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# ROBERT WATT

**CALL:** 2023

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## OVERVIEW

Robert joined Maitland in September 2024 following the successful completion of his pupillage under the supervision of Oliver Phillips, Jonathan Allcock, Gabriella McNicholas and Tim Calland. He is developing a broad commercial chancery practice and accepts instructions across all of Chambers' practice areas, including company and insolvency, property, commercial litigation and civil fraud.

Before coming to the Bar, Robert worked as a university lecturer and researcher in philosophy. Between 2012 and 2016 he was a Junior Research Fellow at Christ Church, Oxford. Between 2016 and 2019 he was a lecturer at the University of Cambridge and between 2019 and 2020 he was a lecturer at the University of Oxford, attached to Trinity College.

During his legal studies, Robert discovered a passion for oral advocacy. He won the Inner Temple Intervarsity Moot, the ESU/Essex Court National Mooting Competition and the Landmark Chambers Judicial Review Mooting Competition, all in the same year. He went on to represent the United Kingdom in the Commonwealth Law Moot, defeating the Indian team in the final.

Robert took a first-class undergraduate degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Magdalen College, Oxford. He then moved to Balliol College, where he passed the BPhil (the University of Oxford's flagship postgraduate degree in philosophy) with distinction and the DPhil with no corrections.

## QUALIFICATIONS

- BPTC (Outstanding), University of Law (2023)
- GDL (Distinction), Oxford Brookes University (2022)
- DPhil Philosophy, Balliol College, Oxford (2014)
- BPhil Philosophy (Distinction), Balliol College, Oxford (2009)
- MA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (First Class), Magdalen College, Oxford (2007)

## AWARDS

**Winner of Commonwealth Law Moot (2023)**

**Winner of ESU/Essex Court Chambers National Mooting Competition (2022)**

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**Winner of Landmark Chambers Judicial Review Mooting Competition (2022)**

**Winner of Inner Temple Intervarsity Moot Competition (2022)**

**Bedingfield Bar Course Scholarship, Gray's Inn (2022)**

**School of Law Bar Scholarship, Oxford Brookes University (2022)**

**David Karmel GDL Scholarship, Gray's Inn (2021)**

**Winner of Association of Gray's Inn Students GDL Moot (2021)**

**Winner of Graham Turnbull Human Rights Essay Competition (2021)**

**Block Grant Studentship Partnership, Arts and Humanities Research Council (full DPhil funding) (2009)**

**Research Preparation Award, Arts and Humanities Research Council (full BPhil funding) (2007)**

**Graduate Philosophy Scholarship, Balliol College, Oxford (2007)**

**Sir Peter Strawson Essay Prize in Philosophy, Magdalen College, Oxford (2006)**

**Demyship, Magdalen College, Oxford (scholarship awarded for achieving Distinction in first-year exams) (2005)**

## EXPERTISE

### CIVIL FRAUD

### COMMERCIAL LITIGATION & ARBITRATION

COMPANY & PARTNERSHIP

INSOLVENCY & ASSET RECOVERY

OFFSHORE & TRUSTS

BANKING & FINANCIAL SERVICES

REAL ESTATE

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

CRYPTOASSETS

PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE

TAX

## PRIVATE CLIENT

## CHARITIES

## ADR

# NOTABLE CASES