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YEAR OF CALL: ENGLAND AND WALES: 2021; QUEENSLAND: 2018

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Practice Overview

Jaamae practises in commercial and public law. His notable recent instructions include:

- ***Hopcraft v Close Brothers*** [2025] UKSC 33 [2026] AC 877: acting for the FCA in a Supreme Court appeal raising issues about fiduciary duties and bribes and secret commissions in the context of motor dealer credit broking (one of ***The Lawyer's*** "Top 10 appeals" for 2025).
- ***Francis v Attorney General of St Helena*** : appearing (unled) in the Privy Council for the Attorney General of St Helena in an appeal about adverse possession of Crown Land in St Helena.
- ***Maloney v Falcon VII Investment SARL*** [2025] EWHC 240 (Comm)**:** acting for the Claimant in a two-week Commercial Court trial of a shareholder dispute (one of ***The Lawyer***'s "Top 20 cases" for 2025)
- ***Arena Television Limited v Lloyds and Bank of Scotland***, defending a substantial ***Quincecare*** claim following the Supreme Court decision in ***Philipp v Barclays***
- ***Thurrock Borough Council v Kavanagh and Rockfire Capital Limited*** , acting for the Claimant in a major fraud claim where the Claimant alleges that the Defendants procured an investment of about £150m as a result of a series of fraudulent misrepresentations, and then diverted some or all of the proceeds in breach of contract and breach of trust

Jaamae has both a trial and appellate practice. His recent trial work includes cases in *The Lawyer's* "Top 20 cases" for 2022, 2024 and 2025. His recent appellate work includes a Supreme Court appeal and six Privy Council appeals. In addition to working as part of counsel teams in the higher courts, Jaamae has appeared unled in the Commercial Court and has addressed the Privy Council.

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Jaamae has an international practice. In addition to regularly appearing in the Privy Council, he is also qualified as a barrister in Queensland, Australia and he can appear in Australian proceedings and advise on Australian law. He appeared in the High Court of Australia in *Redland City Council v Kozik* [2024] HCA 7; (2024) 281 CLR 202 (unjust enrichment) and *G Global & ors v Commissioner of State Revenue* [2025] HCA 39; (2025) 99 ALJR 1465 (constitutional law).

Jaamae has published a number of articles in English and Australian law journals, and he is one of the authors of Hafeez-Baig and English, *The Law of Tracing* (Federation Press, 2021). His work has been cited by the English High Court (Commercial Court), the New South Wales Court of Appeal, the Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia, the Supreme Court of New South Wales, the Supreme Court of Queensland, and the Singapore Court of Appeal. He also teaches Restitution of Unjust Enrichment on the BCL at the University of Oxford.

In Australia, Jaamae practises from Level Twenty Seven Chambers in Brisbane (liability limited by a Scheme approved under professional standards legislation).

Commercial

Jaamae accepts instructions across all areas of commercial law. His recent experience includes:

- *Kerr & ors v Telefónica Tech UK & Ireland Limited,* acting for the claimants in proceedings about a disputed earn-out under an SPA (with Fionn Pilbrow KC).
- *Union Bancaire Privée, UBP SA v L Catteron Europe SAS,* acting for the applicant in an application for pre-action disclosure in aid of deceit claims (with Tim Lord KC).
- *Xelerated Fifty Pte Ltd v GW Partners Ltd,* acting for the claimant in proceedings involving a debt claim and allegations of duress, fraud, and intimidation.
- *Hopcraft v Close Brothers* [2025] UKSC 33: acting for the FCA in a Supreme Court appeal raising issues about fiduciary duties and bribes and secret commissions in the context of motor dealer credit broking (one of *The Lawyer's* "Top 10 appeals" for 2025) (with Jemima Stratford KC, Aarushi Sahore, and Jagoda Klimowicz).
- *Octopus Energy Retail 2022 Limited v Bulb Energy Limited:* acting for the claimants in a construction and rectification claim arising out the sale of Bulb's business to Octopus (with Mark Howard KC and Tony Singla KC).
- *Maloney v Falcon VII Investment SARL* [2025] EWHC 240 (Comm): acting for the Claimant in a two-week Commercial Court of a shareholder dispute (one of *The Lawyer's* "Top 20 cases"

of 2025) (with Jasbir Dhillon KC and Nehali Shah).

- *Arena Television Limited v Lloyds and Bank of Scotland* : defending a substantial *Quincecare* claim following the Supreme Court decision in *Philipp v Barclays* (with Simon Salzedo KC, Conall Patton KC, and Joanne Box).
- *Thurrock Borough Council v Kavanagh and Rockfire Capital Limited*: acting for the Claimant in a major fraud claim where the Claimant alleges that the Defendants procured an investment of about £150m as a result of a series of fraudulent misrepresentations, and then diverted some or all of the proceeds in breach of contract and breach of trust (with Craig Morrison KC).
- *Singh-Weekes v South-West Regional Health Authority* [2025] UKPC 10, acting for the successful appellant in a Privy Council appeal relating to the treatment of VAT under the costs regime in Trinidad and Tobago (with Anand Ramlogan SC).
- *BTI 2014 LLC v PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP* (ChD), acting for PwC in the defence of a $600 million auditor's negligence claim (with Simon Salzedo KC, Tony Singla KC, and Zahra Al-Rikabi).
- *Lonestar Communications Corporation v Kaye & Ors* [2023] EWHC 421 (Comm) and [2023] EWHC 732 (Comm): a conspiracy claim concerning a large-scale "cyber-attack" on a leading telecoms company in Liberia (one of *The Lawyer*'s "Top 20 cases" of 2022) (with Tony Singla KC, Kyle Lawson, and Sophie Shaw).

Jaamae has also worked on matters across all areas of commercial law as a barrister in Queensland. He appeared in the High Court of Australia in *Redland City Council v Kozik* [2024] HCA 7; (2024) 98 ALJR 544, which raised a number of issues in the law of unjust enrichment relating to the recovery of ultra vires taxes.

Public Law

Jaamae accepts instructions across all areas of public law. His recent experience includes:

- *Maharaj v National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago* [2026] UKPC 14, a Privy Council appeal from Trinidad and Tobago about the proper approach to public interest balancing under the Freedom of Information Act (with Anand Ramlogan SC and Jodie Blackstock).
- *Maharaj v Finister of Finance,* a Privy Council appeal from Trinidad and Tobago challenging the Minister of Finance's decision to appoint the Chairman of the National Insurance Board (with Anand Ramlogan SC).

- Advising the Government of a British Overseas Territory on issues of constitutional and administrative law.
- *Ramdass v Minister of Finance* [2025] UKPC 4, acting for the successful respondent, the Auditor General of Trinidad and Tobago, in the Privy Council in an appeal relating to a judicial review of the appellant's decision to investigate the Auditor General's approach to auditing the 2023 public accounts (with Anand Ramlogan SC and Katie Temple-Mabe).
- *Martin v Director of Public Prosecutions* [2025] UKPC 2, a Privy Council appeal from Trinidad and Tobago relating to whether the Court of Appeal has jurisdiction to hear an appeal from a decision of the High Court refusing bail to a person charged with murder (with Anand Ramlogan SC and Kate Temple-Mabe).
- *Maharaj v The Cabinet of The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (No 2)* [2024] UKPC 41, a Privy Council appeal from Trinidad and Tobago relating to the constitutionality of a provision of the *Police Service Act 2006* and Presidential discretionary powers (with Anand Ramlogan SC and Adam Riley).
- *Maharaj v The Cabinet of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago* [2023] UKPC 17; [2023] 1 WLR 2870, acting for the successful appellant in the Privy Council in an important appeal relating to local government elections in Trinidad and Tobago (with Anand Ramlogan SC, Peter Carter KC, and Adam Riley).

Jaamae has also worked on a number of constitutional and administrative law matters as a barrister in Queensland. Most recently, he appeared in the High Court of Australia for the Queensland Commissioner of State Revenue in *G Global & ors v Commissioner of State Revenue* [2025] HCA 39; (2025) 99 ALJR 1465, which raised issues of constitutional law concerning the external affairs power, inconsistency between State and Commonwealth law, and the acquisition of property on just terms.

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

Professional qualifications

Called to the Bar (England and Wales), 2021

Called to the Bar (Queensland), 2018

Education

Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL), University of Oxford (Magdalen College), 2020

Master of Laws (LLM), University of Queensland, 2017

Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (GDLP), Queensland University of Technology, 2017

Bachelor of Laws (LLB), University of Queensland, 2016

Scholarships and prizes

Bachelor of Civil Law, University of Oxford

- Distinction
- Banking and Financial Services Law Association Scholarship
- Ian Wilson–Guy White Magdalen College–Oxford Australia Scholarship

Master of Laws, University of Queensland

- Dean's Commendation for Academic Excellence

Bachelor of Laws, University of Queensland

- University Medal; First Class Honours; Graduated first in class
- Dean's Commendation for Academic Excellence
- Harrisonslaw Prize in Succession Law for the highest mark in Succession Law
- Ross Anderson Memorial Prize for the highest mark in Constitutional Law
- Dr M H M Kidwai Memorial Prize for the highest mark in Administrative Law
- Herbert Smith Freehills Prize in Law for the highest mark in Contract Law
- McCullough Robertson Prize for the highest grades in second year
- Highest mark in 10 courses

EXPERIENCE

July 2022 – present: Tenant, Brick Court Chambers

September 2021 – July 2022: Pupil, Brick Court Chambers

2018 – present : Barrister, Level Twenty Seven Chambers (Brisbane, Queensland)

2018–2019: Associate to the Hon Justice Patrick Keane AC, High Court of Australia

2017–2018: Associate to the Hon Justice John Bond, Supreme Court of Queensland

2016: Associate to the Hon Justice Peter Lyons, Supreme Court of Queensland

PUBLICATIONS

Books

M J Hafeez-Baig and J English, The Law of Tracing (Federation Press, 2021)

- Cited in *RnD Funding Pty Ltd v Roncane Pty Ltd* [2023] FCAFC 28 at [76], [87], [91], [103], [106].
- Cited in *ED & F Man Capital Markets Ltd v Come Harvest Holdings Ltd* [2022] EWHC 229 (Comm) at [667].
- Cited in *Blue Mirror Pty Ltd v Tan & Tan Australia Pty Ltd (in lig)* [2024] NSWCA 253 at [29].
- Cited in *Tjiong v Chang* [2025] NSWCA 25 at [31]
- Cited in *Malass v Alam* at [60] NSWCA 25 at [60].
- Cited in *ADKA Investments Pty Ltd v Gleeson* at [182], [192], [198].
- Reviewed in Derek Whayman, 'The Law of Tracing. By Mohammud Jaamae Hafeez-Baig and Jordan English' [2023] *Cambridge Law Journal* 684.

Articles and case notes

J English and M J Hafeez-Baig, "Tracing, Mixing, and Innocent Claimants" (2021) 84 *Modern Law Review* 593

M J Hafeez-Baig and J English, 'Common Law Tracing: The Emperor's New Clothes?' (2018) 12 *Journal of Equity* 260

M J Hafeez-Baig, 'Legal and Factual Causation in Equitable Compensation Claims Against Defaulting Fiduciaries' (2018) 46 *Australian Bar Review* 79

M J Hafeez-Baig, 'The Interaction of the Statutory Right of Action In Rem and the *Cross-Border Insolvency Act 2008* (Cth)' (2018) 26 *Insolvency Law Journal* 22

- Cited in *Natixis v Rajagopalan* [2025] SGCA 29 at [98], [102]-[103].

J English and M J Hafeez-Baig, 'Recovery of Upkeep Costs, Claims for Loss of Autonomy and Loss of Genetic Affinity: Fertile Ground for Development?' (2018) 41 *Melbourne University Law Review* 1360

M J Hafeez-Baig, 'A Novel Approach to Foreign Maritime Liens' (2017) 133 *Law Quarterly Review*

M J Hafeez-Baig, 'Navigating the Waters Between Admiralty and Cross-Border Insolvency: A Comparison of the Australian, German and French Positions' [2017] *Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly* 97

M J Hafeez-Baig and J English, ''Lack of Consent' as an Unjust Factor' [2017] *Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly* 176

M J Hafeez-Baig and J English, 'The Supreme Court Rectifies a Wrong Turn in Canadian Law' (2017) 17(1) *Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal* 144

J English and M J Hafeez-Baig, 'An Inconsistency in the Canadian Law of Adverse Possession?' (2017) 17(2) *Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal* 290

M J Hafeez-Baig and J English, 'The Liability of Search Engine Operators in Defamation: Issues Relating to Publication and Qualified Privilege' (2017) 24 *Torts Law Journal* 218

J English and M J Hafeez-Baig, 'Liability of Search Engine Providers in Defamation' (2017) 24(1) *Torts Law Journal* 83

J English and M J Hafeez-Baig, 'Arbitration and Abuse of Process' (2017) 36(3) *Civil Justice Quarterly* 281

M J Hafeez-Baig and J English, 'Disclosure of Trust Information: Discretionary or Principle-Based Jurisdiction?' (2017) 23(3) *Trusts & Trustees*

M J Hafeez-Baig and J English, 'Re-thinking the Requirement for a 'Recognisable Psychiatric Illness' in the Law of Negligence' (2017) 25(2) *Tort Law Review* 92

M J Hafeez-Baig and J English, 'Claims Relating to Possession of a Ship: *Wilmington Trust Company (Trustee) v The Ship "Houston"* [2016] FCA 1349' (2017) 42(1) *University of Western Australia Law Review* 128

M J Hafeez-Baig, 'Putting the 'Protection' in 'Temporary Protection Visa'' (2016) 28(2) *Bond Law Review* 115

DIRECTORY QUOTES

"A brilliant barrister with excellent technical skills who inspires confidence." (Chambers & Partnes 2027)

"Mohammud is very bright and a great team player." (Chambers & Partnes 2027)

"An outstanding junior who gets on top of his brief quickly." (Chambers & Partnes 2027)

"Mohammud is super diligent, his knowledge of the law is very strong and he is very responsible and organised." (Chambers & Partnes 2027)

"Always helpful and approachable. Excellent drafting skills and gets to the point quickly." (Legal 500, 2027)

"Jaamae's advice is spot on and practical and is dispensed under enormous time pressures. Jaamae's analytical ability is immense." (Legal 500, 2027)

"He is a great academic lawyer combined with real world understanding and common sense." (Legal 500, 2026)

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