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“Very strong cross-examiner”

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Practice Profile

Jason Robinson KC is an “*in-demand barrister*”, a “*respected commercial litigator*” and “*natural advocate*” (Chambers & Partners). He specialises in highly contentious, high-value, heavy commercial cases that invariably involve international elements, and excels at leading teams.

He has an extensive commercial practice, which includes aviation, banking & finance, civil fraud, commodities, construction, energy, insurance, reinsurance, professional negligence, sanctions, shareholder & company disputes, shipping & admiralty and superyacht & supercar disputes.

Recent work includes:

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- **Premier Oil UK Limited v Shell International Trading and Shipping Company Limited** [2023] EWHC 3269 (Comm): acting for the successful claimants in a dispute regarding the appointment and instruction of a contractual referee.
- **Addax Energy SA v Petro Trade Inc** [2023] EWHC 1609 (Comm): acting for the claimants in a commodities dispute that concerned whether the parties had entered into a term agreement by way of a sufficiently consistent course of dealing. See also [2022] EWHC 237 (Comm): successfully resisting a jurisdiction application.
- **Care Tree Invest 2 Ltd v Bell** [2023] EWHC 1151 (Comm): acting for the defendant in a civil fraud claim.
- **Bell & Ors -v- Singh & Ors** [2022] EWHC 3272 (Comm): acting for the successful claimants at a 6-day trial in this civil fraud claim.
- **Geoquip Marine Operations AG v (1) Tower Resources Cameroon SA; (2) Tower Resources Plc** [2022] EWHC 531 (Comm): trial concerning non-payment for offshore geotechnical investigation services. [2022] EWHC 1408 (Comm): judgment on consequential. [2021] EWHC 3456 (Comm): responding to an application to adjourn made on the first day of trial. See also [2023] EWCA Civ 304: successful appeal to the Court of Appeal on the question of whether standby charges were due under the contract.
- **Pisante & Ors v Logothetis & Ors** [2022] EWHC 2575 (Comm): 2-day consequential hearing following the Court's judgment at [2022] EWHC 161 (Comm). Hearing concerned the issue of relief consequent upon rescission for deceit and the application of *Henderson v Henderson*.
- **DD Classics Limited v Kent Chen** [2022] EWHC 1357 (Comm) and [2022] EWHC 1404 (Comm): successful summary judgment application regarding the sale of a Ferrari race car.
- **PetroSaudi Oil Services (Venezuela) Ltd v Clyde & Co** [2021] EWHC 444 (Ch), [2021] EWHC 747 (Ch): obtaining an order requiring a firm of solicitors and trustees to pay escrow monies of \$325m into Court pursuant to CPR 64.
- **Quadra Commodities SA & Ors v International Bank of St-Petersburg** [2021] EWHC 119 (Comm), [2021] EWHC 623 (Comm), [2021] EWHC 730 (Comm): successfully representing a Russian bank in applications for a peremptory order for non-payment of costs and for declaratory relief in respect of underlying arbitral proceedings.
- **ProSight Global Inc v (1) Randall & Quilter II Holdings Ltd; (2) Randall & Quilter Underwriting Management Holdings Limited** [2021] EWHC 228 (Comm): successfully obtaining summary judgment in respect of the proper construction of a best endeavours obligation to procure the release of Funds at Lloyd's.
- **Ferand Business Corporation & Ors v Maritime Investments Holdings Ltd & Ors** [2020] EWHC 2665 (Comm), [2021] EWHC 197 (Comm), [2021] EWHC 40 (Comm): successfully representing the claimant in a complex shareholder dispute concerning the management of a fleet of bulk carriers.

Jason is also a member of the Bar of the British Virgin Islands. He is presently instructed in a US\$230m civil fraud dispute before the BVI Commercial Court.

Jason is ranked as a leading junior by the legal directories for Commercial Dispute Resolution, Civil Fraud, Energy, Shipping & Commodities, Insurance & Reinsurance, and International Arbitration (counsel).

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“Very strong cross-examiner.” (Legal 500)

“Hard-wording and just really impressively clever.” (Chambers & Partners)

“He is quick to get to the nub of the issue and is a very persuasive advocate.” (Chambers & Partners)

Commercial Disputes

Jason accepts instructions in all areas of commercial law and has an extensive commercial practice which includes aviation, banking & finance, civil fraud, commodities, construction, energy, insurance, reinsurance, professional negligence, sanctions, shareholder & company disputes, shipping & admiralty and superyacht & supercar disputes.

He is recognised by the legal directories as a **“very strong cross-examiner”** (Legal 500) and **“a natural advocate”** (Legal 500). He is noted in particular for his **“comprehensive knowledge of the fraud landscape”** (Legal 500) and is described as an **“in-demand barrister whose civil fraud practice commands respect”** (Chambers & Partners). Before Jason took silk, he was a leading junior in commercial litigation and was described as **“one of the best juniors at the London Bar”** (Legal 500).

His recent experience includes:

- ***Sucden Financial Limited v (1) TMT Metals AG; (2) Prateek Gupta; (3) Mine Craft Limited*** [2024] EWHC 1051 (Comm): obtaining summary judgment for a commodities, futures and options trader, for debts due pursuant to the terms of a trading facility.
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the sale of a group of care homes.

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- ***Addax Energy SA v Petro Trade Inc*** [2022] EWHC 237 (Comm): successfully defending a jurisdiction challenge. Court confirms that a course of dealing does not need to be extensive or entirely consistent to incorporate terms, so long as it is sufficiently consistent.
- ***PetroSaudi Oil Services (Venezuela) Limited v Clyde & Co LLP*** [2021] EWHC 444 (Ch): Miles J refused to make an order requiring Clyde & Co to pay escrow monies of \$325m into Court on the grounds that transfer of the funds by Clyde & Co into Court would expose Clyde & Co to the risk of criminal and civil sanctions in the United States, consequent upon an *in rem* arrest warrant issued by the Californian District Court. [2021] EWHC 747 (Ch): Miles J later granted the order sought by PetroSaudi, after the *in rem* arrest warrant was recalled in the USA.
- ***(1) Quadra Commodities S.A.; (2) Ifchor (Switzerland) S.A.; (3) Amaggi S.A. v International Bank of St-Petersburg (in liquidation)*** [2021] EWHC 119 (Comm): Jason represented the successful respondent to an application for a peremptory order to bar the respondent from participating in a substantive application for declaratory relief unless and until it paid a £100,000 costs order.
- ***Ferand Business Corporation & Ors v Maritime Investments Holdings Ltd & Ors*** [2020] EWHC 2665 (Comm), [2021] EWHC 197 (Comm), [2021] EWHC 40 (Comm): substantively and procedurally complex dispute between shareholders and siblings concerning the management of a fleet of bulk carriers. Jason represented the successful Claimants, who were awarded indemnity costs.
- ***Alfred Schefenacker v Darko Horvat*** [2020] EWHC 506 (Ch): High Court confirmed its jurisdiction under the Brussels Recast Regulation to make a Part 71 order in respect of judgments issued by courts within the EU. Jason represented the successful respondent in a contested application to set aside the Part 71 order.

- **UNCITRAL Arbitration** (2017 – 2021): Jason was instructed in a 3-year UNCITRAL arbitration concerning an off-shore drilling dispute and the performance of a specialist drill ship under a 7-year charter. The claim was worth in excess of US\$2bn. Jason remains instructed with respect to ongoing proceedings in the High Court.
- **ICC Arbitration** (2020): Jason has been instructed by an EU member state in a claim, worth in excess of €5bn, concerning the construction of naval submarines.
- **Saab v Dangate Consulting Ltd & Ors** [2018] EWHC 546 (Comm), [2019] EWHC 1558 (Comm), [2020] EWHC 48 (Comm): long-running litigation concerning a breach of confidence claim on behalf of shareholders of a major bank against two ex-Scotland Yard police officers acting as private investigators. Jason represented the successful claimants.
- **Apache Beryl Ltd v Marathon Oil UK LLC** [2017] EWHC 2258 (Comm), [2017] EWHC 2462 (Comm), [2017] EWHC 2504 (Comm): acting for the Fortune 500 oil and gas conglomerate Apache Corporation, and its subsidiaries, in expedited proceedings in the Commercial Court. Jason was responsible for preparing a case for trial in 7 weeks that opponents estimated would require one year of preparation.
- **Financial Services Compensation Scheme Limited & Ors v Firstplus Financial Group Plc & Ors**: acting for FSCS in a multi-million pound group litigation claim arising out of the sale of PPI policies to thousands of consumers. Jason is accordingly familiar with the substantive and procedural issues that often arise with respect to group litigation orders.

Jason regularly appears in the Business and Property Courts and has extensive experience of making and responding to applications for urgent interim relief, including injunctions and Norwich Pharmacal orders, and other interlocutory relief. Examples include:

- **(1) JOL; (2) JW v JPM** [2023] EWHC 2486 (Comm): application under s.44(3) of the Arbitration Act 1996. Foxton J's judgment considers the scope of a tribunal's power under s.38(4) of the Act and the Court's powers under s.44 of the Act.
- **PetroSaudi Oil Services (Venezuela) Limited v Clyde & Co LLP** [2021] EWHC 747 (Ch): urgent application for an order requiring a firm of solicitors and trustees to pay escrow monies of \$325m into Court pursuant to CPR 64.
- **Alfred Schefenacker v Darko Horvat** [2020] EWHC 506 (Ch): successfully representing the respondent in a contested application to set aside a Part 71 order, during which the Court confirmed its jurisdiction under the Brussels Recast Regulation to make a Part 71 order in respect of judgments issued by courts within the EU.
- **Ocean Prefect Shipping Ltd v Dampskibsselskabet Norden AS** [2019] EWHC 3368 (Comm): urgent application concerning the admissibility of an MAIB report in arbitration.
- Applications in the Commercial Court for a freezing injunction, ancillary disclosure order and third-party disclosure

order in aid of the enforcement of an arbitral award.

- Obtaining a series of freezing injunctions and Norwich Pharmacal orders in the Chancery Division on behalf of a London firm of solicitors that had been the victim of fraud.
- Obtaining a series of freezing injunctions and Norwich Pharmacal orders in the Chancery Division on behalf of an international engineering, procurement and construction contractor that had been the victim of fraud.
- Obtaining a prohibitory injunction pursuant to section 44 of the Arbitration Act 1996 to restrain the respondent from taking steps to arrest the applicant's vessel in South America.
- Obtaining an order for security for costs pursuant to section 70(6) of the Arbitration Act 1996.
- Obtaining permanent freezing injunctions at the return date of a number of *ex parte* applications.

Energy & Natural Resources

Jason is recognised by the directories as a “**respected commercial litigator who has had involvement in a range of leading energy cases. He has acted for a number of prominent energy entities including major oil companies**” (Chambers & Partners).

Recent work includes:

- **Premier Oil UK Limited v Shell International Trading and Shipping Company Limited** [2023] EWHC 3269 (Comm): acting for the successful claimants in a dispute regarding the appointment and instruction of a contractual referee.
- **UNCITRAL Arbitration** (2022): US\$19m claim arising out of an alleged well control incident in the Douala Basin, Cameroon.
- **PetroSaudi Oil Services (Venezuela) Limited v Clyde & Co LLP** [2021] EWHC 444 (Ch), [2021] EWHC 747 (Ch): obtaining an order requiring a firm of solicitors and trustees to pay escrow monies of \$325m into Court pursuant to CPR 64. This followed a successful 3-year UNCITRAL arbitration in which Jason was instructed, where PetroSaudi was awarded over £379m.
- **Ad Hoc Arbitration** (2020): representing an oil major in a high-value dispute concerning the unsuccessful conversion of a combined sulphur/bitumen carrier which led to deflagrations onboard the vessel in Dublin.
- Representing the Apache Corporation, and its subsidiaries, in expedited Commercial Court proceedings which gave rise to numerous interim hearings: **Apache Beryl Ltd v Marathon Oil UK LLC** [2017] EWHC 2258 (Comm) (order for an expedited trial made by Mr Justice Males), [2017] EWHC 2462 (Comm) (Sir Jeremy Cooke granted permission to amend

pleadings 2 weeks before expedited trial, considering *CIP Properties* [2015] EWHC 1345 (TCC), [2017] EWHC 2504 (Comm)).

- Instructed to represent an international company specialising in offshore oil and gas exploration in a UNCITRAL arbitration (Paris seat) in a claim worth in excess of US\$ 2bn.

Jason has particular experience in advising those with interests in the North Sea, including oil majors, on the meaning and effect of long-term supply agreements.

Shipping & International Trade

Jason specialises in a wide variety of shipping and international trade matters. He is “**regularly instructed by leading shipping solicitors and P&I clubs to handle high-value cases.**” (Chambers & Partners). The directories in this field describe him as “**an absolute star**” (Legal 500), “**a strong advocate**” (Legal 500), and “**completely unflappable, excellent on his feet, confident and assured**” (Chambers & Partners).

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- *Viking Trading OU v Louis Dreyfus Company Suisse SA* [2023] EWHC 2160 (Comm): guidance given by Bright J as to when and how respondents to an application for permission to appeal under s.69 of the Arbitration Act 1996 should apply for their costs in the event that the application is not granted.
- *Geoquip Marine Operations AG v (1) Tower Resources Cameroon SA; (2) Tower Resources Plc* [2022] EWHC 531 (Comm): trial concerning non-payment for offshore geotechnical investigation services. [2022] EWHC 1408 (Comm): judgment on consequential. [2021] EWHC 3456 (Comm): responding to an application to adjourn made on the first day

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- **Alianca Navegacao e Logistica Ltda v Ameropa SA (M/V "SANTA ISABELLA")** [2019] EWHC 3152 (Comm): 5-day trial concerning a claim for demurrage raising issues of deviation, the Article III rule 2 Hague-Visby obligation regarding ventilation, speed and performance, and quarantine.
- **UNCITRAL Arbitration** (2017 - 2021): Jason was instructed in a 3-year UNCITRAL arbitration concerning an off-shore drilling dispute and the performance of a specialist drill ship under a 7-year charter. The claim was worth in excess of US\$2bn.
- **LMAA Arbitration** (2019): a two-week LMAA arbitration for an oil major concerning the unsuccessful conversion of a combined sulphur/bitumen carrier which led to deflagrations onboard the vessel in Dublin.
- **LMAA Arbitration** (2017): acting for buyers of a unique off-shore crane vessel in a claim for non-delivery worth hundreds of millions of dollars.
- **LMAA Arbitration** (2015): represented owners in a 5-day arbitration concerning cargo hold damage caused by a dangerous cargo. The case raised issues of seaworthiness and the scope of the implied indemnity.
- **Marine Services (Grimsby) Limited v. Associated British Ports** [2014] EWHC 4254 (Admlty): application for pre-action disclosure in the Admiralty Court.

Jason regularly advises on issues arising out of shipping, salvage and international trade contracts. Recent examples include advices on cargo liens, liens over sub-freight, the operation of SCOPIC clauses, unsafe port claims, general average

and claims concerning dangerous cargo.

Jason has acted as an expert on English law in foreign courts, including in a case before the High Court of Singapore, and in another before several courts in France.

Shipbuilding & Superyachts

Jason receives regular instructions to represent shipyards and buyers in respect to disputes arising out of the construction of commercial vessels and luxury superyachts. Such disputes typically concern construction defects and complex expert evidence. Jason is also regularly instructed with respect to disputes arising from the chartering of superyachts, by both owners and charterers. According to the directories, Jason is “**well known for representing clients in superyacht and shipbuilding cases**” (Chambers & Partners).

Recent work includes:

- An ongoing LMAA arbitration concerning the non-completion of a luxury superyacht worth €63m.
- An ongoing LMAA arbitration concerning the build of a luxury 50m superyacht worth €35m.
- An ongoing LMAA arbitration concerning a defective engine system and deck mist system onboard one of the largest charter superyachts in the world.
- An ongoing LMAA arbitration concerning the defective design and construction of a 53m superyacht worth €26m. The case involves highly technical expert evidence.
- A two-week LMAA arbitration concerning the non-delivery and specification of a luxury superyacht. The case included issues of critical path analysis, stability and seaworthiness.
- Acting for owners of a superyacht in an LMAA arbitration brought by a celebrity charterer with respect to a dispute about licensing restrictions.
- Acting for a celebrity charterer with respect to a dispute that arose after a summer charter of a superyacht.
- Acting for buyers of a unique offshore crane vessel in a defects claim worth hundreds of millions.

Jason also advises buyers of luxury superyachts at a pre-contractual stage, to assist in the review and amendment of draft yacht construction agreements. A recent example is advising the buyer of a €20m superyacht to be built by a well-known Italian shipyard. He accordingly has an in-depth understanding of the standard form of a wide range of shipyard superyacht contracts.

Insurance & Reinsurance

Jason is a leading insurance practitioner. He is regularly instructed to appear in Court and arbitration (including Bermuda Form) to represent both assured and insurers. He is recognised by the directories as “**an excellent advocate**”, an “**excellent all-rounder for difficult insurance questions**”, and “**all over the detail of technical insurance points**” (Legal 500).

A lot of Jason’s work in this area takes place in confidential arbitration. Current and recent work includes:

- **Bailey & Ors v GlaxoSmithKline UK Limited -and- Brit UW Limited** [2025] EWHC 186 (KB): *acting successfully for Brit, to resist an application for an extension of time, brought 3 years out of time, to proceed with a non-party costs order application.*
- **Russian aviation matters**: representing aviation hull all-risks insurers in the Russian aviation 46-day “mega-trial” of 2024-2025, in respect of billion-dollar disputes regarding the alleged loss of aircraft following the Russian invasion of Ukraine.
- **Ad Hoc Arbitration** (2024-2025): representing insureds in a multi-million-dollar all risks dispute following the failure of net pens in Washington.
- Representing brokers in multi-million-pound negligence dispute.
- Representing professional indemnity insurers in a claim regarding the enforcement of RIN (Renewable Identification Number) legislation by the US Environmental Protection Agency.
- **Ad Hoc Arbitration** (2023): US\$10m claim under an all-risks policy arising out of loss and damage caused to an aquafarming facility.
- **UNCITRAL Arbitration** (2022): US\$19m claim arising out of an alleged well control incident in the Douala Basin, Cameroon.
- **ProSight Global Inc v (1) Randall & Quilter II Holdings Limited; (2) Randall & Quilter Underwriting Management Holdings Limited** [2021] EWHC 228 (Comm): a successful application for summary judgment, concerning the proper construction of a best endeavours obligation to procure the release of Funds at Lloyd’s.
- **Bermuda Form Arbitration** (2020 - 2021): acting for an insurer in a coverage claim brought by a religious organisation, worth \$34m.
- **Ad Hoc Arbitration** (2019): representing a major insurer in a 2-week arbitration against a FTSE 100 medical device manufacturer in a \$50m coverage claim under an excess layer policy containing Bermuda Form wording.

Jason also regularly acts and advises on marine insurance disputes and has recently advised an assured mortgagee of a

vessel as to whether a notice of abandonment is required where a claim for constructive total loss is made under a Mortgagees Interest Insurance (MII) policy.

Jason has advised a wide range of interests in respect of insurance and reinsurance issues arising out of COVID-19, including the proper construction of business interruption wording (with and without a physical damage proviso), aggregation, “hours limit” clauses, causation (*Orient Express* etc.) and quantum. Ongoing work also includes advising with respect to trade credit insurance policies and D&O insurance.

Construction, Engineering & Infrastructure

Jason’s work in this area involves both domestic and offshore construction projects, and he was recently instructed to advise with respect to a number of high-value claims concerning an offshore oil rig. He is also regularly instructed to advise parties during the course of ongoing projects, which often include a host of professional negligence issues.

Recent arbitral work includes:

- Acting in a multi-million pound property construction dispute on JCT terms.
- Acting in a multi-million dollar ICC dispute arising out of the construction of the South Stream pipeline project.

Jason’s insurance practice often overlaps with construction work and he has advised on a number of “construction all risks” policies. He is currently instructed by a group of contractors in an £80m dispute with a major insurer in respect of primary and excess layers of professional indemnity insurance policies. The underlying dispute concerns alleged building defects discovered following investigations prompted by the Grenfell fire.

Financial Services

Financial services is a rapidly expanding area of Jason’s practice and he was recently instructed by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme in a multi-million-pound claim against a number of financial institutions arising out of the sale of PPI policies to thousands of consumers. Jason also regularly advises in this area and recent work includes a number of cases concerning the mis-selling of interest rate hedging products.

Aviation

Jason regularly accepts instructions in the field of aviation. Recent work includes acting for a private luxury charter company in respect of breach of aircraft lease agreements and non-payment of security deposits under aircraft sale contracts, and advising a cargo airline in a professional negligence claim. Jason also has recent experience with cases concerning the carriage of goods by air.

Professional Negligence

Jason regularly acts in professional negligence cases. Recent work includes ***Saab v Dangate Consulting Ltd & Ors*** [2020] EWHC 48 (Comm), [2019] EWHC 2602 (Comm), [2019] EWHC 1558 (Comm), [2018] EWHC 546 (Comm), where he represented shareholders of a bank in a breach of confidentiality claim against ex-Scotland Yard private investigators. Other work includes acting for the claimant against a firm of accountants and tax advisers with respect to negligent advice to invest in supposedly tax-efficient film investment schemes, and advising a cargo airline in a professional negligence claim (concerning both solicitor and barrister negligence).

Company & Insolvency

Jason regularly advises on company and insolvency matters, as well as shareholder disputes, and recent work includes:

- ***Ferand Business Corporation & Ors v Maritime Investments Holdings Ltd & Ors*** [2020] EWHC 2665 (Comm), [2021] EWHC 197 (Comm), [2021] EWHC 40 (Comm): substantively and procedurally complex dispute between shareholders and siblings concerning the management of a fleet of bulk carriers. Jason represented the successful Claimants, who were awarded indemnity costs (led by David Allen QC).
- Acting for shareholders in response to an unfair prejudice petition.
- Acting for sellers of a large chain of food outlets to recover sums due under certain loan notes valued at around £1.5m after the buyers issued stop notices.
- Advising on the merits of a misfeasance action against a liquidator and former directors of a well-known company.

Arbitration

Many of Jason's cases take place in arbitration, pursuant to institutional rules or on an *ad hoc* basis. According to the legal directories, Jason is "**recognised for his prowess in international arbitration**", where he "**has cultivated a deep expertise**" in all areas of commercial work (Chambers & Partners). Jason is also regularly instructed to apply to Court for supervisory relief in aid of arbitration. Whilst arbitral references are confidential, his notable recent experience includes:

- **UNCITRAL Arbitration (multi-year)**: US\$2.5bn offshore drilling dispute, resolved pursuant to Venezuelan law.
- **Ad Hoc Arbitration (multi-year)**: luxury superyacht dispute worth €63m.
- **Ad Hoc Arbitration (2024-2025)**: multi-million dollar dispute concerning the failure of net pens in Washington.
- **(1) JOL; (2) JW v JPM** [2023] EWHC 2486 (Comm): s.44(3) application in which Foxton J considered the scope of a tribunal's power under s.38(4) of the Arbitration Act 1996.
- **UNCITRAL Arbitration (2022)**: US\$19m claim arising out of an alleged well control incident in the Douala Basin, Cameroon.

- **Quadra Commodities SA & Ors v International Bank of St-Petersburg** [2021] EWHC 119 (Comm), [2021] EWHC 623 (Comm), [2021] EWHC 730 (Comm): successfully representing a Russian bank in applications for a peremptory order for non-payment of costs and for declaratory relief in respect of underlying arbitral proceedings.
- **Ad Hoc Arbitration (2020)**: high-value dispute after deflagrations onboard a combined sulphur/bitumen carrier in Dublin.
- **ICC Arbitration (2020)**: instructed by EU member state in a US\$5bn claim concerning the construction of naval submarines.

Jason is also appointed regularly as an arbitrator, in all manner of commercial disputes, whether as part of an institutional reference or ad hoc arbitration. He has recent experience of acting as sole arbitrator and as part of an arbitral panel.

Reported Cases

- **Bailey & Ors v GlaxoSmithKline UK Limited -and- Brit UW Limited** [2025] EWHC 186 (KB)
- **Sucden Financial Limited v (1) TMT Metals AG; (2) Prateek Gupta; (3) Mine Craft Limited** [2024] EWHC 1051 (Comm)
- **Sub 20 Ltd v Royalton Investment Ltd & Ors** [2024] EWHC 907 (Comm)
- **Eurobank S.A. v Momentum Maritime S.A. & Ors** [2024] EWHC 210 (Comm)
- **(1) JOL; (2) JWJ v JPM** [2023] EWHC 2486 (Comm)
- **Viking Trading OU v Louis Dreyfus Company Suisse SA** [2023] EWHC 2160 (Comm)
- **Addax Energy SA v Petro Trade Inc** [2023] EWHC 1609 (Comm)
- **Care Tree Invest 2 Ltd v Bell** [2023] EWHC 1151 (Comm)
- **Geoquip Marine Operations AG v (1) Tower Resources Cameroon SA; (2) Tower Resources Plc** [2023] EWCA Civ 304
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- ***Quadra Commodities SA & Ors v International Bank of St-Petersburg*** [2021] EWHC 119 (Comm), [2021] EWHC 623 (Comm), [2021] EWHC 730 (Comm)
- ***ProSight Global Inc v (1) Randall & Quilter II Holdings Ltd; (2) Randall & Quilter Underwriting Management Holdings Limited*** [2021] EWHC 228 (Comm)
- ***Geoquip Marine Operations AG v (1) Tower Resources Cameroon SA; (2) Tower Resources Plc*** [2021] EWHC 3456 (Comm)
- ***Ferand Business Corporation & Ors v Maritime Investments Holdings Ltd & Ors*** [2020] EWHC 2665 (Comm), [2021] EWHC 197 (Comm), [2021] EWHC 40 (Comm)
- ***Alfred Schefenacker v Darko Horvat*** [2020] EWHC 506 (Ch)
- ***Saab v Dangate Consulting Ltd & Ors*** [2018] EWHC 546 (Comm), [2019] EWHC 1558 (Comm), [2020] EWHC 48 (Comm)
- ***Ocean Prefect Shipping Ltd v Dampskibsselskabet Norden AS*** [2019] EWHC 3368 (Comm)
- ***Alianca Navegacao e Logistica Ltda v Ameropa SA (M/V "SANTA ISABELLA")*** [2019] EWHC 3152 (Comm)
- ***Apache Beryl Ltd v Marathon Oil UK LLC*** [2017] EWHC 2258 (Comm), [2017] EWHC 2462 (Comm), [2017] EWHC 2504 (Comm)
- ***Marine Services (Grimsby) Limited v. Associated British Ports*** [2014] EWHC 4254 (Admlty)

Education

2010: B.A. Law (Double First Class), University of Cambridge (Fitzwilliam College)

2011: BCL (Distinction), University of Oxford (St Anne's College)

2012: BPTC, BPP University

Awards

The Baroness Ruth Deech Prize (2012) (St Anne's College, Oxford)

BCL: Monckton Chambers Prize in Competition Law (top of the year in Competition Law) (2011)

St Anne's College Award - BCL (2011)

Queen Mother Scholarship (Middle Temple) (2010)

Houston Putnam Lowry Prize (Fitzwilliam) (2010)

1912 Senior Scholarship (Fitzwilliam) (2010)

James William Squire Scholarship (Faculty of Law, Cambridge) (2009)

Whitlock Prize (Fitzwilliam) (2009)

Reddaway Scholarship (Fitzwilliam) (2008 & 2009)

Rebecca Flower Squire Scholarship (Faculty of Law, Cambridge) (2008)

Sir John Stratton Scholarship (Fitzwilliam) (2008)

Academic

2011 - 2012: Supervisor in Administrative Law (University of Cambridge: Trinity Hall College and Homerton College).

2013 - 2014: Taught the International Trade module on the BPTC at BPP University.

Memberships

COMBAR

London Shipping Law Centre

ICC Young Arbitrators Forum

Young Maritime Professionals

General Information

Publications

Book Chapters

Jason Robinson, 'Damages for Repudiation of Voyage Charters: Lessons Learned from The MTM Hong Kong' in Baris Soyer and Andrew Tettenborn (eds), *Charterparties: Law, Practice and Emerging Legal Issues* (Informa Law from Routledge, 2018)

Articles

Jason Robinson, 'Contempt of Court, the Internet and Social Media: "Don't Go There"' [2011] 1 *Durham Law Review* 134

Personal

Jason played Chess at an international level for Wales from a young age and competed regularly for his country for around 10 years. He also represented his college and University during his undergraduate degree.

Directories

"Jason Robinson is excellent to work with. He is able to deal with complex legal issues, and has outstanding commercial awareness and strong advocacy." - *Shipping and Commodities, Chambers UK Bar 2025*

"Jason is an exceptional junior. He is totally dedicated to the cause and delivers an excellent work product. His written work is always outstanding." - *Shipping and Commodities, Chambers UK Bar 2025*

"Jason is a great senior junior who works incredibly hard. He is well respected by judges, and is great orally and on paper. He is dependable." - Shipping and Commodities, Chambers UK Bar 2025

"Jason is the sort of junior that doesn't need to be led. He's independently capable and happy to take the lead on the thinking. There's no pomposity. He's my go-to junior." - International Arbitration: General Commercial & Insurance, Chamber UK Bar 2025

"Jason is exceptional - he's the hardest-working person I know. He's totally dedicated to the cause and to delivering an excellent work product for his clients." - International Arbitration: General Commercial & Insurance, Chamber UK Bar 2025

"Jason is extremely easy to work with. He has a very good eye for detail and good commercial awareness." - International Arbitration: General Commercial & Insurance, Chamber UK Bar 2025

"Jason has an incredible work ethic. He punches above his weight." - International Arbitration: General Commercial & Insurance, Chamber UK Bar 2025

"Jason Robinson is the hardest working person I know and he delivers excellent work product." - Energy & Natural Resources, Chamber UK Bar 2025

"Jason is extremely responsive and solution-focused." - Energy & Natural Resources, Chamber UK Bar 2025

"Jason has exceptional intelligence and attention to detail." - Energy & Natural Resources, Chamber UK Bar 2025

"Jason's written work product is always outstanding; he always cuts through to the point straight away." - Commercial Dispute Resolution, Chamber UK Bar 2025

"Very user-friendly and practical, Jason is a very good junior who can lead cases on his own." - Commercial Dispute Resolution, Chamber UK Bar 2025

"He is very user-friendly and practical. He's good on his feet, he manages cases seamlessly, and his written work is crisp and delivered immediately." - Fraud: Civil, Chamber UK Bar 2025

"Jason is very smart and hard-working." - Fraud: Civil, Chamber UK Bar 2025

'Jason is an excellent advocate. He is all over the detail of technical insurance points but never loses sight of the wood for the trees. As a result, he is a focused advocate and his paperwork is very user-friendly and pragmatic. He is an excellent all-rounder for difficult insurance questions.' - Insurance and Reinsurance, Legal 500 2025

'Jason is a first-rate barrister, with an unrivalled work ethic. His written advocacy is always succinct, polished, and cuts to the heart of the matter. His written work is simply fantastic, and often turned around in tight timescales.' - International Arbitration: Counsel, Legal 500 2025

'Jason is a strong advocate, he quickly identifies the relevant points, he is able to explain complex matters and law in a comprehensible way and is very commercially minded. He provides particularly strong advice on contractual disputes.' - Shipping, Legal 500 2025

'Jason is very responsive, bright, pragmatic, and always prepared to work with you to develop a point.' - Energy, Legal 500 2025

'Jason is an excellent advocate. He clearly distils the most complicated subject matter into clear, comprehensive submissions. He is very user-friendly and takes a pragmatic, commercial approach - and produces excellent paperwork at a speed unmatched at the London Bar.' - Commercial Litigation, Legal 500 2025

'His comprehensive knowledge of the fraud landscape is coupled with a pragmatic, results-focused approach.' - Fraud: Civil, Legal 500 2024

"Very strong cross-examiner. One of the best juniors at the London Bar." - Fraud: Civil, Legal 500 2024

"He is an absolute star." - Shipping, Legal 500 2024

"Easy to work with and very good on paper, Jason is increasingly popular and his advocacy is very authoritative for someone of his call." - Energy, Legal 500 2024

"He is very bright- a good communicator who listens well, and is very patient and clear with the client. His analysis of issues is excellent and his case strategy is clever." - Commercial Litigation, Legal 500 2024

"Jason is incredibly responsive, gets familiarised with matters incredibly quickly and is able to understand the client's goals." "Jason is very user-friendly, robust and commercial." - Shipping & Commodities, Chambers UK Bar 2024

'Outstandingly capable and grasps the issues extremely quickly. Jason produces excellent work product with exceptional turnaround time.'" - Insurance and Reinsurance, Legal 500 2024

"Jason is outstandingly capable and grasps the issues extremely quickly.. A very assured, polished advocate who conducts his own cases without a leader, which is relatively rare for a junior in these areas. A pleasure to work with and always extremely responsive and helpful." - International Arbitration: Counsel, Legal 500 2024

"He's very impressive. You have to watch yourself on the other side because he's smart." "Jason Robinson is incredibly hard-working, efficient and proactive. He exceeds expectations." - Energy & Natural Resources, Chambers UK Bar 2024

"An extremely smart barrister, who cuts through stuff well and digests material quickly. There's no waffle with him - he's sharp and straight to the point." "Jason has an eye for the detail." - Commercial Dispute Resolution, Chambers UK Bar 2024

"He is absolutely excellent, ruthlessly efficient and turns beautifully crafted work around incredibly quickly." - Chambers & Partners 2023

"He is quick to get to the nub of the issue and is a very persuasive advocate." - Chambers & Partners 2023

"He gets to the points immediately and is unflappable in high-pressure hearings." - Chambers & Partners 2023

"Jason's ability to grasp the complexity of any matter within a few hours is unbelievable." - Chambers & Partners 2023

"Jason is an excellent barrister, who is incredibly user-friendly." - Chambers & Partners 2023

"Jason is able to distil the most complex of matters into manageable pieces. He is also responsive and personable." - Chambers & Partners 2023

"He is a real team player." - Chambers & Partners 2023

"An incredibly collaborative and bright barrister." - Chambers & Partners 2023

"Jason is a natural advocate, both on paper and orally. His written advocacy always demonstrates a total mastery of the facts and issues, even in the heaviest of disputes. His work ethic is relentless and he is always a pleasure to deal with. He has a no-nonsense attitude that always cuts to the heart of the matter while maintaining a sharp wit and engaging manner." - Legal 500 2023

"Jason is persuasive, smooth and effective on his feet; he skilfully picks apart his opponent's case and makes winning look easy. Jason is a pleasure to work with; he is smart, responsive and produces high quality written work." - Legal 500 2023

"Extremely intelligent and able to quickly grasp and assess the issues at hand, he delivers excellent written advocacy." - Legal 500 2023

“Able to deal with complex issues in a straightforward way. Grasps the problems quickly and has a fast turnaround. Very commercially minded.” - [Legal 500 2023](#)

“Extremely clever. Gets on top of the material quickly and identifies the issues. Superb written work. Very impressive and forensic cross-examiner.” - [Legal 500 2022](#)

“Hardworking, with good attention to detail, he is a good team player who provides forensic analysis of law and facts.” - [Legal 500 2022](#)

“Responsive, direct, and to the point. Jason is also tenacious, which is particularly important in commercial litigation which often takes years and involves a lot being thrown at you.” - [Legal 500 2022](#)

“He is very user-friendly, unflappable and very calm under pressure.” - [Chambers & Partners 2022](#)

“He works very hard and is meticulous and detailed.” - [Chambers & Partners 2022](#)

“Jason is completely unflappable, excellent on his feet, confident and assured. He is really effective.” - [Chambers & Partners 2022](#)

“Jason is responsive and very pleasant to deal with.” - [Chambers & Partners 2022](#)

“Highly knowledgeable, effective and easy to deal with.” - [Chambers & Partners 2022](#)

“Extremely clever and analytical.” - [Legal 500 2021](#)

“Hard-working and just really impressively clever, he provides a work product that is exceptionally user friendly.” - [Chambers & Partners 2021](#)

“Impresses with how hard he works and his grasp of the technical and legal arguments in a case.” - [Chambers & Partners 2021](#)

“Very shrewd, very responsive and extremely user-friendly.” - [Chambers & Partners 2021](#)

“He boils things down so they are really easy to understand.” - [Chambers & Partners 2021](#)

“Hard-working, responsive and user-friendly.” - [Chambers & Partners 2020](#)

“One to watch, he’s very bright and picks everything up quickly.” - [Chambers & Partners 2020](#)