas of competition law. Her recent experience includes:

- *Merchant Interchange Fee Umbrella Proceedings*: Jagoda acts for Mastercard in these mass proceedings concerning interchange fees, in which the next step will be a 10 week trial concerning exemption under Article 101(3) TFEU (led by Mark Hoskins KC and Matthew Cook KC).
- *BSV Claims Limited v Bittylicious Limited & Others*: acting for Kraken, a defendant, in a class action concerning the delisting of the cryptocurrency Bitcoin Satoshi Vision by cryptocurrency exchanges (led by Sarah Abram KC).
- *FX*: representing Barclays Bank defending a class action as to losses flowing from a foreign exchange trading cartel (led by Mark Hoskins KC and Anneliese Blackwood).

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

Education

2019–21: Bar Professional Training Course (BPP Holborn): Very Competent

2018–19: LLM (University of Cambridge): First Class Honours

2014–17: LLB (King's College London): First Class Honours

Professional employment

2019–21: Research Assistant in Public Law – Law Commission of England and Wales

2019: Research Assistant – Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, Cambridge

2018: Paralegal in Banking Litigation and Public Law – Herbert Smith Freehills LLP

2017–18: Legal Assistant in Asset Finance – White & Case LLP

2017–18: Research Assistant in Competition Law – King's College London

2016: Undergraduate Research Fellow in Competition Law – King's College London

Professional awards

Shortlisted for Advocate of the Year at the Women in Law and Diversity Awards 2026 (jointly with Jennifer MacLeod)

Shortlisted for Young Barrister of the Year at the 2024 Bar Pro Bono Awards

John and Sophie Laws Bar European Group Scholarship 2022

Prior awards

Reward & Recognition Award, Law Commission of England and Wales

Gray's Inn Residential Scholarship 2019

Gray's Inn Wilfred Watson Scholarship 2019

BPP Advocacy Award 2019

Jesus College Scholarship 2019

Pro Bono Certificate, White & Case LLP

King's Experience Research Award 2016

Phillip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition 2017 UK Champion

International Quarter-Finalist (6th place)

International Best Respondent Memorial (2nd place)

International Best Combined Memorial (9th place)

Times 2TG Moot 2017 – Semi-Finalist

Wildy & Sons Moot 2015 – Finalist

DIRECTORY QUOTES

"She did part of the advocacy and was absolutely superb." (Chambers & Partners, 2027)

"Jagoda has comprehensive knowledge of the substantive and procedural aspects of judicial review. She is also incredibly responsive and provides clear advice on prospects and next steps." (Chambers & Partners, 2027)

"Jagoda Klimowicz is a highly regarded, up-and-coming barrister with a wide ranging public law practice. She works for both claimants and defendants and is known for her pro bono practice." (Chambers & Partners, 2027)

"She keeps a really cool head in difficult situations, acts above her year of call and really cares about her clients." (Chambers & Partners, 2027)

"Jagoda is brilliant: she will just keep going with a difficult point, fights her corner and is a very creative thinker. She really does bring a different and fresh perspective to a case." (Chambers & Partners, 2027)

"She is very clever, good on papers, a good draftswoman, hard-working and reliable. I would recommend her for complex judicial reviews." (Chambers & Partners, 2027)

"Very strong written work. A confident and competent junior." (Legal 500, 2027)

"Highly intelligent, responsive, and very engaged throughout. She is able to provide clear, practical advice under pressure. Her strengths are her sharp analytical ability, proactiveness, and ease in handling complex and unusual matters." (Legal 500, 2027)

"'Jagoda is fast establishing herself as an expert in this sphere, acting in some of the biggest challenges for both claimants and defendants. She is a passionate advocate who performs really well under pressure and is one to watch for the future." (Legal 500, 2026)

" A junior who makes very shrewd and realistic judgements." (Legal 500, 2026)

"A clear-sighted and independent thinker." (Legal 500, 2025)