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)

> ***He's excellent and very user-friendly. Clever, thoughtful and hardworking. A go-to junior for data protection***
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> **LEGAL 500, DATA PROTECTION, 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

Public International

Zac has extensive experience dealing with public international law issues in both domestic and international courts and tribunals.

Zac was involved in human rights litigation conducted in a key African jurisdiction which raised a number of important public international law and human rights law issues, and which ended successfully for his client at appellate level.

Advisory Opinion proceedings concerning the consequences of Israel's occupation.

2008 EWHC 1583 (QB)

Zac acted for Palestine in advisory proceedings before the ICJ concerning the legal consequences arising from Israel's occupation of the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip. Zac was led by Philippe Sands KC and Paul Reichler, together with colleagues from outside of chambers.

Advisory Opinion proceedings concerning the obligations of Israel in relation to the presence and activities of the UN, International organisations and Third States in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

2008 EWHC 1583 (QB)

Zac acted for Palestine in advisory proceedings before the ICJ concerning the legal obligations of Israel with respect to the UN, international organisations and third states in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. The hearings took place in May 2025. Zac was led by Paul Reichler.

Venezuela v Guyana

2008 EWHC 1583 (QB)

Zac acts for Guyana in contentious proceedings before the ICJ concerning the boundary between it and Venezuela. Zac is led by Paul Reichler and Phillippe Sands KC, again working with a number of colleagues within and outside of chambers.

Al Haq v Secretary of State for Business and Trade

2008 EWHC 1583 (QB)

Zac acted for Al Haq in its challenge to the SSBT's decision not to suspend arms licenses for the supply of F-35 parts to Israel during the ongoing war in Gaza. Zac undertook the oral advocacy at the hearing before the Divisional Court on the Geneva Conventions, Genocide Convention and Articles of State Responsibility.

Belidca v British Council

[2024] EAT 92

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

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

LEGAL 500, DATA PROTECTION, 2023

He does an excellent job and is very bright

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