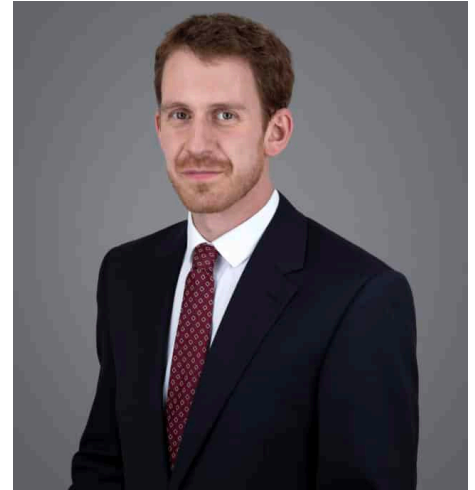


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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Inquests, Employment & Discrimination, International & Travel, Aviation, Public Authority Liability

Rob's practice spans all of Chambers' core practice areas, with a particular focus on personal injury, clinical negligence, inquests, public international law, employment law, and travel.

He is a sought-after junior barrister with experience of handling complex and high-profile cases: he recently appeared in the Court of Appeal for the successful appellants, led by Robert Weir KC, in the landmark case of *PMC v A Local Health Board* [2025] EWCA Civ 1126, and he currently acts as part of an international legal team representing a British national detained in Saudi Arabia.

Rob recently represented the Defendants (unled) in the High Court in the case of *Arshad v Wokingham BC & Anor* [2026] EWHC 407 (KB), achieving strikeout of the Claimant's claim and securing a Civil Restraint Order.

Military claims, cases involving psychiatric conditions, and abuse claims are of particular interest to Rob.

Alongside his court work, Rob maintains an active paperwork practice in his core areas and is regularly called upon to provide advice or pleadings in matters beyond his year of call. He prides himself in providing a robust, diligent, and responsive service for his clients, whether as sole counsel or working as part of a wider team.

Before joining chambers, Rob worked for the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office as a diplomat, undertaking postings in Central Europe and East Africa. This experience gives him particular insight into international public law issues.

Personal Injury

Rob is an in demand personal injury junior. He acts in cases beyond his year of call, both in terms of complexity and value.

His personal injury practice covers a wide variety of cases, including public liability, employer's liability, and road traffic accident claims. He has a keen interest in novel areas of personal injury work, including in sporting accidents, military claims, claims involving sexual abuse, and in group actions. He is skilled in handling claims involving catastrophic injuries as well as fatal accident matters.

He maintains a mixed practice across both claimant and defendant work and is experienced in claims that concern fundamental dishonesty, complex issues of quantum, and vulnerable parties.

Clinical Negligence

Rob continues to grow his clinical negligence practice, regularly advising on high-value and complex claims for a junior of his call. Having appeared in the Court of Appeal in the case of *PMC v A Local Health Trust*, Rob has a particular interest in the impact of Human Rights law in this area.

Inquests

Rob has a keen interest in inquest work and combines rigorous advocacy with sensitivity and approachability. Rob recently represented a bereaved family whose baby sadly died following complex multi-team care lasting several weeks at a London hospital. Rob has also been led by Edward Ramsay in matters concerning vaccine safety and psychiatric care.

Public International Law

Having worked as a diplomat at the FCDO, Rob brings a unique insight into and experience of matters involving public international law. He is particularly interested in the interplay of international relations and the law and is well-versed in the areas of sanctions and multilateralism.

He is comfortable working as sole counsel, or collaboratively as part of a wider team. He currently acts as part of an international legal team representing a British national detained in Saudi Arabia.

Employment

Rob has been instructed in matters spanning discrimination, redundancy, whistleblowing, and contractual disputes. Cases involving government bodies or educational establishments are of a particular interest to Rob. He is confident and capable in handling sensitive issues and procedural complexity.

Travel and Aviation

Rob is experienced in international and travel law cases for both claimants and defendants. He is comfortable handling high-value catastrophic injury claims as well as those involving fatalities, either as a junior or part of a wider team.

Rob is equally capable in acting in matters where an inquest is required, such as in an aviation context.

Qualifications & Awards

Robert obtained a distinction on both the Bar Vocational Course and the Graduate Diploma in Law. He was also awarded a BVS Scholarship for the Bar Course. He holds a double first-class degree in English from Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he finished third in his academic year.