Zac Sammour



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Zac is sought-after as both junior and sole counsel across a wide range of practice areas, including commercial, data protection, defamation, employment, privacy, public, public international and sports law.

Zac is recommended in the legal directories in six of his practice areas: civil liberties and human rights; employment, data protection, defamation and privacy, public and administrative law and sport. He is recommended for:

- **His advocacy**: "*He is an excellent, confident advocate*" (Chambers & Partners 2026); "*He is one of the best cross-examiners in the business*" (Legal 500 2025); "*His advocacy skills are some of the best I've seen*" (Chambers & Partners 2025);
- **His analytical ability**: "*Zac's ability to analyse complex legal issues is incomparable.*" (Chambers & Partners 2026); "*Zac Sammour has a brilliant mind*" (Chambers & Partners 2026); "*Zac is an exceptional barrister. He is smart, insightful, thoughtful and tactically brilliant*" (Legal 500 2026)

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>
> **CHAMBERS & PARTNERS, EMPLOYMENT, 2024**

- **His ability to work in a team**: *"Zac has fantastic leader qualities in someone who is so junior. He ensures the team operate effectively and he really delivers with high-quality work"* (Chambers & Partners 2026); *"Zac is a brilliant tactician and works seamlessly with solicitor teams to provide timely pragmatic and commercial advice"* (Legal 500 2026); *"He is down to earth, bright, and speaks clear, simple English. He is commercial and pragmatic"* (Chambers & Partners 2026).

Zac has appeared in high profile and complex cases in all of his practice areas, dealing with matters from free speech in the workplace (***Miller v University of Bristol***) to the regulation of online platforms (***TikTok v ICO***); arms exports during armed conflict (***Al Haq v Secretary of State for Business and Trade***) to large-scale team moves involving software copying and document misappropriation (***SS&C v Zilo***); and racism in sport (***Yorkshire Cricket Disciplinary Proceedings***) to the international obligations of occupying powers (*ICJ* ***advisory opinion proceedings***).

Expertise

Recent cases

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TikTok v ICO
[2025] UKFTT 798 (GRC)

Ashley v Revenue and Customs Commissioners
[2025] EWHC 134 (KB)

Legal consequences arising from Israel's occupation of the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip (ICJ)

Jones Nickolds v Pearce
[2024] EWHC 1793 (KB)

Taylor v Evans
[2023] EWHC 935 (KB)

R (on the application of Tax Returned) v Revenue and Customs Commissioners
[2022] EWHC 2514

SMO v TikTok Inc
[2022] EWHC 489

R (on the application of Al Haq) v Secretary of State for Business and Trade
[2025] EWHC 1615 (ADMIN)

R (on the application of GB News Ltd) v Office of Communications [2024] EWHC 2658
[2024] EWHC 2658

Belidca v British Council
[2024] EAT 92

International Game Technology plc & Others v the Gambling Commission
[2023] EWHC 1420

Bouchti v Enfield
[2022] EWHC 2809

Smith v TalkTalk
[2022] EWHC 1311

Thompson v Informatica Software Ltd
[2021] 10 WLUK 171

Various Claimants v Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority

[2021] EWHC 2020 (QB)

Good Law Project v Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

[2021] 5 WLUK 226

Newman v Southampton City Council

[2021] 1 WLR 2900

Oldknow v Evans

[2021] EWHC 1028 (QB)

Rollingson v Hollingsworth

[2020] EWHC 3568 (QB)

Facebook v Information Commissioner

(EA/2018/0256)

Newman v Southampton City Council

[2020] EWHC 2103

Allen v Co-operative Rabobank UA

[2020] EWHC 1902 (COMM)

Serco v Secretary of State for Defence

[2019] EWHC 549 (TCC) & [2019] EWHC 515 (TCC)

R (on the application of Jewish Human Rights watch) v Leicester City Council

HIGH COURT [2016] EWHC 1512 (ADMIN) COURT OF APPEAL [2018] EWCA CIV 1551

R (on the application of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign) v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

HIGH COURT [2017] EWHC 1502 (ADMIN); COURT OF APPEAL [2018] EWCA CIV 1284 AND SUPREME COURT; [2020] UKSC 16; [2020] 1 WLR 1774

Richard Pease v Henderson Administration Ltd

[2018] EWHC 661; [2019] EWCA CIV 158

Balmoral Tanks Limited v CMA

[2017] CAT 23; [2019] EWCA CIV 162

Achievements

Education

London School of Economics, LLB (First Class)

Oxford University, BCL (Distinction)

Awards

- Sweet and Maxwell Prize for Best Performance in final year exams (LSE)
- Clifford Chance Prize for Best Performance in Property II (LSE)
- Archibald Jackson Prize (Somerville College, Oxford)
- Denning Scholarship (Lincolns Inn)
- Hardwicke Entry Award (Lincolns Inn)

Other

Zac enjoys combat sports and competed for several years at an amateur level in boxing and Muay Thai. Zac competed for Oxford in the 2013 Varsity Match, where he beat the Cambridge captain and won Oxford's award for Best Technical Boxer. He now competes (recreationally) in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. He is a fan of Newcastle United FC.

> ***An excellent advocate who demonstrates abilities well beyond his year of call. Both a razor-sharp mind and a natural manner with clients. A barrister who solicitors always trust to do a good job – a real star of the employment Bar***
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> LEGAL 500, EMPLOYMENT, 2022

> ***Zac is exceptionally bright, has an incredible work ethic and demonstrates abilities well beyond his year of call. Zac is a complete star and absolutely someone you want on your team***
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> LEGAL 500, DATA PROTECTION, 2023

> ***He does an excellent job and is very bright***
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> CHAMBERS & PARTNERS, EMPLOYMENT, 2021

Zac is very flexible and will go the extra mile. He really thinks outside the box and is incredibly imaginative but has a down-to-earth demeanor

CHAMBERS & PARTNERS, EMPLOYMENT, 2024

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CHAMBERS & PARTNERS, EMPLOYMENT, 2024

Zac is responsive, has great attention to detail, puts clients at ease and has strong advocacy skills

LEGAL 500, EMPLOYMENT, 2024

Brilliant mind with a good eye for detail. Works very hard – prepares assiduously

LEGAL 500, SPORTS LAW, 2024

Zac's cross-examination approach is tenacious and gives confidence that he is in complete control of the witness on the stand. His submissions are well crafted without being unnecessarily verbose; and he is excellent at managing lay clients, ensuring they feel involved and understand what is happening

LEGAL 500, EMPLOYMENT, 2023

Zac is very personable and is a very strong team player. He has a first-class knowledge and intellect and is very good on paper. He is a superb advocate and is definitely a junior star

LEGAL 500, DEFAMATION AND PRIVACY, 2023