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)

> ***Zac has a super brain that is always ticking. He is one of the best cross-examiners in the business. He is exceptional in every area***
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> **LEGAL 500, DEFAMATION AND PRIVACY, 2025**

- **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

Defamation and Privacy

Zac has a developed a vibrant practice in defamation and privacy work. He is regularly instructed in cases with a data protection or employment overlap, and in traditional media and privacy disputes.

> ***Zac's advice is spot-on and his advocacy skills are some of the best I have seen.***
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> CHAMBERS & PARTNERS

Gorgianeh v Baroness Foster

2008 EWHC 1583 (QB)

Zac acted in high profile proceedings brought by a student who appeared on University Challenge with a soft toy mascot which Baroness Foster stated on Twitter had been an antisemitic symbol. The claim settled with a public apology from the Baroness, and was widely reported. Zac was instructed by Rahman Lowe.

Oldknow v Evans

2008 EWHC 1583 (QB)

Zac acted for the Labour Party in high- profile defamation proceedings brought by a former senior Labour Party official in connection with allegations made in a leaked internal report concerning the Labour Party's handling of anti-semitism complaints (led by Anya Proops KC, instructed by Greenwoods GRM).

Whyte v CBS Interactive Inc & Anr

2008 EWHC 1583 (QB)

(Media and Communications List), a privacy claim by the well- known boxer Dillian Whyte arising out of the publication of an article discussing Mr Whyte testing positive for a banned substance in advance of a high profile fight. Zac acts for the Defendants (led by Anya Proops KC, instructed by Howard Kennedy).

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

Zac provides an excellent level of service for us in complex tribunal cases

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