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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

Information, Technology and Media

Jack practices across a broad range of information, technology and media law.

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

- *RTM v Bonne Terre Limited* [2026] EWCA Civ 488 (led by Heather Emmerson)
- Advising a public authority on the Online Safety Act 2023 (as a pupil, assisting Jamie Susskind);
- Advising the Attorney General on allegations of contempt of court by a multinational publication (as a pupil, assisting Julian Blake).

Information Commissioner v Clearview

APPEAL NO. UA-2024-001563

appeal concerning whether enforcement action against a US facial recognition company was within the territorial jurisdiction of the UK regulator (as a pupil, assisting Timothy Pitt-Payne KC and Jamie Susskind)

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);

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