

**Background:**

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

Jonathan was appointed to the Attorney General's B Panel of Counsel in June 2017 (having previously been on the C Panel 2013 - 2017).



JONATHAN DIXEY

**Practice Areas**

POLICE LAW  
INQUESTS / INQUIRIES  
PUBLIC LAW  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW  
EMPLOYMENT LAW  
PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE  
LICENSING LAW  
PERSONAL INJURY LAW

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"Extremely thorough and willing to work as part of a team" *Police Law (Defendant) The 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 personal injury and employment claims, claims for misfeasance, wrongful arrest and false imprisonment), judicial reviews and inquests.

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. 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 and ongoing cases include:

*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* (2014 ongoing): 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.

*Re Operation Yewtree* (2013): advice in respect of the MPS' investigations of allegations of historical sexual abuse.

*Re Operation Weeting* (2011 ongoing): advice in respect of the MPS' investigations into 'phone hacking', including *Operations Elveden* and *Tuleta*.

### **Inquests / Inquiries**

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 and ongoing cases include:

[The Tunisia Inquests](#) (concerning the deaths of 30 British nationals who were killed in an attack in Sousse, Tunisia on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015) (2015 - 2017): instructed on behalf of the Coroner, HHJ Nicholas Loraine-Smith as Counsel to the Inquests (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.

*Inquests into the deaths arising from the Hillsborough Stadium disaster* (2013 - 2016): instructed by the St John Ambulance (led by [Anne Studd QC](#)).

*Inquest into the death of Dr Abbas Khan* (2014): 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/Administrative Law:**

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.

Recent and ongoing cases include:

*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* (2015): 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.

#### **Employment Law:**

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.

He is a member of ELA.

#### **Professional discipline**

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.

#### **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 is a member of PIBA.

#### **Lectures:**

Jonathan is happy to provide CPD lectures on all aspects of his practice.

#### **Education:**

Bar Vocational Course, BPP (Outstanding)

LL.M. (Public Law), University of Bristol (Distinction)

LL.B. (Hons.), University of Southampton (First Class)

Sunley Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn)

Buchanan Prize (Lincoln's Inn)

Hardwicke Entrance Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn)

#### **Memberships:**

ELBA

PIBA

South Eastern Circuit