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Jack practices across public and human rights law, commercial and employment law, privacy law, international law, and sports law.

In public law, Jack has acted in significant and high-profile claims including: representing the Secretary of State in Reform UK's challenge to the postponement of local elections in May 2026 (led by Sir James Eadie KC, Julian Blake, and Ruth Kennedy); acting for the Secretary of State in a challenge to the prohibition on police officers joining trade unions (led by Jason Pobjoy KC and Patrick Halliday); and acting for the London Mayor's Office in *Palantir Technologies v Mayor's Office of Policing and Crime* (led by Joe Barrett KC, Rupert Paines and Jennifer MacLeod).

In commercial and employment law, Jack acted in major team move litigation in *Guy Carpenter v Willis Limited and others* [2026] EWHC 361 (KB) (led by David Craig KC and Jamie Susskind). He represents Sainsburys Supermarkets in a mass equal pay claim (led by Dan Stilitz KC, Julian Milford KC and Michael Lee), and acts for a Claimant in a significant discrimination claim against a Premier League football club (led by Dan Stilitz KC).

In privacy law, he acted for the Information Commissioner in *RTM v Bonne Terre Limited* [2026] EWCA Civ 488 (led by Heather Emmerson) and acts in the Court of Appeal proceedings in *Clearview AI v Information Commissioner* (led by Timothy Pitt-Payne KC and Jamie Susskind).

In his first year of practice, Jack also acted as Embedded Counsel in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, advising on public and public international law. Separately, he has advised a State on its maritime boundary, led by Philippe Sands KC and Remi Reichhold.

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.

Expertise

Public and Human Rights

Jack accepts instructions in all areas of public law and human rights.

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

- *Reform UK Limited v Secretary of State*: Acting for the Secretary of State in the Reform Party's challenge to the postponement of certain local elections in England (led by Sir James Eadie KC, Julian Blake, and Ruth Kennedy);
- *Broadbent v Secretary of State for the Home Department*: Acting for the Secretary of State in the challenge to the prohibition on police officers joining independent unions (led by Jason Pobjoy KC and Patrick Halliday);
- *Palantir Technologies UK Limited v Mayor's Office of Policing and Crime*: acting for the Mayor's Office in a challenge to the Mayor's Office declining to approve a £50m policing contract to Palantir (led by Joseph Barrett KC and Rupert Paines);
- *Mandarin v HM Commissioner for the British Indian Ocean Territory*: a challenge, presently in the British Indian Ocean Territory Court of Appeal, to the constitutionality of the British Indian Ocean Territory (Constitution) Order 2004 (as Embedded Counsel)

In his first year of practice, Jack acted as Embedded Counsel to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, advising on public and public international law.

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);

Achievements

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