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Jonathan has substantial experience across a broad range of commercial and chancery litigation, with a particular emphasis on the following areas:

- General commercial and contractual disputes;
- Civil fraud, tracing and asset recovery;
- Corporate insolvency and bankruptcy;
- Company and partnership disputes;
- Trust litigation;
- Property law;
- Landlord & Tenant (both commercial and residential); and
- Professional liability.

Jonathan appears regularly in the High Court (Business & Property Courts, particularly the Chancery Division lists and the Commercial Court) both as a sole advocate and as a junior. He has also appeared in the Court of Appeal and the Privy Council, as well as the County Courts and some specialist tribunals. He also worked on a number of very high value cases in the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands while on secondment in the litigation and insolvency practice group of Appleby.

In addition to his trial experience, which includes appearing un-led in complex and lengthy High Court trials, Jonathan has advised and appeared on a wide range of interim applications, including applications for freezing and proprietary injunctions, committal orders, security for costs, orders for cross-examination, civil restraint orders and disclosure orders.

Before being called to the Bar, Jonathan read Modern Languages at Trinity College, Oxford, where he was a scholar and was awarded a distinction in his preliminary examinations and a first in his final examinations. He subsequently completed the Diploma in Law (CPE) at City University, gaining a distinction and winning the Maitland Advocacy Prize, and was classed as outstanding at Bar School. He was also a Harmsworth Scholar and Queen Mother Scholar of the Middle Temple.

Current and recent cases

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- *Blue Power Group & Others v ENI Norge AS & Others* (2016-2019) – Junior Counsel for the Claimant in an extremely high value claim arising out of agreements to supply engineering and technical services for the development of a large offshore oil and gas field in the Barents Sea.
- *Confidential Arbitrations and associated proceedings* (2019) - Several linked LCIA arbitrations seated in London concerning disputes between various Russian and Cypriot shareholders in a large Russian company, arising under a suite of merger documents governed by English law. The case included ancillary proceedings in the courts of England, Cyprus and Russia, as well as additional Russian ICAC arbitrations
- *Davies/Cawdor Cars v Davies* (2018-2019) – A dispute concerning ownership of a car dealership in South Wales and associates properties
- *Levchenko v Abbott* (2018-2019) – Litigation between former business partners relating to the ownership of a number of luxury properties and classic cars
- *Ul Haq v Bank of Scotland & others* (2018-2019) – Representing the Bank in a mortgage dispute arising out of a conveyancing fraud perpetrated by a solicitor
- *Pearson v Primeo Fund* (2017) – An appeal from the Cayman Islands Court of Appeal heard by the Privy Council in May 2017 concerning the rights of various categories of shareholders and former shareholders in Herald Fund SPC, a major 'feeder fund' for Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC. Appeared as Junior Counsel for Natixis SA (representing the class of "Later Redeemers"), led by Stephen Atherton QC of 20 Essex Street Chambers.
- *JSC BTA Bank v Mukhtar Ablyazov & Ors (Claremont Proceedings)* (2017) – Junior Counsel for Respondents to applications made by the Claimant in the long-running *Ablyazov* fraud proceedings in the Commercial Court. The applications concerned the ownership of a substantial and very valuable shareholding in a FTSE 250 oil and gas company.
- *BTG International v Genzyme Corporation* (2016-2017) – Junior Counsel for the Claimant in a Commercial Court claim for circa. \$25 million in royalties due under an agreement which licensed the development and sale of drugs containing an antibody called Campath-1H.
- *Re: A Company* (2016-2017) – Junior Counsel for the Claimant in a claim seeking payment of commission due in respect of a financing transaction related to an oil and gas development project in Romania
- *C v D* (2016) – Instructed on behalf of various principal parties in two substantial LCIA Arbitrations concerning an international financial services business.
- *Rawlinson & Hunter Trustees SA (as trustee of the Tchenguiz Discretionary Trust) v the Director of the Serious Fraud Office & Others* (2015) – appeared for the Applicant in a series of applications in the *Tchenguiz* litigation in the Commercial Court. Appeared as sole advocate for parts of the applications and led by Lord Pannick QC, Catherine Newman QC and Mark Cunningham QC for other parts.
- *AB International (HK) Holdings Plc Ltd v AB Clearing Corp Ltd* (2015) – represented the defendants to an arbitration claim (with Nicholas Peacock QC), successfully resisting applications in the Commercial Court for relief made in connection with a pending LCIA Arbitration.
- *JSC BTA Bank v Mukhtar Ablyazov & Ors (Dregon Land proceedings)* (2014-2015) – appeared in the Court of Appeal (with Catherine Newman QC) in 2014 on an appeal from an interlocutory order in complex and high value proceedings on behalf of third parties in dispute with the Claimant bank regarding the ownership of a Russian logistics park. During 2015 appeared in a number of interlocutory hearings in the Commercial Court.
- *E v F* (2014) – Instructed in proceedings concerning sponsorship agreements between a Formula One team and a driver.
- *Bank of Scotland plc v Greville Development Company (Midlands) Ltd & Ors* (2014) – appeared (un-led) at a 5 day trial in the Chancery Division on behalf of the successful Claimant bank in a claim arising out of the forgery of DS1 forms used to discharge the bank's security for very substantial unpaid loan facilities. Freezing injunctions and associated orders (including cross-examination on asset disclosure) had been obtained at the start of the proceedings and money judgment was entered at trial for over £1.7m, together with declarations made in the bank's favour regarding a large number of forged documents;
- *Bank of Scotland plc v Greville Development Company (Midlands) Ltd & Ors* (2014) – at a further and final hearing in the same matter, obtained complex orders rectifying the Land Register so as to remove forged leases and third party legal

charges and reinstate the Claimant bank's prior charges with full priority;

- *Favor Easy Management Ltd, Samuel Tak Lee v Fuk Fei Wu* (2013) – appeared (with Anthony Trace QC and Ciaran Keller) in the Court of Appeal in a case concerning ownership of two hotel buildings in West London;
- *Balgobin v South West Regional Health Authority*, Privy Council, [2013] 1 AC 582; [2012] 3 W.L.R. 698; [2012] 4 All E.R. 655; Times, May 15, 2012 - represented (with Tom Grant QC) the successful Appellant in the Privy Council (Lord Kerr, Baroness Hale, Lord Hope, Lord Brown, Lord Wilson) in an appeal concerning the doctrines of election and merger in judgment;

Notable Cases

Blue Power Group SARL v Eni Norge AS (2018) – Norwich Pharmacal

Blue Power Group SARL v Eni Norge AS (2018) – Summary Judgment

Pearson v Primeo Fund (2017)

AB International (HK) Holdings PLC Ltd & AB (Australia) Pty Ltd v AB Clearing Corp Ltd (2015)

Rawlinson & Hunter Trustees SA v Director of the Serious Fraud Office & Ors (2015)

JSC BTA Bank v Mukhtar Ablyazov & Ors (2014)

Bank of Scotland Plc v Greville Development Co (Midlands) Ltd & 15 Ors (2014)

Bank of Scotland Plc v Greville Development Company (Midlands) Ltd (2013)

Vanessa Schomberg & Ors v David Taylor & 6 Ors (2013)

Favor Easy Management Ltd, Samuel Tak Lee v Fuk Fei Wu, Favor Easy Management Ltd (2012)

Wimpole Theatre v JJ Goodman Ltd (2012)

Bank of Scotland Plc (T/A Halifax) v John Dodd (2012)

Rukhmin Balgobin v South West Regional Health Authority (2012)

Sectorguard PLC v Dienne PLC : Dienne PLC v Legion Group PLC (2009)

Smithkline Beecham v (1) Greg Avery (Costs) (2009)

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Memberships

Chancery Bar Association and COMBAR

Languages

French (fluent)

Qualifications

BA (Hons) First Class



Recommendations

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Chancery: Commercial

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Chancery: Commercial

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Chancery: Commercial

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