

**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 C Panel of Counsel in March 2013.



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Practice Areas

POLICE LAW

INQUESTS / INQUIRIES

PUBLIC LAW

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

EMPLOYMENT LAW

PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE

LICENSING LAW

PERSONAL INJURY LAW

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Jonathan acts on behalf of constabularies across the country touching on 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. Since 2011 Jonathan has acted on behalf of the Metropolitan Police Service in various aspects of its investigations into 'phone hacking'.

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 expertise in disclosure matters (particularly applications for *Norwich Pharmacal* relief) the Data Protection Act 1998, the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.

Inquests/Inquiries:

Jonathan is regularly instructed on behalf of public bodies, organisations and bereaved families in inquests. He acted for the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis in the *Inquests into the London bombings of 7 July 2005*. Jonathan is currently instructed on behalf of the St John Ambulance (led by [Anne Studd QC](#)) in the *Inquests into the deaths arising from the Hillsborough Stadium Disaster*.

Public/Administrative Law:

Jonathan has a busy public and administrative law practice. He acts on behalf of public authorities in cases in the High Court and County Court. Additionally, since being appointed to the Attorney General's C Panel of Counsel Jonathan now regularly appears on behalf of HM Government in applications for judicial review in claims involving immigration, asylum and prisons.

Employment Law:

Jonathan has broad experience in a range of employment matters. These include 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.

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 a wealth of experience 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.

Licensing Law:

Jonathan is instructed by a number of police forces and local authorities in hearings and appeals pursuant to the Licensing Act 2003 and in hearings in appeals in respect of Private Hire Vehicle, Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Operator's licences.

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.

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)

Lectures:

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

Memberships:

Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)

Employment Law Bar Association (ELBA)

Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA)

South Eastern Circuit

Significant work and cases

Police Law

Dime v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis (2013) - Acted for the Commissioner in the successful defence of a claim for assault, battery, wrongful arrest and malicious prosecution in a 5 day civil action.

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

Various Claimants v News Group Newspapers Ltd. and Others (2011 ongoing) - [\[2012\] 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.

Malik v Chief Constable of the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary (2013) - Acted for the Chief Constable in a high-value claim for personal injury following an arrest in which the claim was successfully struck out.

Fraser v Chief Constable of the Lancashire Constabulary (2013) - Instructed by the Chief Constable in an application for injunctive relief in the High Court.

XX v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis (2013 ongoing) - Led by [Jason Beer QC](#) in a claim for damages following an arrest and detention.

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

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

Inquest into the death of Dr Abbas Khan (2014 onwards) - 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.

Inquest into the death of Michael Salkeld (2014) - Instructed by the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis in a two-week Article 2 inquest before a jury arising out of a death in police custody.

Inquest into the death of Elouise Keeling (2014) - Instructed by the Ministry of Defence at the inquest into the death of an RAF cadet.

Inquest into the death of Thomas Maynard (2013) - Instructed by the Metropolitan Police Service at the inquest into the death of the Surrey cricketer Tom Maynard.

Inquest into the death of Edward Barry (2013) - Instructed by Kent County Council - led by [Alan Payne](#).

Inquest into the death of Martin Quinn (2013) - Instructed by the Chief Constable of Kent Police.

Inquest into the death of Judith Shepherd (2013) - Acted for the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis in an inquest following police contact.

Inquest into the death of Vinod Patel (2013) - Acted on behalf of the Ministry of Justice in an inquest into the death of a prisoner.

Inquest into the death of Charles Howard (2012) - Acted for the bereaved family in an inquest involving medical negligence.

Inquests into the London Bombings of 7 July 2005 (2010-2011) - Acted on behalf of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis.

Public/Administrative

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

R (Fraser) v Chief Constable of the Lancashire Constabulary (2013) - Instructed by the Chief Constable in a judicial review arising from a disciplinary investigation.

R (Adli) v Chief Constable of Kent Police (2013) - A judicial review of a police caution.

Various Claimants v Secretary of State for the Home Department (2013 onwards) - Various judicial reviews of the Secretary of State's decisions in respect of immigration and asylum decisions.

R (H) v (1) Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis; (2) The Independent Police Complaints Commissioner (2012 - Acted on behalf of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis.

Employment

Giles & Wheatley v Civil Nuclear Police Authority (2013 ongoing) - Led by [Victoria von Wachter](#) in a claim for indirect discrimination and victimisation.

Whitley v. Ministry of Defence and others (2013 ongoing) - Instructed by the Ministry of Defence.

Fraser v The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire (2013 ongoing) - Acting for the respondent Commissioner in a claim for unfair dismissal.

Coker v Wandsworth Borough Council (2012 ongoing) - Instructed by Wandsworth Borough Council.

Memishi v Norbert Dentressangle Transport Services Ltd (2013) - Acted for the claimant in a successful claim for harassment and unfair dismissal.

Johnson v UKBA (2013) - Acted for the respondent in a claim for discrimination on the grounds of race and victimisation.

Howlett v Department for Work and Pensions (2013) - Acted for the respondent in a claim for disability discrimination and unfair dismissal.

Premavritan v Secretary of State for the Home Department and others (2013) - Acted for the respondents in a claim for discrimination, victimisation and unfair dismissal.

Professional discipline

Re Police Sergeant F (2013-2014) - Instructed by the Ministry of Defence Police in a misconduct hearing and subsequent appeal to the PAT.

Re Special Police Constable W (2014) - Instructed by the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis in a misconduct hearing relating to an unauthorised accessing of the Police National Database.

Re Police Constable H (2013) - Instructed by the Chief Constable of the Lancashire Constabulary in a misconduct hearing relating to an allegation of dishonesty and discreditable conduct.

Re Police Constable G (2013) - Acted on behalf of the Chief Constable of Merseyside Police in respect of an allegation of honesty and integrity.

Re Police Constable R-S (2012) - Acted on behalf of the Chief Constable of the Cleveland Police in a five day misconduct hearing arising from an allegation of sexual assault on a member of the public.