

Jake Loomes

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Insurance, Clinical Negligence, Sport

Jake completed his pupillage in October 2023 and has been accepting instructions since April 2023. Jake is instructed in Fast-Track and Small Claims matters in personal injury, road traffic accidents, credit hire, stage 3 hearings, negligence, and contractual dispute claims. During his pupillage he has gained experience in industrial disease, complex personal injury, indemnity, clinical negligence, international, and military claims. Jake is interested in all of the core areas of Chambers' work.

Prior to pupillage, Jake worked as a paralegal for the Infected Blood Inquiry where he assisted with drafting witness questions and conducting research in advance of hearings.

Jake has a wide array of experience having worked for several leading national law firms as a paralegal, working on, amongst other things, subrogated motor recoveries, personal injury, and consumer rights claims.

In addition to his practical experience, Jake obtained a distinction on the Barrister Training Course, having received a full scholarship from Middle Temple for his studies. Jake has a masters degree in international commercial law from UCL. During his masters he focused primarily on the laws around complex commercial contractual disputes and the remedies available, Jake has a first-class law degree from Swansea University where he ranked in the top 3 of his cohort. During his studies Jake volunteered as an advocate for the Free Representation Unit, successfully representing clients in social security appeals.

Outside of work, Jake is a keen hockey player and enjoys running, cycling, and climbing. He is yet to take the plunge with a full triathlon but hopes to join the lofty heights of the 12 KBW triathlon team soon.

Personal Injury

Jake is instructed on fast-track personal injury claims dealing with liability, causation, and quantum. Jake has experience dealing with Stage 3 MOJ hearings including cases which include claims for credit hire. He has experience in CCMCs and interim applications relating to expert evidence.

Insurance

Jake has a keen interest in developing his insurance work practice. Jake has a particular interest in complex indemnity issues having done written work during his pupillage on issues such as s151 RTA liability and the definition of 'use' of a vehicle.

Clinical Negligence

Jake has a keen interest in developing his clinical negligence practice. He was recently instructed to review medical evidence and produce a chronology in a high value clinical negligence fatal claim concerning (amongst other things) the alleged over prescription of a controlled medicine.

Sports

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. As the former student vice president for sport at his university, he has practical experience with dealing with sport logistic contracts, sponsorship, and disciplinary procedures for student athletes.

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.

Qualifications & Awards

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

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- 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)

Publications

1. 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/>
2. 2022 Inquest Cases Round-Up
<https://inquestsandinquirieslawblog.com/2022/12/20/2022-inquest-cases-round-up/>
3. Interpreting interest(ing) provisions in Part 36 settlement offers
<https://costsandlitigationfunding.com/2023/07/28/interpreting-interesting-provisions-in-part-36-settlement-offers/>
4. Charlotte Reynolds secures finding of fundamental dishonesty based on compelling surveillance evidence _____
