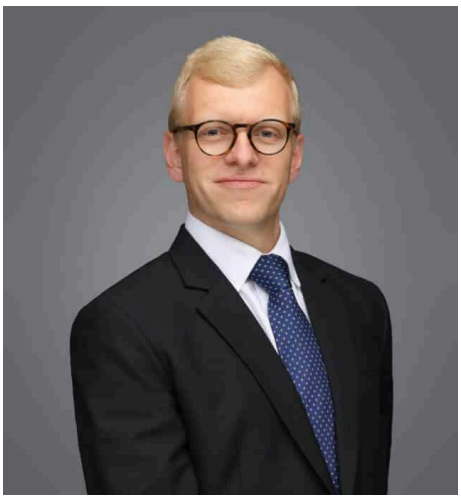
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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Sport, Insurance, International & Travel, Costs & Litigation Funding, Commercial, Inquests, Inquiries, Property, Credit Hire, Industrial Disease

Jake is frequently instructed in a wide range of complex cases. Jake has an established practice across all of Chambers' areas of expertise. He specialises in personal injury, insurance, international and travel law, property damage, costs, commercial disputes, and sport.

Before joining chambers, Jake completed his LLM at UCL in international commercial law. Jake has a wide array of experience having worked for several leading national law firms, working on complex personal injury, property damage, and consumer rights claims. Prior to joining chambers, he worked for the Infected Blood Inquiry.

Jake is currently instructed as a second junior to Steven Snowden KC and Dr Achas Burin on the Lampard Inquiry into mental health provision in Essex.

Outside of Chambers, Jake is a keen hockey player and enjoys running, cycling, golf, and climbing.

Personal Injury

Jake is regularly instructed on complex personal injury claims for both claimants and defendants dealing with liability, causation, and quantum. He is frequently instructed on complex cases and has experience with cases involving brain and spinal injuries. Jake has experience advising on cases valued in excess of £200,000.

Jake has experience assisting with claims (for both claimants and defendants) which involve allegations of fundamental dishonesty.

He is frequently instructed on interim applications as well as CCMCs.

Examples of recent work:

- Advising on a complex brain and spinal injury claim arising from a road traffic accident
- Assisting with claims for mesothelioma
- Successfully resisting strike out application in a case with a knotty procedural history
- Military personnel claims including non-freezing cold injuries
- Multiple trials involving allegations of Fundamental Dishonesty

Sport

Jake has a wide array of previous academic and practical experience with sports and related legal issues. He graduated top in his class in his *sport and the law* module in which he wrote variously on issues such as anti-doping, CAS, the

effectiveness of sport national governing bodies, and the legal ramifications of injuries caused in competitive sport.

Jake has written and produced talks on various key topics in sport including Financial Fair Play regulations in football (here), and challenging sports arbitration awards (here).

Jake also has experience in complex matters involving public law and regulations through his previous work on the Infected Blood Inquiry.

He is a keen sportsman himself having played most sports including, amongst others, rowing, running, hockey, rugby, football, golf, cycling and climbing. As a former climbing and activities instructor he also has practical experience of the interplay between coaching sports and health and safety procedures.

International & Travel

Jake accepts instructions in cases involving injuries abroad, including those brought under the Package Travel Regulations.

Jake is involved in, and advises on, disputes as to jurisdiction and applicable law.

Recent examples of his work include:

- Advising and acting in a dispute involving an injury on a cruise ship.
- Advising on issues of jurisdiction in a complex injury case with numerous connecting factors to multiple countries.
- Assisting in cases involving military personnel injured abroad on training exercises (during pupillage).

Jake's growing practice in international and travel law builds on his study of private international law during his LLM at UCL.

Insurance

Jake has experience of acting and advising in a wide variety of insurance matters. Jake is well versed in insurance disputes including motor indemnity issues as well as general disputes about policy wording and coverage.

Examples of his work includes:

- Multiple successful strike outs of cases involving motor indemnity and deficient pleadings relating to Article 75 of the MIB's Articles of Association.
- Advising on the incorporation of contractual terms in a complex contractual dispute involving the storage of high-value goods which were stolen.
- Advising on coverage disputes relating to property damage from flooding.

Costs & Litigation Funding

Costs disputes form an inherent part of Jake's busy court practice. He has considerable experience in matters relating to costs including:

- Interim applications
- CCMCs
- Obtaining 'show cause' wasted costs orders
- Advising on non-party costs orders
- Advising on enforcement of costs and the application of QOCS

He is well-versed with dealing with and advising on disputes involving fixed costs, including the new fixed recoverable costs regime.

Commercial

Jake has a keen interest in cases with a commercial element, including claims for breach of contract and restitution for unjust enrichment, particularly claims involving payments made by mistake.

He was recently instructed to advise on the incorporation of contractual terms in a complex contractual dispute involving the storage of high-value goods which were stolen.

Inquests and Inquiries

Prior to joining chambers, he worked for the Infected Blood Inquiry.

Jake is currently instructed as a junior junior to Steven Snowden KC and Dr Achas Burin on the Lampard Inquiry into mental health provision in Essex.

Property

Jake has considerable experience dealing with property damage claims, including:

- damage from flooding;
- damage from fire including claims under the ignis suus rule
- damage caused to utilities infrastructure
- damage caused by utilities infrastructure.

His work in this area often overlaps with disputes as to insurance coverage and policy wording. Recent cases include advising on a water ingress claim in which it was suspected that the damages claimed had been grossly exaggerated.

Credit Hire

Jake has extensive experience in credit hire, and is regularly sought after in claims pleaded in excess of £25,000. He is well-versed in all of the relevant case law.

Recent case examples include:

- Significant savings related to intervention ‘Copley’ correspondence
- Strike out of claims for deficient pleadings and failures to follow court orders and practice directions
- Significant reductions relating to the causation of vehicle damage
- Significant savings resulting from disproving impecuniosity

Industrial Disease

Jake has a growing practice in industrial disease. He has been instructed on cases involving asbestos exposure as well as claims involving military personnel who sustained non-freezing cold injuries during service.

He is currently led by John-Paul Swoboda in a fatal mesothelioma claim.

Qualifications & Awards

- BTC (Distinction), BPP University
- LLM (Merit), University College London
- LLB (First-Class Honours) Swansea University

- BPP Excellence Award Scholar
- Middle Temple Jules Thorn Scholarship
- Middle Temple Blackstone Entrance Exhibition
- Rosamund Smith Mooting Competition Quarter Finalist
- COMBAR Scholar
- Michael Sherrard Access to the Bar Award
- Academic Merit Prize
- JCP Solicitors Cup (highest grade in Sports Law module)

Appointments & Memberships

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Publications

1. Financial Fair Play in the Premier League – Everton and Nottingham Forest
   _____
2. Cuthbert v Taylor Woodrow Construction Holdings [2022] EWHC 3036 (KB)
   https://asbestoslawblog.uk/2023/01/31/cuthbert-v-taylor-woodrow-construction-holdings-2022-ewhc-3036-kb-cuthbert/
3. 2022 Inquest Cases Round-Up
   https://inquestsandinquirieslawblog.com/2022/12/20/2022-inquest-cases-round-up/
4. Interpreting interest(ing) provisions in Part 36 settlement offers
   https://costsandlitigationfunding.com/2023/07/28/interpreting-interesting-provisions-in-part-36-settlement-offers/
5. Charlotte Reynolds secures finding of fundamental dishonesty based on compelling surveillance evidence
   https://www.12kbw.co.uk/charlotte-reynolds-secures-finding-of-fundamental-dishonesty-based-on-compelling-surveillance-evidence/