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Jonathan is recognised as a leading junior and has a broad practice encompassing the range of Chambers' work with a particular focus on police law, public / administrative law, employment law, inquests and public inquires.

Jonathan's clients include police forces, public bodies and coroners. Clients commend the way he conducts his cases and greatly value Jonathan's approach: "*Extremely thorough and willing to work as part of a team*" (Legal 500). Recent high profile cases include the **Grenfell Tower Inquiry**, the **Tunisia Inquests** and the **Independent Inquiry into Child Sex Abuse**.

Jonathan is a member of the Attorney General's B Panel of Counsel.

Recommendations

"He's hard-working, bright and acts completely appropriately in terms of asking questions that best protect his client." (Inquests and Public Inquiries)
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A strong advocate both in court and in his drafting skills. He is quickly developing his specialism in police overtime claims. He is helpful and quick to respond to issues at all times." "Has a very intellectual and academic style and is a pleasure to work with." (Police Law)
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"He is quick on his feet and puts witnesses at ease." (Police Law)
Legal 500 2020

"He is able to articulate tricky advice clearly to clients. He is authoritative and knows what he is talking about." (Police Law)
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'Instructed by forces on high-profile issues.' (Police Law - Defendant)
Legal 500 2019

"He has a very good manner with both corporate and lay clients." (Police Law)
Chambers UK 2018

"Extremely thorough and willing to work as part of a team" (Police Law - Defendant)
Legal 500 2017

"He has a good manner and deals with challenging issues very well." (Police Law)
Chambers UK 2017

“He is very hard-working.” (Police Law)
Chambers UK 2016

“An excellent trial advocate with comprehensive knowledge of police law and experience of handling inquiries, inquests and employment law matters.” (Police Law)
Chambers UK 2015

“His personal injury expertise is particularly useful in negligence and assault claims against the police.” (Police Law)
Chambers UK 2015

Police Law

Jonathan acts on behalf of constabularies across the country in cases touching upon all aspects of police law. Recent and current cases include civil actions (including claims for misfeasance, wrongful arrest and false imprisonment, personal injury and employment claims), judicial reviews, inquests and inquiries.

Jonathan has considerable experience in advising chief officers on policy and operational matters providing timely, practical advice often in high-profile, sensitive and complex cases (including Operations Yewtree and Weeting). He has a particular interest and experience in cases touching upon matters of national security, having acted in cases concerning Closed Material Procedures and appeals to the Security Vetting and Appeals Panel (SVAP).

Recent or significant cases include:

Various Claimants v. Various Chief Officers: acting on behalf of various police forces in claims for overtime payments arising from the decision in ***Allard v. Chief Constable of Devon & Cornwall Constabulary*** [2015] EWCA Civ 42.

News Group Newspapers Ltd; Newton Dunn et al v. Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis [2015] UKIPTrib 14_176-H and [2016] UKIPTrib 14_176-H: acted on behalf of the respondent in four complaints to the Investigatory Powers Tribunal by the publisher of The Sun Newspaper, its Political Editor (Tom Newton Dunn), Chief Political Correspondent (Craig Woodhouse) and journalist (Anthony France). The complaints arose from the MPS investigation into ‘Plebgate’.

News UK and Ireland Ltd v. Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis: instructed by the defendant in proceedings issued in the Chancery Division for the return of evidence obtained by the MPS during its ‘phone hacking’ investigations.

R (L) v. Chief Constable of Kent Police [2014] EWHC 463 (Admin): judicial review concerning Enhanced Criminal Record Certificates.

Various Claimants v. News Group Newspapers Ltd. and Others ([2012] EWHC 2692 (Ch); [2013] EWHC 2119 (Ch) and others): instructed on behalf of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis in relation to various aspects of the MPS’ investigations into ‘phone hacking’ including the civil claims brought by hundreds of individuals against the publishers of the News of the World, The Sun and the Sunday Mirror newspapers.

Public / Administrative

Jonathan has a busy public and administrative law practice in which he acts on behalf of public authorities in cases

in the High Court and County Court. He has a particular interest and experience in cases touching upon matters of national security, having acted in cases concerning Closed Material Procedures and appeals to the Security Vetting and Appeals Panel (SVAP).

Recent or significant cases include:

P v. (1) Parole Board; (2) Ministry of Justice: instructed on behalf of the Parole Board in a claim alleging breaches of article 5 of the ECHR and the Equality Act 2010.

R (Heinonen & Sawko) v. Coroner for Inner South District, Greater London [2017] EWHC 1803 (Admin): acted on behalf of the Coroner in a judicial review of a decision not to order further investigations into a death.

R (Birks) v. Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis [2015] ICR 204: instructed on behalf of the MPS in a judicial review challenging the suspension of an officer and thereby preventing his retirement.

London Borough of Southwark v. Persons Unknown: instructed on behalf of the London Borough of Southwark Borough in various applications for possession orders.

R (L) v. Chief Constable of Kent Police [2014] EWHC 463 (Admin): judicial review concerning Enhanced Criminal Record Certificates.

Inquests

Jonathan is regularly instructed on behalf of public bodies, organisations and bereaved families in inquests. He also acts on behalf of Coroners. Having acted for the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis in the Inquests into the London Bombings of 7 July 2005. The St John Ambulance in the Inquests into the deaths arising from the Hillsborough Stadium disaster and the Coroner in The Tunisia Inquests. Jonathan regularly appears on behalf of the Ministry of Justice in contentious Article 2 inquests arising from deaths in custody.

Recent or significant cases include:

Inquest touching the death of Keith Abbott: instructed on behalf of HM Senior Coroner for Cumbria as Counsel to the Inquest in a two-week inquest before a jury. Mr Abbott died following a serious sexual assault whilst detained at HMP Haverigg.

Inquest touching the death of Osvaldas Pagirys: three-week Article 2 inquest concerning the self-inflicted death of a prisoner at HMP Wandsworth. Instructed on behalf of the Ministry of Justice.

The Tunisia Inquests: instructed on behalf of the Coroner, HHJ Nicholas Loraine-Smith as Counsel to the Inquests in the inquests concerning the deaths of 30 British nationals who were killed in an attack in Sousse, Tunisia on 26th June 2015 (led by Samantha Leek QC).

R (Heinonen & Sawko) v. Coroner for Inner South District, Greater London [2017] EWHC 1803 (Admin): acted on behalf of the Coroner in a judicial review of a decision not to order further investigations into a death.

Inquest touching the death of Jonathan Zucker: instructed on behalf of the family of Mr Zucker, the well-known author.

Inquest touching the death of Daniel Dunkley: acted on behalf of the Ministry of Justice in one of a number of inquests concerning deaths at HMP Woodhill.

Inquests into the deaths arising from the Hillsborough Stadium disaster: instructed by the St John Ambulance (led by Anne Studd QC).

Inquest into the death of Dr Abbas Khan: instructed as junior counsel to HM Chief Coroner (led by Samantha Leek QC) in the inquest arising from the death of a British doctor detained in Syria.

Public Inquiries

Jonathan has a growing practice in public inquiries, instructed by a range of organisations. He is currently instructed in three public inquiries.

Recent or significant cases include:

The Grenfell Tower Inquiry (ongoing): acting on behalf of the Home Office (with Robert Harland, led by Cathryn McGahey QC) in the public inquiry arising from the Grenfell Tower fire.

Independent Inquiry into Child Sex Abuse (IICSA) (ongoing): instructed on behalf of the Metropolitan Police Service (led by Jason Beer QC). The MPS is a core participant in six of the Inquiry's investigations: (i) Children in the care of Lambeth Council; (ii) Accountability and Reparations; (iii) the Roman Catholic Church; (iv) Westminster; (v) the Internet; and (vi) Children in Custodial Institutions.

The Anthony Grainger Inquiry (ongoing): instructed on behalf of the National Crime Agency (led by Fiona Barton QC) in the public inquiry (formerly an inquest) concerning the death of Anthony Grainger who was shot and killed by an armed Greater Manchester Police officer in Culcheth, Cheshire on 3rd March 2012.

Employment

Jonathan has broad experience in a range of employment matters including unfair dismissal, breach of contract, discrimination, redundancy and TUPE. He acts on behalf of both claimants and respondents in employment tribunals, county courts and the Employment Appeal Tribunal. Before joining the Bar Jonathan advised at the Citizens' Advice Bureau offering a particular focus on employment disputes.

Recent cases include:

C v. Ministry of Defence: ongoing case in which the Claimant alleges disability discrimination and victimisation.

P v. Home Office: ongoing case concerning allegations of race discrimination.

Personal Injury

Jonathan has extensive experience advising upon a broad range of personal injury matters including employers' and occupiers' liability, slipping and tripping, manual handling and RTA claims. He regularly appears in the High Court and county court on such matters acting for both claimants and defendants. He has particular experience in claims involving complex disclosure issues, especially pre-action third party disclosure applications (Norwich Pharmacal disclosure), having appeared in such cases on behalf of numerous police forces, government departments and the Crown Prosecution Service.

Recent or significant cases include:

TPKN v. Ministry of Defence: instructed on behalf of the Ministry of Defence in a claim alleging vicarious liability for the alleged sexual assault of the Claimant.

R v. Ministry of Justice: acting in a claim valued in excess of £250,000 by prison Governor arising from an assault at work.

C v. Ministry of Defence: acting in a clinical negligence claim arising from injuries sustained during pre-deployment training and subsequent medical treatment.

Regulatory

Jonathan is regularly instructed at all stages of discipline matters involving the police from the initial stages of advising the appropriate authority and drafting allegations, to appearing at misconduct and performance hearings themselves and in appeals before the Police Appeals Tribunal.

He has considerable experience of acting for Home Office police forces and the Ministry of Defence Police and has lectured widely on the relevant governing regulations as part of 5 Essex Court's NPIA-approved lecturing team.

Information Law

Much of Jonathan's practice concerns the management and handling of information – including sensitive information. He regularly advises a wide range of clients on information law and data protection matters with a particular focus on the GDPR, the Data Protection Acts, the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 and the Investigatory Powers Act 2016.

Recent cases in the First-Tier and Upper Tribunals include challenges under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to the decisions of government departments and the Information Commissioner.

Healthcare

Jonathan has appeared in numerous inquests for a range of interested persons in which the central issues have included the appropriateness of clinical treatment, the prescription and administration of medication and the timeliness and effectiveness of resuscitation attempts. These inquests have arisen principally in the context of custodial institutions (prisons and young offender institutions) but also include private care homes and psychiatric hospitals.

Within the past 12 months, Jonathan has appeared in inquests and has advised in respect of criminal investigations, NMC investigations and civil proceedings in three cases in which residents in care homes have died. The central issues in all three cases concern the appropriateness of clinical, pharmacological and palliative care. Jonathan is regularly instructed in personal injury cases in which complex medical issues arise. He is currently acting for the Ministry of Defence in a high-value claim in which it is alleged that the patient was not provided with sufficient *Montgomery* options. Jonathan has extensive experience questioning and advising upon the expert evidence of pathologists, psychiatrists and clinicians.

Court of Protection

Jonathan's areas of expertise in Court of Protection include:

Capacity
Deprivation of liberty
Best interests decisions
Deputyship matters
Lasting Powers of Attorney and Enduring Powers of Attorney
Medical treatment
Welfare matters including contact, residence and care decisions
Forced marriage
Safeguarding of vulnerable adults