
Jack Steele

Jack practises in all of Chambers' core areas of practice including public & human rights, commercial, employment, public international law, information, technology & media, and sport.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Jack worked for several years at the human rights NGO Reprieve, where he assisted on death penalty, torture, extrajudicial killing and unlawful detention cases. He worked previously as a teaching fellow in political philosophy at Harvard University, as a paralegal at the Infected Blood Inquiry, and as a legal analyst at Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer.

He holds a first-class BA in Jurisprudence from Oxford University and a LLM from Harvard Law School.



Professional Summary

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Specialisms

Public and Human Rights

Jack accepts instructions in all areas of public law and human rights, including judicial review proceedings and claims under the Human Rights Act 1998.

Recent highlights of Jack's work in this field include:

- *Wikimedia Foundation v Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology* [2025] EWHC 2086 (Admin) – A challenge to the Secretary of State's decision in making regulations prescribing criteria for Category 1 online services under the Online Safety Act 2023 (as a pupil, assisting Rupert Paines and Raphael Hogarth);
- *Meagher v The Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Cambridge* [2025] EWHC 30 (KB) – an appeal from the county court regarding the applicable principles as to strike out for abuse of process in claims under the Equality Act 2010 (as a pupil, assisting Christopher Knight);
- A judicial review challenge to a decision by a non-departmental government body to withdraw funding (as a pupil, assisting Joe Barrett KC);
- A judicial review challenge to the decision of a local authority in respect of children with significant special educational needs (assisting Andrew Sharland KC and Oliver Jackson);
- Advising the Attorney General on allegations of contempt of court by a multinational publication (as a pupil, assisting Julian Blake);
- Advising the Department for Work and Pensions on the compatibility of proposed secondary legislation with the European Convention on Human Rights (as a pupil, assisting Julian Milford KC);
- The Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry (as a pupil, assisting Julian Blake);
- Assisting various members of Chambers in advising central government departments and claimants as to potential judicial review claims / claims under the Human Rights Act 1998.

Commercial

Jack practises across a broad range of commercial litigation.

Recent highlights of Jack's work include:

- Major team move litigation (with David Craig KC and Jamie Susskind);
- *Pejic v Storm Global and Ryanair* ET Case No: 3202454/2023, 3200263/24 & 3200411/24 – Employment Tribunal claim raising scope of international and territorial jurisdiction of the Tribunal post-Brexit (as a pupil, assisting Tom Ogg);

- For the claimant in a racial discrimination claim against a large multi-national bank (as a pupil, assisting Tom Ogg).
- Dual proceedings in the High Court and Dubai International Financial Centre concerning the enforcement of restrictive covenants (as a pupil, assisting Amy Rogers KC and Tom Ogg).

Employment

Jack accepts instructions across all areas of employment law.

Recent highlights of Jack's work include:

- *Leeks v Royal Marsden* [2024] EAT 178 – appeal to the Employment Appeal Tribunal concerning limitation rules in the NHS 'whistleblower' regulations (the Employment Rights Act 1996 (NHS Recruitment – Protected Disclosure) Regulations 2018) (as a pupil, assisting Paddy Halliday);
- For the claimant in a racial discrimination claim against a large multi-national bank (as a pupil, assisting Tom Ogg);
- *Heinl and Laikko v Moving Brands Ltd and ors* 2204235/2021 and 2204238/2021 – application to the Employment Tribunal for costs and wasted costs orders against the defendants and their representatives arising out an unfair dismissal claim (as a pupil, assisting Tom Ogg);
- An appeal to the Employment Appeal Tribunal concerning disability discrimination (as a pupil, assisting Jamie Susskind);
- An appeal to the Employment Appeal Tribunal concerning the scope of a COT3 settlement in a whistleblowing claim (as a pupil, assisting Jamie Susskind).

International Law

Jack accepts instructions in public and private international law. He has a particular interest in cases concerning international human rights law, following his experience working at an international human rights NGO for several years prior to pupillage.

Recent highlights of his work in this domain include:

- *Information Commissioner v Clearview* Appeal No. UA-2024-001563 – appeal concerning whether enforcement action against a US facial recognition company was within the territorial jurisdiction of the UK regulator (as a pupil, assisting Timothy Pitt-Payne KC and Jamie Susskind);
- *Pejic v Storm Global and Ryanair* ET Case No: 3202454/2023, 3200263/24 & 3200411/24 – employment tribunal claim concerning international and territorial jurisdiction of the Tribunal post-Brexit (as a pupil, assisting Tom Ogg).

Information, Technology and Media

Jack practices across a broad range of information, technology and media law.

Recent highlights of Jack's work in this field include:

- *Information Commissioner v Clearview* Appeal No. UA-2024-001563 – appeal concerning whether enforcement action against a US facial recognition company was within the territorial jurisdiction of the UK regulator (as a pupil, assisting Timothy Pitt-Payne KC and Jamie Susskind);
- *Wikimedia Foundation v Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology* [2025] EWHC 2086 (Admin) – A challenge to the Secretary of State's decision in making regulations prescribing criteria for Category 1 online services under the Online Safety Act 2023 (as a pupil, assisting Rupert Paines and Raphael Hogarth);
- Advising a public authority on the Online Safety Act 2023 (as a pupil, assisting Jamie Susskind);
- Advising the Attorney General on allegations of contempt of court by a multinational publication (as a pupil, assisting Julian Blake).

Sport

Jack accepts instructions on a wide range of sport related matters. Recent highlights include:

- Acting for a boxing promoter in an arbitration (under Sports Resolutions Arbitration Rules);

- *Hull City Tigers v the Football League* – appeal concerning the imposition of a transfer restriction on the appellant football club (as a pupil, assisting Ruth Kennedy);
- Advising an international sports governing body on their eligibility regulations (as a pupil, assisting Ruth Kennedy).

Education

- BA Jurisprudence, Oxford University
- LLM, Harvard Law School
- BVC, Inns of Court College of Advocacy

Awards and Scholarships

- Bedingfield Scholarship, Gray's Inn
- Horace Cecil Fisher scholarship, Harvard University
- Bertha Justice Fellowship, Bertha Foundation
- 2nd in cohort in Civil Litigation, Inns of Court College of Advocacy

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