Jonathan Moffett KC

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Jonathan is an acknowledged expert in public law, and has been described by the legal directories as "one of the best", combining "the perfect blend of razor-sharp intellect, strategic oversight and excellent client skills".

Jonathan's practice has a particular emphasis on the fields of regulatory law, local government law, human rights, education law, environmental law, and health and community care law. He has a huge amount of experience in dealing with claims for judicial review, and he is ranked by the legal directories as a leading silk in administrative and public law, local government law and education law.

Jonathan represents public sector bodies on some of their most important and difficult cases, and he is on the Welsh Government's panel of KCs, the Equality and Human Rights Commission's A panel of counsel, and the NPS panel of counsel instructed by Welsh public bodies. Jonathan sits as a Deputy High Court Judge in the Administrative Court and the King's Bench Division, and as a Recorder in the Crown Court. He is the editor of the sections on judicial review in the White Book, and co-author of the leading public law practitioners' text, *Judicial Review: Principles and Procedure* (OUP, 2nd edition, 2026). Jonathan is a former Chair of the Constitutional and Administrative Law Bar Association.

> ***Jonathan combines technical brilliance and attention to detail with an unsurpassed ability to communicate with the client and reassure them.***
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Expertise

Health & Community Care

Jonathan has considerable experience of dealing with the full range of health and community care matters, including challenges to service reorganisations and funding decisions, human rights challenges, inter-authority disputes, and challenges to the provision of services for adults and children. He has advised on the compatibility of funding policies with Convention rights and equalities legislation, and he was instructed by NHS England to defend a challenge to its approach to the rationing of intensive care treatment during the coronavirus pandemic.

Recent cases include:

R (ATB) v Welsh Ministers

Jonathan successfully represented the Welsh Government on a challenge to the decision to introduce a prohibition on GPs prescribing puberty blockers to children.

R (TW) v Essex County Council

Jonathan successfully represented Essex County Council on a challenge to its decision that a young person who did not have stable accommodation was not a child in need for the purposes of the Children Act 1989.

R (Evans) v Aneurin Bevan University Local Health Board

Jonathan successfully represented the Welsh Air Ambulance on a challenge to a decision to relocate its airbases and change its operating hours.

R (Thomson) v Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and NHS Commissioning Board

(HIGH COURT AND COURT OF APPEAL, 2021)

Jonathan successfully represented NHS England in defending this claim which alleged that it was under a duty to issue a rationing policy governing the allocation of intensive care beds should demand outstrip supply during the coronavirus pandemic.

R (British Homeopathic Association) v NHS Commissioning Board

[2018] EWHC 1359 (ADMIN), [2018] PTSR 2031 (HIGH COURT)

Jonathan successfully defended this judicial review of NHS England's decision to issue guidance to CCGs to the effect that homeopathic treatments should not routinely be prescribed on the NHS.

Achievements

Publications

Editor, The White Book, CPR Part 54

Co-author, *Judicial Review: Principles and Procedure* (OUP, 2nd edition, 2026)

Contributing author, *Education Law Handbook* (LexisNexis, 2021)

Appointments

Deputy High Court Judge (King's Bench Division), 2023

Recorder (Crown Court), 2023

Education

Girton College, Cambridge, BA (Hons), Class I

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Major Scholarship, Inner Temple

He has colossal public law experience and always comes up with a winning point.

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Jonathan is an exceptional barrister: intellectually sharp, strategically astute and a formidable advocate. His drafting is meticulous; his advocacy authoritative and persuasive; and he has an enviable ability to master complex legal and factual issues at speed. He is highly responsive, collaborative and commercial in approach, and clients and instructing solicitors alike place immense confidence in his judgement.

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He is a fantastic lawyer.

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Jonathan has excellent client-relationship skills, as well as being the best of the best in terms of expertise.

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Jonathan is easy to work with, and his advocacy skills are excellent. He is calm, very methodical and clear.

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Jonathan is exceptionally bright but personable too. He puts clients at ease and adapts his strategy and advice brilliantly to his audience.

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Jonathan is an extremely approachable and personable barrister. Enthusiastic and energetic. Never fazed. Always a pleasure to work with. His advocacy is clear, concise, clever, orderly and ultimately successful.

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