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## Jamie Susskind

Recognized as a “*rising star*” of the Bar, Jamie enjoys a broad practice in commercial, employment, public, and information/data law.

Chambers and Partners describes Jamie as “*undoubtedly a star of the future*”, “*very energetic, extremely intelligent and responsive*” and “*very bright and hard-working*” with “*an excellent mind*”. He is “*increasingly recognized*” for acting in “*complex and high-profile litigation*” in the High Court and Tribunals. In the Legal 500, Jamie is described as a “*rising star*”. “*Charming, articulate, will get stuck into anything, and is very good indeed with clients. He has remarkable breadth of experience for one so junior.*” He is frequently instructed in cases involving a cross-border dimension or particular complexity.

Jamie enjoys working as part of a team, and as sole counsel is regularly instructed to appear against barristers many years his senior. He is happy to take pro bono instructions where appropriate.

Jamie is the co-author of two chapters in *International Employment Disputes* (Eds. Oudkerk and Rogers, Sweet & Maxwell, 2019). He is also internationally recognised as an expert in legal issues relating to digital technology and the tech industry. His book *Future Politics: Living Together in a World Transformed by Tech* (Oxford University Press, 2018) received the Estoril Global Issues Distinguished Book Prize for 2019, and was an *LSE Prospect*, and *Evening Standard* book of the year.

He regularly speaks to law firms about a range of legal topics. For more details about Jamie’s writing and speaking, please visit [www.jamiesusskind.com](http://www.jamiesusskind.com).



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### Professional Summary

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## Specialisms

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### Employment

Jamie has an unusual level of High Court experience for a barrister of his call and is often instructed to appear against barristers many years his senior. He is frequently instructed in cases involving a cross-border dimension or particular complexity.

Recent and current work includes:

High Court / Court of Appeal

- ***Alesco Risk Management Services Limited & Ors v Bishopsgate Insurance Brokers Limited & Ors*** [2019] EWHC 2839 (QB) (led by David Craig QC and Amy Rogers) – insurance industry “team move” litigation involving allegations of dishonesty and conspiracy to injure.
- ***JLT Specialty Ltd & Ors v Gordon & Ors*** (led by Gavin Mansfield QC) – insurance industry “team move” litigation.
- ***Willis v JLT and others*** (led by Gavin Mansfield QC and Amy Rogers) – insurance industry “team move” litigation.
- ***Potensis Ltd v Bennett*** (as sole counsel) – procured an injunction and favourable costs order in the QBD against a real estate employee acting in breach of his post-termination restrictions.
- ***Vanden Recycling Ltd v Kras Recycling BV and others*** [2015] EWHC 3616 (QB); [2017]

EWCA Civ 534 (led by Jonathan Cohen QC) – employee competition litigation in the QBD and Court of Appeal.

#### Employment Tribunal (sole counsel unless otherwise stated)

Jamie is regularly instructed in heavy-duty employment tribunal litigation:

- ***Mele v Angela Mortimer Plc & Ors*** (as sole counsel) – multi-week whistleblowing and discrimination litigation. Jamie acted for the Claimant, a senior executive.
- ***Cowie v Vesuvius Plc*** (as sole counsel) – multi-week whistleblowing and age discrimination litigation. Jamie acted for the Claimant, a senior executive.
- ***Bleasdale v Quest Fund Placement Limited*** (as sole counsel) – unpaid bonus claim in the private equity industry.
- ***Confidential*** (as sole counsel) – a whistleblowing unfair dismissal claim involving allegations of child abuse.
- ***Ellis v Ratcliff Palfinger*** (UKEAT/0438/13/BA). The EAT noted the “*careful analysis*” in Jamie’s “*Skeleton Argument and oral submissions*”.
- ***Mathur v Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft and others*** (led by Mohinderpal Sethi QC) – whistleblowing, discrimination, equal pay, and unfair dismissal claim arising out of the LIBOR scandal.

Jamie is the co-author of two chapters in ***International Employment Disputes*** (Eds. Oudkerk and Rogers, Sweet & Maxwell, 2019). He regularly speaks to law firms about trends and tactics in employment matters.

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## Commercial

Jamie has a thriving commercial practice and appears regularly in the High Court, as sole counsel and as part of a team. As sole counsel, his clients have included Uber, BT, a Brazilian Premiership footballer, and a well-known US Law Firm. He also brings experience of international commercial arbitration, and disputes in the financial services, mining, oil, entertainment and media, retail, and hospitality sectors. Jamie takes a keen interest in cases involving the tech industry.

His current and recent work includes:

- ***Gruber & ors v American International Group & Ors*** [2020] EWCA Civ 31; [2018] EWHC 3030 (led by Daniel Oudkerk QC and Amy Rogers) – Commercial Court and Court of Appeal litigation arising from the US Government bailout of AIG during the financial crisis of 2008.
- ***Confidential*** (led by Charles Samek QC) – commercial arbitration arising out of a property dispute in Moscow.
- ***Khan v Balyasny Asset Management LLP*** (as sole counsel) – QBD dispute arising out of a settlement agreement between a hedge fund and former senior executive.
- ***Confidential*** (as sole counsel) – arbitration, hedge fund industry.
- ***Confidential*** (as sole counsel) – commercial dispute between manufacturers in the drainage industry.

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## Public Law & Human Rights

Jamie trained as a public lawyer and has written extensively about governance, regulation, and issues relating to free speech and privacy.

Jamie was recently instructed to act for the Claimants (led by Brian Kennelly QC) in a judicial review of the DPP’s decision not to prosecute a neo-Nazi for crimes contrary to the Public Order Act 1986. In response to the litigation, the Crown Prosecution Service quashed its own decision. This case received national coverage from (among other outlets) The Guardian, The Independent, BuzzFeed, and the BBC.

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## Data, Information, Media & Privacy

Jamie accepts instructions in cases relating to tech, data, and privacy law. He is internationally recognised as an expert in legal issues relating to digital technology and the tech industry. He has held fellowships at Harvard and Cambridge Universities, as well as the Berggruen Institute in California.

He is the author of *Future Politics: Living Together in a World Transformed by Tech* (Oxford University Press, 2018). *Future Politics* received the Estoril Global Issues Distinguished Book Prize for 2019, and was an *LSE*, *Prospect*, and *Evening Standard* book of the year. Jamie's work was cited by Lord Sales in his BAILII lecture, Algorithms, Artificial Intelligence, and the Law.

Jamie regularly lectures on matters relating to tech and the law, Recent speaking engagements have included Harvard Law School, Stanford Law School, Princeton University, the LSE, Cambridge University, the British Academy, the Institute for Government, the Law Society, Google, and Microsoft.

Jamie's next book, *The Digital Republic: How to Govern Technology*, will be published by Bloomsbury in 2022.

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## Recommendations

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*"Charming, articulate, will get stuck into anything, and is very good indeed with clients. He has remarkable breadth of experience for one so junior – and as a prize winning author has particular expertise on the intersection between employment law and technology, meaning that he is perfectly placed to usher in the brave new world of technology in the workplace."* (Legal 500)

*"a real future star", "utterly charming with clients", and "well versed in significant team move litigation"* (Who's Who Legal)

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## News, Articles & Publications

*Future Politics: Living Together in a World Transformed by Tech* (Oxford University Press, 2018).

*The Digital Republic: How to Govern Technology* will be published by Bloomsbury in 2022.

Jamie has recently contributed articles to the *New York Times*, *The Times*, *Wired*, *Fast Company*, the *New Statesman*, and elsewhere.

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## Education & Awards

### Education

- MA Oxon, History & Politics, Magdalen College, University of Oxford (1<sup>st</sup> Class Honours, top 1<sup>st</sup> in university year) (2010)
- Oxford University William Gladstone Memorial Prize (2010)
- Oxford University Gibbs Book Prize (2010)
- Magdalen College Atkinson Prize (2010)
- Oxford Union Edward Tomlinson Memorial Prize (2009-2010)
- Magdalen College Angus McIntyre Prize (2009)
- Magdalen College Demyship (scholarship) (2009)
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- First Class (Distinction), Preliminary Examinations (2008)
- Gray's Inn James Hunt Advocacy prize (2014)
- Gray's Inn Arden Scholarship (2014)
- Gray's Inn Bedingfield Scholarship (2013)
- Gray's Inn David Karmel Entrance Award (2012)

#### Affiliations

- Visiting Fellow, Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence, University of Cambridge
- Affiliated Researcher, Bennett Institute for Public Policy, Cambridge University
- Visiting Fellow, Berggruen Institute, Los Angeles
- Advisory Board, Demos
- Fellow, Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society, Harvard University (2016-2017)

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## Other

### About Jamie

Jamie's interests outside the law include politics, history, golf, coffee, and his miniature sausage dog. His first book was an academic monograph called *Karl Marx and British Intellectuals in the 1930s* (Burford: Davenant Press, 2011). As a youngster he was captain of the England Schools Debating Team and, at one stage, ranked the best individual debater in the world.

In 2011 Jamie studied Kung Fu with Shaolin monks in a mountainous region of eastern China – an experience from which he is still recovering.



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