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Jason Pobjoy KC

"Jason a fantastic barrister. He is our go-to barrister. I couldn't rate him highly enough."

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Year of call:	**2012**
Appointed to silk:	**2025**
Degree:	**LLB (Dist.), BA and LLM (University of Melbourne); BCL (Dist.) (Oxon); PhD (Cantab)**

Jason is recognised as a leading barrister in public and human rights law, public international law, competition law, sports law, EU law, sanctions, media and data protection law, and immigration law. Jason combines a strong commercial practice with an extensive publicly funded and pro bono human rights practice, drawing on his academic expertise in this area.

Jason's clients include individuals, companies, States, current and former Heads of State and Heads of Government, members of the Royal Family, UK Government Departments, international organisations and NGOs. Jason regularly appears in the highest appellate courts, including the Court of Appeal, the Supreme Court, the European Court of Human Rights, and the Court of Justice of the European Union. He has appeared in 28 cases in the Supreme Court, before the General Court and Court of Justice in over 25 cases, and before the European Court of Human Rights in more than 15 cases. He has extensive advocacy experience, and as a junior regularly did his own advocacy, including in the Court of Justice of the European Union, Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court.

Jason is ranked in eleven practice areas in the leading independent legal directories, Legal 500, Chambers UK and Chambers Global. Prior to taking silk, he was listed as the only "Star Individual" junior for Civil Liberties & Human Rights, and Sanctions. Jason was Human Rights and Public Law Junior of the Year in the Chambers UK Bar Awards 2024. He was shortlisted for Public International Law KC of the Year in the Legal 500 Awards 2025; Junior of the Year in the Legal 500 Awards 2024; Human Rights and Public Law Junior of the Year in the Chambers UK Bar Awards 2022 and 2023; and EU and Competition Junior of the year in the Legal 500 Awards 2020. In 2021, Jason was featured on The Lawyer's Hot 100 List, where he was described as "one of the most sought after juniors in the business". In 2018, Jason won the World's ECR's Young Practitioner of the Year Award.

Jason was a member of the Attorney General's A Panel of Counsel, the Attorney General's PIL Panel of Counsel, and the Equality & Human Rights Commission's Panel of Counsel. In 2018 he was appointed a trustee of the AIRE Centre.

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In addition to this London practice, Jason is a member of the Bar of Ireland and the Law Library of Ireland.

Recent highlights of Jason's practice include:

- acting for the lead claimants in challenge against the UK Government's Rwanda asylum plan in High Court, Court of Appeal and European Court of Human Rights.
- acting for the UK Government in the International Court of Justice on the Advisory Opinion in relation to Climate Change.
- acting for Premier League in competition law challenge to its Associated Party Transaction rules, brought by Manchester City Football Club.
- acting for Premier League in disciplinary proceedings brought against Everton Football Club, resulting in a six-point deduction.
- acting for the Duke of Sussex in judicial review challenging security-related decisions by the Government.
- acting for the UK Government defending challenge to imposition of VAT on private school fees.
- acting for the UK Government defending in proceedings brought by Al-Haq challenging the export of arms to Israel.
- acting for the Department of Transport in challenge to detention of a yacht by wealthy Russian individual.
- acting for a number of Funds challenging the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024 on the basis that it is incompatible with the right to property protected under Article 1 of Protocol 1 to the ECHR.
- acting for Visa in its ongoing defence of multiple claims brought by retailers alleging that interchange fees charged on card transactions are anti-competitive, and breach Article 101 and Article 102 TFEU.
- acting for Volkswagen AG in the class action arising out of what is often described as "Dieselgate".
- acting for Scania Trucks in its defence of multiple claims alleging a cartel in connection with the manufacture of medium and large trucks throughout Europe.
- acting in the Supreme Court on behalf of Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government as an interested party in URS Corporation Ltd v BDW Trading Ltd.
- acting for Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP in Privileges Committee investigation into whether the former Prime Minister misled Parliament over 'partygate' allegations.
- acting pro bono for Ukraine in its European Court of Human Rights proceedings against Russia.
- acting for the Premier League in dispute with Newcastle Football Club regarding its sale to the Saudi Arabian Public Investment Fund.
- acting for the BBC in various public law claims, investigations and inquiries, including the Dyson investigation into the Princess Diana interview and the Tim Westwood inquiry.
- acting for Annington in its judicial review challenge to decisions of the Ministry of Defence relating to enfranchisement of service family accommodation.
- acting for the Foreign Office in the first court review challenge to a UK sanctions designation.
- acting for the Law Society in its challenge to the UK Government's failure to implement the findings of the Bellamy Review into legal aid.
- acting for the Getty Museum in the European Court of Human Rights in a claim against the Government of Italy.

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- acting for former President of Kazakhstan in complaints to various UN bodies regarding arbitrary detention in Kazakhstan (including the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention).
- acting for Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, ruler of Dubai, in high-profile family court proceedings.
- acting for the former Prime Minister in defending claim brought by the FDA challenging the Prime Minister's decision that the conduct of the Home Secretary did not breach the Ministerial Code.

Prior to joining Chambers, Jason was an associate in the commercial litigation team at Mallesons Stephen Jaques (now King & Wood Mallesons) in Australia, where he had a broad commercial litigation practice. In addition to this experience as a commercial litigation solicitor, Jason has taught and published widely in the areas of public international law, public law and human rights, and international refugee law. He is a Research Associate at the Refugee Studies Centre at the University of Oxford. His monograph, The Child in International Refugee Law was published by Cambridge University Press in 2017, and was shortlisted for the triennial Inner Temple Book Prize.

EXPERIENCE

Public & Regulatory

Jason is recognised as a leading public law practitioner. He was Human Rights and Public Law Junior of the Year in the Chambers UK Bar Awards 2024. His clients include individuals, companies, States, current and former Heads of State and Heads of Government, members of the Royal Family, UK Government Departments, international organisations and NGOs. He regularly acts in high-profile litigation both for and against the UK Government. He has also acted in public law cases in Hong Kong, Singapore, Gibraltar, the BVI and the Cayman Islands. Jason has particular expertise and experience in public law cases with a cross-over with commercial law, public international law, competition law and/or EU law. He appears regularly in the Administrative and Appellate Courts, and has appeared in 26 cases before the Supreme Court (the majority of which have raised public law issues).

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R (Toraane and anor) v SSHD

[2023] UKSC 23

Jason acted for the Home Secretary in Supreme Court in an appeal concerning whether the Public Sector Equality Duty in s.149 has extraterritorial effect (in the context of the Syrian refugee resettlement scheme) (with Sir James Eadie KC).

Synesis v FCDO

[2023] EWHC 541

Jason acted for the Foreign Office in successfully defending the first s.38 challenge to a decision to designate an individual pursuant to the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018. The judgment addressed both the relevant standard of proof, and the applicable standard of review (with Sir James Eadie KC).

Privileges Committee investigation into Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP

Jason acted for the former Prime Minister, Boris Johnson MP, in proceedings before the Privileges Committee relating to the investigation into whether the former Prime Minister misled Parliament over 'partygate' allegations (with Lord Pannick KC).

Annington v Ministry of Defence

[2023] EWHC 1154 (Admin), [2023] EWHC 1155 (Ch)

Jason acted for Annington in its judicial review challenge to decisions of the Ministry of Defence relating to enfranchisement of service family accommodation (listed as one of the top 20 cases for 2023) (with Monica Carss-Frisk KC).

R (Morgan and ors) v Ministry of Justice

[2023] UKSC 14

Jason acted for Ministry of Justice in Supreme Court in an appeal relating to changes to custodial terms of imprisonment for prisoners convicted of terrorist related offences (with Sir James Eadie KC).

R (AA & ors) v NHS

[2023] EWHC 43 (Admin)

Jason acted for the Claimants in challenge to wait times for access to treatment for gender identity development services for children and gender identity disorder services for adults.

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Duke of Sussex v SSHD

[2022] EWHC 682 (Admin)

Jason is acting for the Duke of Sussex in judicial review claim concerning the arrangements for the provision of State security (with Shaheed Fatima KC).

Advising the BBC

Jason is regularly instructed by the BBC on an unled basis to provide advice on media, regulatory, freedom of information, and public law issues. This include issues arising under the BBC Charter, the Framework Agreement, the Broadcasting Code, the Communications Act 2003, and the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000. He has also advised in respect of consultations and investigations, including the over-75 licence fee consultation, the gender disparity consultation, and the investigation by Lord Dyson into the Princess Diana interview.

Rwanda Removal Policy

[2022] EWHC 1922 (Admin)

Jason acted for the 11 lead refugee claimants in challenge to the Secretary of State's Rwanda removal policy. Jason was part of the team which secured interim relief from the European Court of Human Rights.

London Borough of Barnet and AG v Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

[2022] EWCA Civ 1505

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C3 & C4 v SSFCA

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Jason acted successfully for the Foreign Office defending two habeas corpus applications brought by two British citizens currently located in North-East Syria (with Sir James Eadie KC).

Motor Insurers' Bureau v Secretary of State for Transport

Jason acted for the Motor Insurers' Bureau and dozens of insurers in challenge to Secretary of State's failure to properly implement the Motor Insurance Directive. The claim resulted in the passage of the Motor Vehicles (Compulsory Insurance) Act 2022 (with Tom de La Mare KC).

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R (HM) v SSHD

[2022] EWHC 695 (Admin); [2022] EWHC 2729 (Admin)

Jason acted successfully for Claimant refugee in a successful claim challenging the Secretary of State's operation of a blanket policy to seize, retain and extract data from the mobile phones of migrants arriving by small boat ([2022] EWHC 695) (with Tom de La Mare KC).

Secretary of State for Justice v Parole Board

[2022] EWHC 1282 (Admin)

Jason acted successfully for the Secretary of State for Justice in challenge to decision by the Parole Board which limited the temporal period over which the Parole Board can take into account risk to the public (with Sir James Eadie KC).

R (Runnymede Trust) v Prime Minister

[2022] EWHC 298 (Admin)

Jason acted successfully for the Prime Minister in high-profile challenge to decision to appoint Baroness Harding and other senior officials during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Al Maktoum v Al Hussein

Jason acted for the Ruler of Dubai and Prime Minister of the UAE in respect of public law, human rights and public international law arguments in long-running family law proceedings. This involved multiple hearings in the Family Court, Divisional Court and Court of Appeal. These cases concerned foreign act of State; issues of diplomatic immunity and State immunity, and issues of procedural fairness.

Challenge to refugee pushback policy

Jason acted for Freedom From Torture in challenge to the UK Government's refugee pushback policy on the basis that it was ultra vires, and incompatible with the 1951 Refugee Convention and Articles 3 and 4 ECHR. The Government withdrew the policy shortly before the hearing that was due to be heard before a Divisional Court in the week of 2 May, 2022.

ENRC v Director of the Serious Fraud Office

Jason acted for ENRC in judicial review proceedings against the SFO regarding investigations into concerns of historical SFO wrongdoing, including in relation to legal professional privilege (with Mike Fordham KC, Hollie Higgins and Natasha Simonsen).

Banks Renewables Ltd v Secretary of State for Business Energy and Industry

[2020] EWHC 436 (Admin)

Jason acted for a number of interveners in this judicial review challenge where the Claimant seeks to challenge the legality of the Secretary of State's decision to exclude most generators of onshore wind energy from participation in the third allocation round auction for the award of Contracts for Difference (with Kieron Beal KC).

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Keighley v BBC

High Court

Jason acted for the BBC in challenge brought by former BBC employee, Mr Keighley, challenging the framework that the BBC has in place to monitor compliance with its due impartiality obligations.

Good Thinking Society v Professional Standards Authority

Jason acted for the Good Thinking Society in its judicial review challenge to the Professional Standards Authority over its decision to re-accredit the Society of Homeopaths, notwithstanding the fact that some of its practitioners continue to offer CEASE therapy (a purported treatment for autism which is targeted at children) (with Hollie Higgins).

R (Law Society) v Lord Chancellor

[2019] 1 WLR 1649

Jason acted for the Law Society in its judicial review of cuts made by the Lord Chancellor to criminal legal aid, which resulted in the Divisional Court quashing the Lord Chancellor's decision on the grounds of unfairness and irrationality.

Civil Liberties & Human Rights

Jason is recognised as a leading civil liberties and human rights barrister. He was Human Rights and Public Law Junior of the Year in the Chambers UK Bar Awards 2024, and prior to taking silk was the only junior listed as a "Star Individual" in Chamber & Partners for Civil Liberties & Human Rights. His clients include individuals, companies, States, current and former Heads of State and Heads of Government, members of the Royal Family, UK Government Departments, international organisations and NGOs. He regularly acts in high-profile litigation both for and against the UK Government. Jason has particular expertise and experience in the cross-over between commercial and competition law and human rights law.

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Jason's practice is complemented by his academic experience, having taught and published widely in the areas of public law and human rights, public international law and immigration and refugee law.

In addition to publicly funded work, Jason undertakes substantial pro bono work. He has acted pro bono for UNHCR, the Office of the Children's Commissioner, Bail for Immigration Detainees, Medical Justice, the AIRE Centre, ILGA-Europe, the Human Dignity Trust, the Equality Network and the International Commission of Jurists. He has previously been nominated for the Bar Pro Bono Unit Pro Bono Barrister of the Year.

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Ukraine v Russia

App No 11055/22

Jason is acting pro bono on behalf of Ukraine in an inter-state case before the ECtHR concerning the Ukrainian Government's allegations of "human rights violations committed by the Russian Federation in its military operations on the territory of Ukraine since 24 February 2022".

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Various media organisations v United Kingdom

Jason is acting unled for the United Kingdom in a series of challenges brought in the European Court of Human Rights by media organisations alleging a violation of Article 10 in respect of costs orders requiring those organisations to pay success fees to successful claimants.

R (Citizens UK and Ors) v Prime Minster

Jason acted for Claimant NGO and several MPs in judicial review challenge to the failure to investigate allegations of Russia interference in UK democratic elections. Currently pending before the European Court of Human Rights.

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A v SSHD; O v SSHD; PRCBC v SSHD

Jason acted for a child claimant challenging the £1017 Home Office fee. That is charged to children to register as British citizens. The claimants allege that this has the effect of depriving children of a statutory right, is contrary to the child's best interests and infringes Article 8.

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MS v SSHD

Jason acted for the AIRE Centre which has intervened in the Supreme Court in this important appeal concerning (i) the extent to which decisions of the Competent Authority may be binding on a tribunal; and (ii) the scope of the protective and investigative duties under Article 4 ECHR.

Grenfell Tower Inquiry: Following Grenfell

Jason advised the Equality and Human Rights Commission in connection with its work monitoring the human rights and equality implications of the Grenfell Tower tragedy including, in particular, in relation to the right to life under Article 2 ECHR, the right to adequate and dignified housing, the right to non-discrimination and equality, and children's rights under the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

RT v Ofcom

[2020] EWHC 689 (Admin)

Jason acted for RT in a challenge to Ofcom's decisions (i) finding that RT had breached its due impartiality obligations in respect of seven programmes relating primarily to the Syrian war and the Skripal poisoning; and (ii) imposing a fine of £200,000 pounds. RT alleges that the decisions are incompatible with Article 10 ECHR or, alternatively, that the due impartiality regime is itself incompatible with Article 10. The case was heard before a Divisional Court in late-2019 and judgment is pending.

R (LW & ors) v Sodexo and Secretary of State for Justice

[2019] 1 WLR 5654

Jason acted for four prisoners (including one transgender prisoner) challenging strip searches that were carried out at HMP Peterborough. Sodexo conceded that the searches were unlawful. The claimants also alleged that the systemic problems in respect of supervision of strip searching constitutes a violation of the SSJ's positive obligations under Articles 3 and 8 ECHR.

Jason is also representing a number of prisoners at other prisons throughout the United Kingdom, that have been subject to similar strip searches.

R (Bashir) v Secretary of State for the Home Department

[2016] 1 WLR 4613 (High Court); [2017] EWCA Civ 397 (Court of Appeal); [2018] 3 WLR 573 (Supreme Court)

Jason acted for six families of recognised refugees residing in the UK Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia in Cyprus. They have been residing there since 1998. The claimants challenge the decision of the SSHD to refuse admission to the UK. The case raises a number of fundamental issues under public international law, including, in particular, whether the Refugee Convention applies to this British overseas territory. The claimants succeeded in the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court (with Raza Husain KC, Tom Hickman KC and Eddie Craven).

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Advising Save the Children on international law issues arising out of massacre of Rohingya children in Myanmar

Jason advised Save the Children on public international law issues arising out of alleged massacre of Rohingya children in Myanmar. This involved the preparation of a detailed advice on potential violations of the Convention on the Rights of the Child with Professor Guy Goodwin-Gill QC, which Jason subsequently presented on behalf of Save the Children at the UN Human Rights Council at its 38th session in July 2018.

Chong & ors v United Kingdom

Application No. 29753/16

Jason acted for the claimants in this important case before the European Court of Human Rights, following the decision of the Supreme Court in Keyu v Secretary of State. The case addresses whether there is a human rights obligation under ECHR and/or customary international law to undertake a further inquiry into the 1948 massacre during the Malayan Emergency (with Michael Fordham KC, Danny Friedman KC and Zach Douglas KC).

Sabalić v Croatia

Application no. 50231/13

Jason acted for ILGA-Europe, AIRE Centre and the International Commission of Jurists in this case which concerns questions about the scope of the positive obligations to undertake effective investigation in the context of hate crimes motivated in whole or in part by an individual's real or imputed sexual orientation or gender identity.

Competition

Jason is a leading practitioner in the competition law space. In 2019, Jason was shortlisted for EU and Competition Junior of the year in the Legal 500 awards. He is currently acting in several of the largest domestic competition cases being litigated in the United Kingdom: the Visa interchange litigation; the trucks cartel; the "dieselgate" litigation; and the crypo-currency collective proceedings. He has expertise in collective proceedings before the Competition Appeal Tribunal, having acted for both claimants and defendants in this area. Jason also has expertise in advising on CMA mergers and market investigations, having acted both for and against the CMA. He has also advised the Hong Kong Competition Commission in relation to its own investigations. Jason also has a particular interest and expertise in sport-related competition issues.

"Jason is an absolute star performer in the context of competition litigation."

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Cases

Visa interchange litigation

[2025] CAT 37

Jason has been acting for more than 7 years in all aspects of the Visa interchange litigation, before the CAT, Commercial Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court. He is currently instructed in the umbrella interchange proceedings, as well as in the CPO proceedings.

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VW Emissions Group Litigation

Jason is acting for Volkswagen AG in group litigation proceedings, which raises a number of EU and competition law issues, including in respect of the Commission's decision regarding emission levels (with Brian Kennelly KC).

Trucks cartel litigation

Jason is acting for Scania in relation to UK litigation arising from the Commission's decisions relating to the alleged trucks cartel. Encompasses High Court and CAT proceedings, including prospective CPO proceedings. This is anticipated to be the largest competition litigation for 2019/2020 (with Brian Kennelly KC).

CMA investigation into construction sector

Jason is acting for a large construction company in respect of a CMA market investigation.

Newcastle United v Premier League, St James Holding Ltd v Premier League

Premier League Section X Arbitration and Commercial Court (Pelling J [2021] EWHC 349 (Comm)), and Competition Appeals Tribunal (Case No

Jason acts for the Premier League in an arbitration brought by Newcastle United challenging the Premier League's decision that if the proposed acquisition of the Club by a consortium led by the Public Investment Fund of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia proceeds, the KSA would become a "Director" of the Club, such that it would fall to be assessed against the PL Owners and Directors Test.

Jason acted for the Premier League in the simultaneous additional competition law proceedings brought before the Competition Appeals Tribunal by the 100% owner of the Club, St James Holdings Ltd, in relation to the same Premier League decision (with Adam Lewis KC).

Advising the Premier League

Jason has advised the Premier League on various rule changes, including in respect of competition law issues.

Advising the Hone Kong Competition Commission

Jason has provided advice to the Hong Kong Competition Commission in relation to an ongoing market investigation.

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CMA investigation into dating websites

Jason acted for the CMA in a large-scale investigation into adult dating websites. The investigation was focused on consumer protection issues under the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations, the Consumer Contract Regulations and the Consumer Rights Act, which arose in the context of an online dating company that offered niche dating websites.

EU Law

Jason has appeared in many of the leading EU law cases in both the EU and UK courts. Jason has appeared in more than 25 cases in the General Court and Court of Justice of the European Union, on issues concerning sanctions, freedom of information, financial regulation and freedom of movement. He has particular expertise in EU sanctions law (see separate entry below). Jason continues to practice in the General Court and Court of Justice via the Law Library in Ireland.

At the domestic level, Jason continues to act in many of the leading cases concerning the role of EU law in the UK post-Brexit. He has particular experience and expertise on the Withdrawal Act 2018.

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Cases

Izuzquiza and ors v European Parliament

Case T-375/22

Jason acted unled for several journalists in challenge to the European Parliament's decision to refuse to provide public access to documents relating to expenses of a Member of Parliament who had been found guilty of the crime of membership and leadership of a criminal organisation.

Shareholders v Single Resolution Board

Case T-510/17

Jason acted for a large group of Mexican shareholders challenging the decisions of the Single Resolution Board and the European Commission to take resolution action in respect of Banco Popular in 2017. This action resulted in the sale of Banco Popular to Banco Santandar for 1 euro. This was the first time that a resolution action of the Single Resolution Board has been challenged before the European Courts, and has been selected as one of four lead tests cases. The grounds of challenge included a failure to respect the shareholders' due process rights, property rights, and right to effective judicial review, and a failure to comply with the Meroni non-delegation principles. Jason appeared before the General Court unled. He is currently appearing unled in an appeal before the Court of Justice.

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Shareholders v Single Resolution Board

T-514/18

Jason acted for a large group of Mexican shareholders challenging the decision of the Single Resolution Board to refuse access to a range of documents, requested pursuant to Regulation No. 1049/2001, involving its decision to take resolution action in respect of Banco Popular in 2017.

Private arbitrations

Jason is acting in a number of confidential arbitrations raising issues under EU sanctions law, and the extent to which domestic, EU and US sanctions may justify non-performance of contractual obligations.

VW Emissions Group Litigation

Jason is acting for Volkswagen AG in threatened group litigation proceedings, which raises a number of EU and competition law issues, including in respect of the Commission's decision regarding emission levels.

Crossley v Volkswagen AG

Jason acted for Volkswagen AG in successfully defending a summary judgment and strike-out application which concerned the interpretation and application of Directive 2007/46. The case raised a number of issues concerning the role of EU law in the UK post-Brexit.

Motor Insurers' Bureau v Secretary of State for Transport

Jason acted for the Motor Insurers' Bureau and dozens of insurers in challenge to Secretary of State's failure to properly implement the Motor Insurance Directive. The claim resulted in the passage of the Motor Vehicles (Compulsory Insurance) Act 2022 (with Tom de La Mare KC).

Colley v Motor Insurers' Bureau

[2022] EWCA Civ 360

Jason acted for the Motor Insurers' Bureau in Court of Appeal case concerning important judgment concerning the extent to which the Motor Insurers' Bureau has an obligation under the Codified Motor Insurance Directive to provide compensation where there is an unidentified or uninsured vehicle (with Tom de La Mare KC).

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Lamesa Investment Ltd v Cynergy Bank Ltd

[2020] EWCA Civ 821

Jason acted for the successful defendant in this sanctions case which concerned the EU Blocking Statute.

MODSAF v IMS

[2020] EWCA Civ 145

Jason acted for the Iranian Ministry of Defence in dispute concerning the enforcement of two arbitration awards made following a dispute arising of out of contracts for the supply of Chieftain tanks and armoured vehicles to Iran in the 1970s. The arbitrators held that the UK owed the principal sum of 140 million pounds to the Iranian Ministry of Defence pursuant to those contracts (later revised down to 127 million pounds). The sums have not yet been paid as a result of the imposition of EU sanctions. A number of disputes have arisen, including in relation to the payment of interest during the period in which the sanctions have operated (with Dinah Rose KC).

Banks Renewables Ltd v Secretary of State for Business Energy and Industry

[2020] EWHC 436 (Admin)

Jason acted for a number of interveners in this judicial review challenge where the Claimant sought to challenge the legality of the Secretary of State's decision to exclude most generators of onshore wind energy from participation in the third allocation round auction for the award of Contracts for Difference (with Kieron Beal KC).

Izuzquiza v European Border and Coast Guard Agency

Case T-31/18

Jason acted for two journalists in a challenge to the European Border and Coast Guard Agency's decision to refuse to disclose information regarding border patrol ships, requested pursuant to Regulation No. 1049/2001. Appeared before the General Court unled.

Drax Power Ltd and Infinis Energy Holdings Ltd v HM Treasury and HM Revenue & Customs

[2016] 2 CMLR 33 (High Court); [2017] QB 1221 (Court of Appeal)

Jason acted for Drax and Infinis in the High Court and Court of Appeal for renewable source energy generators in challenge to the withdrawal of tax relief with practical immediacy. It was alleged that the withdrawal violated applicable standards of EU law, including the principles of foreseeability and proportionality, and A1P1 ECHR. (with Michael Fordham KC).

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R (BAT and others) v Secretary of State for Health

[2016] EWHC 1169 (Admin) (High Court); [2018] QB 149 (Court of Appeal)

Jason acted for Imperial Tobacco in its challenge to the Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Products Regulations 2015, in the High Court and Court of Appeal. The case raised issues relating to the deprivation of property, freedom of movement, and EU intellectual property law. Appeal to the Court of Appeal pending (with Dinah Rose KC and Brian Kennelly KC).

Philip Morris Brands and others

C-547/14

Jason acted for Imperial Tobacco in its challenge to the EU's Second Tobacco Products Directive (with Dinah Rose KC and Brian Kennelly KC).

Sport

Jason is fast becoming a leading practitioner in the sports law field, particularly in cases with a cross-over with public law, competition law and public international law. Since 2020, Jason has been instructed in some of the biggest pieces of sports litigation in the UK, including by the Premier League and English Football Association. A number of Jason's cases are confidential and cannot be listed below.

"Jason is an outstanding lawyer and advocate, and he brings an intimate knowledge of competition law and public law principles, and a preparedness to innovate, to complex sports litigation, which increasingly turns on these principles."

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Cases

Newcastle United v Premier League, St James Holding Ltd v Premier League

Premier League Section X Arbitration and Commercial Court (Pelling J [2021] EWHC 349 (Comm)), and Competition Appeals Tribunal (Case No

Jason acts for the Premier League in an arbitration brought by Newcastle United challenging the Premier League's decision that if the proposed acquisition of the Club by a consortium led by the Public Investment Fund of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia proceeds, the KSA would become a "Director" of the Club, such that it would fall to be assessed against the PL Owners and Directors Test.

Jason acted for the Premier League in the simultaneous additional competition law proceedings brought before the Competition Appeals Tribunal by the 100% owner of the Club, St James Holdings Ltd, in relation to the same Premier League decision (with Adam Lewis KC).

Confidential arbitration

Jason acted unled for high-profile football player in arbitration dispute with agent.

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Advising the Premier League

Jason has advised the Premier League on various rule changes, including in respect of competition law issues.

Public International Law

Jason is a leading practitioner in the public international law field. He is regularly instructed in domestic and international cases that raised public international law matters, particularly issues concerning State and diplomatic immunity, foreign act of State, the interpretation of international treaties, and international sanctions. He has undertaken extensive work before the UN bodies, including the UN Human Rights Council, the UN Human Rights Committee, and the various UN working groups and Special Rapporteurs, and has acted in a number of cases before the International Court of Justice. He is regularly instructed by the Foreign Office on public international law issues, and is a member of their Panel of Public International Law Counsel. He also regularly provides pro bono advice to a number of NGOs on public international law issues, including UINHCR, Save the Children, Reprieve, and Freedom from Torture and UNHCR.

Jason is acting for the Foreign Secretary in a challenge brought by a child, alleging that the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations is incompatible with Article 3 ECHR on the basis it precludes intervention in the case of domestic child abuse. Jason succeeded in the Divisional Court, and permission has been granted to the Court of Appeal.

"Jason Pobjoy is a supreme barrister. His enormous legal brain and his written work blows you away and he's so client-friendly. Nothing is too much trouble."

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Cases

Ukraine v Russia

App No 11055/22

Jason is acting pro bono on behalf of Ukraine in an inter-state case before the ECtHR concerning the Ukrainian Government's allegations of "human rights violations committed by the Russian Federation in its military operations on the territory of Ukraine since 24 February 2022".

Getty Museum v Italy

2024

Jason acted for the Getty Museum in challenging a decision of the Italian Court of Cassation regarding the return of The Bronze statute, on the basis that such return is contrary to A1P1.

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Complaint to UN Working Group on Arbitrary detention in relation to detention of former Prime Minister of Kazakhstan

Jason acted for the former Prime Minister of Kazakhstan. Mr Massimov was arrested and detained by State forces on or around 5 January 2022. In a petition to the UN Working Group, it was alleged that Mr Massimov had been arbitrarily detained, on the basis that: (i) it was not possible for Kazakhstan to invoke any legal basis justifying Mr Massimov's arrest and detention (a Category I violation); and (ii) the non-observance of the international norms of fair trial were of such gravity as to give his deprivation of liberty an arbitrary character (a Category III violation). In an Opinion published in late-2022, the UN Working Group upheld both complaints.

Rwanda Removal Policy

[2022] EWHC 1922 (Admin)

Jason acted for the 11 lead refugee claimants in challenge to the Secretary of State's Rwanda removal policy. Jason was part of the team which secured interim relief from the European Court of Human Rights.

London Borough of Barnet and AG v Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

[2022] EWCA Civ 1505

Jason acted successfully for the Foreign Office in Divisional Court and Court of Appeal in case concerning the question as to whether certain provisions of the Diplomatic Privileges Act 1964 and the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations 1961 are incompatible with Article 3 of the ECHR (with Sir James Eadie KC).

C3 & C4 v SSFCA

[2022] EWHC 2772 (Admin)

Jason acted successfully for the Foreign Office defending two habeas corpus applications brought by two British citizens currently located in North-East Syria (with Sir James Eadie KC).

Various media organisations v United Kingdom

Jason is acting unled for the United Kingdom in a series of challenges brought in the European Court of Human Rights by media organisations alleging a violation of Article 10 in respect of costs orders requiring those organisations to pay success fees to successful claimants.

R (Citizens UK and Ors) v Prime Minster

Jason acted for Claimant NGO and several MPs in judicial review challenge to the failure to investigate allegations of Russia interference in UK democratic elections. Currently pending before the European Court of Human Rights.

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Al Maktoum v Al Hussein

Jason acted for the Ruler of Dubai and Prime Minister of the UAE in respect of public law, human rights and public international law arguments in long-running family law proceedings. This involved multiple hearings in the Family Court, Divisional Court and Court of Appeal. These cases concerned foreign act of State; issues of diplomatic immunity and State immunity, and issues of procedural fairness.

Nationality and Borders Bill

Jason co-authored a 95-page page opinion on the compatibility of the Nationality and Borders Bill and international refugee law (for Freedom from Torture) (available here). The opinion was cited repeatedly during the debate on the Bill in the House of Lords.

Jason also co-authored a detailed opinion on Clause 9 of the Nationality and Borders Bill (which provided for the UK Government to withdraw citizenship without notice) (for the Good Law Project).

R (AB) v Secretary of State for Justice

[2021] UKSC 28

Jason acted for the Secretary of State for Justice in a challenge to solitary confinement of a child. The case concerned the extent to which the Court was bound by soft international law instruments.

Maduro v Guido

[2021] UKSC 57

Jason acted for the Foreign Secretary in the Supreme Court case concerning ownership of the Venezuelan Gold. The case concerned the effect of a statement issued by the UK government recognising Juan Guaido as interim President of Venezuela (with Sir James Eadie KC).

R (Charles & Dunn) v Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

[2020] EWHC 3185 (Admin)

Jason acted for the Foreign Secretary in proceedings brought by the parents of Harry Dunn, challenging the Foreign Secretary's position on diplomatic immunity. Mr Dunn's parents argued that the Secretary of State was wrong to conclude that (as the US stated) Mrs Sacoolas had diplomatic immunity. They also contended that the Secretary of State unlawfully confirmed and/or advised the Police that Mrs Sacoolas enjoyed diplomatic immunity, and/or obstructed the Police investigation of Mr Dunn's death. Finally, Mr Dunn's parents contended that the Secretary of State breached Article 2 of the ECHR. The Divisional Court dismissed the claim on all grounds (with Sir James Eadie KC).

Advising on issues of State and diplomatic immunity

Jason regularly advises individuals, the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and other government bodies on issues relating to State and diplomatic immunity.

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Advising the UK Government on PIL liability

Jason advises the Foreign & Commonwealth Office on its liability under public international law for acts that took place in a former colony.

R (Bashir) v Secretary of State for the Home Department

[2016] 1 WLR 4613 (High Court); [2017] EWCA Civ 397 (Court of Appeal); [2018] 3 WLR 573 (Supreme Court)

Jason acted for six families of recognised refugees residing in the UK Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia in Cyprus. They have been residing there since 1998. The claimants challenge the decision of the SSHD to refuse admission to the UK. The case raises a number of fundamental issues under public international law, including, in particular, whether the Refugee Convention applies to this British overseas territory. The claimants succeeded in the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court (with Raza Husain KC, Tom Hickman KC and Eddie Craven).

Advising Save the Children on international law issues arising out of massacre of Rohingya children in Myanmar

Jason advised Save the Children on public international law issues arising out of alleged massacre of Rohingya children in Myanmar. This involved the preparation of a detailed advice on potential violations of the Convention on the Rights of the Child with Professor Guy Goodwin-Gill QC, which Jason subsequently presented on behalf of Save the Children at the UN Human Rights Council at its 38th session in July 2018.

Grenfell Tower Inquiry: Following Grenfell

Jason advised the Equality and Human Rights Commission in connection with its work monitoring the human rights and equality implications of the Grenfell Tower tragedy including, in particular, in relation to the right to life under Article 2 ECHR, the right to adequate and dignified housing, the right to non-discrimination and equality, and children's rights under the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Chong & ors v United Kingdom

Application No. 29753/16

Jason acted for the claimants in this important case before the European Court of Human Rights, following the decision of the Supreme Court in Keyu v Secretary of State. The case addresses whether there is a human rights obligation under ECHR and/or customary international law to undertake a further inquiry into the 1948 massacre during the Malayan Emergency (with Michael Fordham KC, Danny Friedman KC and Zach Douglas KC).

PIAM v Upper Brooks & ors

CICA Appeal No. 5 of 2019

Jason acted for investment funds, owned by the Libyan Investment Authority, in 10-day trial, and subsequently a two-day appeal, in the Cayman Islands. The case raised a number of complex issues involving the interaction between the UN, EU, UK and Cayman sanctions regimes. The central issue was whether the dismissal of directors of the investment funds constituted a breach of those regimes (with Dinah Rose KC).

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Mubarak and Others v Council

T-275/16; T-335/18

Jason acted for the sons of the former president of Egypt and their wives, in challenging the EU sanctions imposed on the basis of alleged crimes in Egypt, notwithstanding that no evidence has been supplied to the Council in relation to the wives, the Egyptian courts have dismissed the allegations related to the sons and their single conviction, which is nevertheless spent, as well as their ongoing proceedings, are marred by flagrant violations of Articles 6 & 7 ECHR (with Brian Kennelly KC).

SXH v Crown Prosecutions Service

[2017] 1 WLR 1401

Represented UNHCR pro bono in the Supreme Court in this case which concerns the circumstances in which Art 8 ECHR will be engaged by a decision to prosecute a refugee for the use of false documents. The case has far-reaching implications for refugees entering the United Kingdom (with Raza Husain KC and Paul Luckhurst).

Hosni Mubarak v Council

T-358/17

Jason acted for the former president of Egypt in challenging the EU sanctions imposed on the basis of alleged crimes in Egypt, notwithstanding that the Egyptian courts have dismissed the allegations relating to him, and his single conviction, which is nevertheless spent, as well as their ongoing proceedings, is marred by flagrant violations of Articles 6 & 7 ECHR (with Brian Kennelly KC).

Yanukovych v Council

Jason is advising the former President of Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovych, and his son, in challenging the EU restrictive measures imposed on them (with Shaheed Fatima KC).

Al-Saadoon & others v Secretary of State for Defence

[2015] 3 WLR 503 (High Court); [2015] EWHC 1769 (High Court); [2016] 1 WLR 3625 (High Court); [2017] QB 1015 (Court of Appeal)

Represented approximately 1,400 Iraqi claimants in a series of cases in the High Court and Court of Appeal which concern, inter alia, the jurisdictional reach of Art 1 ECHR and the scope of the investigative duties under Art 3 and Art 5 ECHR, and the investigative obligations under UNCAT and customary international law (with Michael Fordham QC, Danny Friedman QC and Dan Squires QC).

Urgent Communication to the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention

Urgent Communication to the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention in connection with the arbitrary detention of a group of men detained in Australia in connection with suspected terrorist activities.

Advising an Australian citizen

Jason advised an Australian citizen facing the death penalty in an overseas jurisdiction.

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State and Diplomatic Immunity

Jason has particular expertise and interest in issues concerning State and diplomatic immunity. He has been instructed in many of the leading cases on these issues, and regularly advises the Foreign Office, and individuals (including current and former Heads of State and Heads of Government) on issues concerning State and diplomatic immunity. Many of the instructions are confidential. Reported cases are listed below.

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Sanctions

Jason is recognised as a leading EU and UK lawyer in sanctions-related work. As a junior he was the only "Star Individual" junior listed in the Chambers & Partners directory. He is highly sought after for his expertise in challenging and advising on EU and UK domestic sanctions. In 2018 he was awarded the World ECR Young Sanctions Practitioner of the Year Award. He has represented more than twenty-five individuals and entities in more than twenty challenges to asset-freezing regimes before both the General Court of the EU and the Court of Justice. Jason's sanctions-related work is complemented by his academic background in public international law.

"Jason is simply excellent and my main port of call for sanctions questions. He is very responsive and provides clear, concise and client-friendly advice."

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Jason also regularly appears in sanctions-related challenges in domestic Courts, both in the UK and abroad. Jason has particular experience with the sanctions regimes for Russia, Belarus, Iran, Egypt, Syria, Ukraine and Libya, and regularly advises banks, corporates and individuals on compliance issues, including the implications of sanctions to commercial transactions.

Jason regularly advises the Foreign Office and the Department of Transport on sanctions-related issues, and appeared successfully on behalf of the Foreign Office in the first court challenge to a sanctions designation under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018.

Cases

UN, EU and domestic sanctions compliance advice

Jason regularly advises companies and individuals in relation to compliance with the EU and UK sanctions regimes, particularly with regard to Russia, Belarus, Iran, Libya, Egypt, Syria and Ukraine. This includes advice on the impact of sanctions on commercial transactions, and on issues concerning ownership and control. Jason has provided extensive advice on the implications of the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018, and the Regulations made pursuant to that primary legislation. Much of his work is confidential, and cannot be listed here.

Synesis v SSFCA

[2023] EWHC 541 (Admin)

Jason acted for the Foreign Office in the first court review challenge to a UK decision to sanction an individual pursuant to the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018.

Gutseriev v Council

Case T-526/21

Jason is acting for Mikail Gutseriev in challenge to designation by Council of the European Union.

Private arbitrations

Jason is acting in a number of confidential arbitrations raising issues under EU sanctions law, and the extent to which domestic, EU and US sanctions may justify non-performance of contractual obligations.

Lamesa Investment Ltd v Cynergy Bank Ltd

[2020] EWCA Civ 821

Jason acted for the successful defendant in this sanctions case which concerned the EU Blocking Statute.

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MODSAF v IMS

Jason acted for the Iranian Ministry of Defence in dispute concerning the enforcement of two arbitration awards made following a dispute arising of out of contracts for the supply of Chieftain tanks and armoured vehicles to Iran in the 1970s. The arbitrators held that the UK owed the principal sum of 140 million pounds to the Iranian Ministry of Defence pursuant to those contracts (later revised down to 127 million pounds). The sums have not yet been paid as a result of the imposition of EU sanctions. A number of disputes have arisen, including in relation to the payment of interest during the period in which the sanctions have operated (with Dinah Rose KC).

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T-358/17

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Saleh Thabet v Council

T-246/16; T-338/19

Jason acted for the wife of the former president of Egypt in challenging EU sanctions imposed on the basis of alleged crimes in Egypt, notwithstanding that no evidence has been supplied to the Council (with Brian Kennelly KC).

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National Iranian Tanker Company v Council

T-207/15; T/207/15R; EU:T:2015:535; EU:T:2016:471; C-600/16 P

Jason acted for the National Iranian Tanker Company before the General Court and Court of Justice in its application for interim relief and annulment in relation to its re-listing. The case concerns the reinstatement of sanctions on an entity in circumstances in which that entity has already won a legal challenge against a previous attempt to designate it, and the factual allegations against the Appellant have not changed. The issues before the Court raise fundamental questions about the need for effective remedies for unlawful action by the Council, and as to the proper limits on the Council's ability to engage in unfair and abusive re-designation and re-litigation. An appeal is currently pending before the Court of Justice (with Tom de la Mare KC and Maya Lester KC).

A Klyuyev v Council

T-340/14; T-731/15; T-240/16; EU:T:2015:706; EU:T:2016:496; EU:T:2018:433

Jason acted for the former Chief of Staff of the former Ukrainian President in challenging EU sanctions alleging misappropriation and corruption, on the grounds of breach of human rights and lack of evidence. In 2018, Jason appeared unled in the General Court, and succeeded in obtaining the annulling the freezing of funds for Mr Klyuyev for the period March 2017-March 2018, on the basis that the Council had committed a manifest error of assessment in determining that there was a legitimate basis for listing him. Jason is currently acting for Mr Klyuyev in relation to his re-designation (with Brian Kennelly KC).

S Klyuyev v Council

T-341/14; T-731/15; EU:T:2016:47; EU:T:2018:90

Jason acted for Mr Klyuyev, a former Ukrainian politican, in challenging EU sanctions on the basis of a lack of evidence. Mr Klyuyev succeeded in overturning his designation, and, following extensive representations to the Council, was de-listed in early 2018 (with Brian Kennelly KC).

Ivanyushchenko v Council

T-246/15; EU:T:2017:789

Jason acted for Mr Ivanyuschenko, a prominent Ukranian businessman and former politician, in his annulment application. The Court held that the Council had committed a manifest error of assessment in determining that there was a legitimate basis for listing him, and he was subsequently de-listed by the Council (with Brian Kennelly KC).

Yanukovych v Council

Jason is advising the former President of Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovych, and his son, in challenging the EU restrictive measures imposed on them (with Shaheed Fatima KC).

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Klymenko v Council

T-245/15

Jason acted for a former Ukrainian Minister of Revenue and Duties in his challenge to EU sanctions, on the basis that the allegations made by the new administration are false and driven by the commercial interests of the new rulers in Ukraine (with Brian Kennelly KC).

Ezz and others v Council

T-288/15; EU:T:2018:619

Jason acted for Mr Ezz and his wives before the General Court in this third application to unfreeze their assets (with Brian Kennelly KC).

Ezz v Council

C-220/14 P; EU:C:2015:147

Jason acted for Mr Ezz and his wives in an appeal to the Court of Justice challenging a decision of the General Court refusing to annul restrictive measures freezing funds in the EU because of an alleged misappropriation of Egyptian State funds in connection with the Mubarak regime. The Ezz judgment is one of the leading cases in this area (with Brian Kennelly KC).

National Iranian Tanker Company v SSHD

[2015] EWHC 282 (Admin)

Jason acted for the National Iranian Tanker Company in an urgent judicial review permission application, including an application for interim relief, relating to the SSHD's decision to vote in favour of the redesignation of NITC. Permission for judicial review granted (with Tom de la Mare KC).

Kurchenko v Council

T-399/14

Jason acted for Mr Kurchenko in an application to annul restrictive measures freezing funds in the EU because of an alleged misappropriation of Ukrainian State funds in connection with the Yanukovych regime (with Brian Kennelly KC).

Media & Entertainment

Jason practices in all aspects of media and entertainment law, with particular expertise in issues relating to broadcasting regulation, privacy, free speech and data protection. He regularly advises the BBC on a range of media and public law issues. He has also acted for a number of foreign broadcasters and foreign regulators. He has particular expertise on issues relating to due impartiality and freedom of expression, having acted in a number of leading cases in this area.

"Jason is very bright and very knowledgeable, but not in a nerdy way."

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Cases

Keighley v Ofcom

[2025] EWHC 416 (Admin)

Jason is acting unled for the BBC in judicial review to Ofcom's decision not to investigate a due impartiality complaint made against Ofcom, relating to the BBC's coverage of Brexit.

Getty Museum v Italy

2024

Jason acted for the Getty Museum in challenging a decision of the Italian Court of Cassation regarding the return of The Bronze statute, on the basis that such return is contrary to A1P1.

Advising the BBC

Jason is regularly instructed by the BBC on an unled basis to provide advice on media, regulatory, freedom of information, and public law issues. This include issues arising under the BBC Charter, the Framework Agreement, the Broadcasting Code, the Communications Act 2003, and the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000. He has also advised in respect of consultations and investigations, including the over-75 licence fee consultation, the gender disparity consultation, and the investigation by Lord Dyson into the Princess Diana interview.

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Izuzquiza and ors v European Parliament

Case T-375/22

Jason acted unled for several journalists in challenge to the European Parliament's decision to refuse to provide public access to documents relating to expenses of a Member of Parliament who had been found guilty of the crime of membership and leadership of a criminal organisation.

Webber v ICO

Jason acted for the Ministry of Justice in an appeal against a decision of the Information Commissioner's Office refusing access to information relating to compensation awarded to family members of Timothy Evans, who was hanged in 1950 for the murder of his baby daughter, but was given a posthumous royal pardon in 1966.

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RT v Office of Communications

[2021] EWCA Civ 1534

Jason acted for the RT channel (Russian national broadcaster) in the Court of Appeal, challenging Ofcom's decision that RT had breached impartiality obligations on the basis that that finding is contrary to Article 10 ECHR.

Lord Dyson investigation

14 May, 2021

Jason was instructed (as sole counsel) for the BBC in relation to the inquiry into the Princess Diana interview, conducted by Lord Dyson.

Newbery v BBC

Representing the BBC defending its decision not to release certain information.

Shareholders v Single Resolution Board

T-514/18

Jason acted for a large group of Mexican shareholders challenging the decision of the Single Resolution Board to refuse access to a range of documents, requested pursuant to Regulation No. 1049/2001, involving its decision to take resolution action in respect of Banco Popular in 2017.

RT v Ofcom

[2020] EWHC 689 (Admin)

Jason acted for RT in a challenge to Ofcom's decisions (i) finding that RT had breached its due impartiality obligations in respect of seven programmes relating primarily to the Syrian war and the Skripal poisoning; and (ii) imposing a fine of £200,000 pounds. RT alleges that the decisions are incompatible with Article 10 ECHR or, alternatively, that the due impartiality regime is itself incompatible with Article 10. The case was heard before a Divisional Court in late-2019 and judgment is pending.

Izuzquiza v European Border and Coast Guard Agency

Case T-31/18

Jason acted for two journalists in a challenge to the European Border and Coast Guard Agency's decision to refuse to disclose information regarding border patrol ships, requested pursuant to Regulation No. 1049/2001. Appeared before the General Court unled.

Keighley v BBC

High Court

Jason acted for the BBC in challenge brought by former BBC employee, Mr Keighley, challenging the framework that the BBC has in place to monitor compliance with its due impartiality obligations.

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Data Protection, Freedom of Information & Privacy

Jason has considerable experience advising on issues relating of data protection, freedom of information and privacy. He is regularly instructed to advise on data protection and freedom of information issues under domestic law and EU law. He has experience in challenging and defending decisions to refuse disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and, at the EU level, Regulation No. 1049/2001.

"He is able to assimilate the information so rapidly and give you a five-point plan on strategy. He is like having an AI in your pocket."

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Cases

R (HM) v SSHD

[2022] EWHC 695 (Admin); [2022] EWHC 2729 (Admin)

Jason acted successfully for Claimant refugee in a successful claim challenging the Secretary of State's operation of a blanket policy to seize, retain and extract data from the mobile phones of migrants arriving by small boat ([2022] EWHC 695) (with Tom de La Mare KC).

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Immigration

Jason has an extensive immigration practice. He appears regularly in the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court in many of the leading refugee and migration cases. He is also widely regarded as one of the world's leading academic experts on child refugees. His the author of the monograph published by Cambridge University Press, The Child in International Refugee Law; he is regularly invited to provide guest lectures on refugee issues, including annual lectures at Harvard University; he has designed and taught a course on child refugees at the University of Oxford; and he is currently co-authoring the next edition of the Law of Refugee Status with Professor James Hathaway and Michelle Foster.

He has appeared in many of the leading immigration and citizenship cases in recent years

"Whenever I've got a new challenging case, he is who I want on it."

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R (HM) v SSHD

[2022] EWHC 695 (Admin); [2022] EWHC 2729 (Admin)

Jason acted successfully for Claimant refugee in a successful claim challenging the Secretary of State's operation of a blanket policy to seize, retain and extract data from the mobile phones of migrants arriving by small boat ([2022] EWHC 695) (with Tom de La Mare KC).

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R (BF (Eritrea) v SSHD [2021] 1 WLR 3967

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Jason acted for an unaccompanied minor, challenging the Government's age-determination process.

R (TN) v Secretary of State for the Home Department

[2021] 1 WLR 4902

Jason acted pro bono for Detention Action in appealing concerning the lawfulness of the Home Office's fast track asylum scheme.

R (Begum) v Special Immigration Appeals Commission

[2021] AC 765

Jason acted for the UN Special Rapporteur in Court of Appeal and Supreme Court appeals which concerned whether it was lawful to cancel Ms Begum's citizenship without access to an effective appeal.

G (A Child), Re

[2021] 2 WLR 705

Jason acted in the Supreme Court on behalf of the mother in the high-profile, and now leading Hague Convention child abduction case on the relationship between the Hague Convention and refugee law. Jason was brought into this case to deal with all immigration issues. He has since been instructed in another large and high-profile child abduction case involving a Russian family (again advising on all immigration issues in that case).

Challenge to refugee pushback policy

Jason acted for Freedom From Torture in challenge to the UK Government's refugee pushback policy on the basis that it was ultra vires, and incompatible with the 1951 Refugee Convention and Articles 3 and 4 ECHR. The Government withdrew the policy shortly before the hearing that was due to be heard before a Divisional Court in the week of 2 May, 2022.

Nationality and Borders Bill

Jason co-authored a 95-page page opinion on the compatibility of the Nationality and Borders Bill and international refugee law (for Freedom from Torture) (available here). The opinion was cited repeatedly during the debate on the Bill in the House of Lords.

Jason also co-authored a detailed opinion on Clause 9 of the Nationality and Borders Bill (which provided for the UK Government to withdraw citizenship without notice) (for the Good Law Project).

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Arbab v Secretary of State for the Home Department

Jason acted for Afghan national at risk of persecutory harm in Afghanistan on account of his political activity. The claimant was returned notwithstanding that risk, and is seeking an order compelling re-entry so that he can exercise his right to an in-country appeal.

R (Y & ors) v SSHD

Jason acted for a number of families in connection with involvement in scheme which provided a route to obtain Tier 1 (Investor) visas. The cases raise issues in relation to the Tier 1 (Investor) route, Article 8 ECHR, and Article 3 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

A v SSHD; O v SSHD; PRCBC v SSHD

Jason acted for a child claimant challenging the £1017 Home Office fee. That is charged to children to register as British citizens. The claimants allege that this has the effect of depriving children of a statutory right, is contrary to the child's best interests and infringes Article 8.

R (Bashir) v Secretary of State for the Home Department

[2016] 1 WLR 4613 (High Court); [2017] EWCA Civ 397 (Court of Appeal); [2018] 3 WLR 573 (Supreme Court)

Jason acted for six families of recognised refugees residing in the UK Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia in Cyprus. They have been residing there since 1998. The claimants challenge the decision of the SSHD to refuse admission to the UK. The case raises a number of fundamental issues under public international law, including, in particular, whether the Refugee Convention applies to this British overseas territory. The claimants succeeded in the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court (with Raza Husain KC, Tom Hickman KC and Eddie Craven).

Kuczynski v SSHD

Jason acted for the claimant in this case challenging the UK's policy in relation to rough sleeping in the Upper Tribunal. The UK had passed a policy which suggests that rough sleeping in an of itself constitutes an "abuse of rights" for the purposes of Article 35 of the Citizens Rights Directive. This raised issues concerning free movement rights under the TFEU.

MS v SSHD

Jason acted for the AIRE Centre which has intervened in the Supreme Court in this important appeal concerning (i) the extent to which decisions of the Competent Authority may be binding on a tribunal; and (ii) the scope of the protective and investigative duties under Article 4 ECHR.

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R (J) v Secretary of State for the Home Department

Jason acted for a number of unaccompanied minors challenging the significant and ongoing delay by the SSHD in determining the claimants' individual asylum claims, and the systemic delay by the SSHD in determining asylum claims of unaccompanied children more generally. Raises issues under domestic law, EU law and public international law (in particular, under the Convention on the Rights of the Child).

SXH v Crown Prosecutions Service

[2017] 1 WLR 1401

Represented UNHCR pro bono in the Supreme Court in this case which concerns the circumstances in which Art 8 ECHR will be engaged by a decision to prosecute a refugee for the use of false documents. The case has far-reaching implications for refugees entering the United Kingdom (with Raza Husain KC and Paul Luckhurst).

ZAT and others v SSHD

[2016] 1 WLR 4894

Jason acted for the AIRE Centre in the Court of Appeal in this case which concerns the application of Art 8 ECHR to unaccompanied refugee children in the Calais "Jungle" (with Raza Husain KC).

R (O) v Home Secretary

[2016] 1 WLR 1717

Represented BID and Medical Justice in case concerning immigration detention of those with mental illness (with Michael Fordham QC).

RA (a child by his litigation friend) and BF v Secretary of State for the Home Department

Jason acted successfully for the Office of the Children's Commissioner before the Upper Tribunal and Court of Appeal in this challenge to the SSHD's refusal to return a 5-year old boy from Nigeria and his mentally ill mother on the basis that the SSHD did not adequate consider the child's best interests. SSHD ordered to return to the family (with Monica Carrs-Frisk KC and Kate Gallafent KC).

JA (Nigeria) v Secretary of State for the Home Department

Jason acted for a mother and son in this important appeal before the Court of Appeal which concerns the proper approach to the definition of persecutory harm under the Refugee Convention in cases involving children. The child in this case is a 5-year albino boy, who would face widespread societal discrimination if returned to Nigeria, including a risk of ritual killing. The Secretary of State conceded the appeal before the hearing.

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Environment

Jason has a particular interest and expertise in environment cases, particularly in the context of judicial review. He has particular expertise in cases with an EU law dimension.

"Very strategic and sharp, his written submissions are clear and concise and he skilfully steers cases drawing on his wealth of experience."

— LEGAL 500, 2023

Cases

Banks Renewables Ltd v Secretary of State for Business Energy and Industry

[2020] EWHC 436 (Admin)

Jason acted for a number of interveners in this judicial review challenge where the Claimant seeks to challenge the legality of the Secretary of State's decision to exclude most generators of onshore wind energy from participation in the third allocation round auction for the award of Contracts for Difference (with Kieron Beal KC).

Marinet Ltd v Ministry of Defence

Jason advised for an environmental NGO in respect of a challenge to the decision of the Ministry of Defence to refuse to designate the Goodwin Sands as an archaeological site in light of the very large number of ships and planes that went down in this area during WWII. The issue has arisen as a result of a dredging application that has been made to build a port in Devon. The dredging will have detrimental impact on marine wildlife and the large number of ships, aircraft and crew lost at sea during WWII, during the Battle of Britain.

Drax Power Ltd and Infinis Energy Holdings Ltd v HM Treasury and HM Revenue & Customs

[2016] 2 CMLR 33 (High Court); [2017] QB 1221 (Court of Appeal)

Jason acted for Drax and Infinis in the High Court and Court of Appeal for renewable source energy generators in challenge to the withdrawal of tax relief with practical immediacy. It was alleged that the withdrawal violated applicable standards of EU law, including the principles of foreseeability and proportionality, and A1P1 ECHR. (with Michael Fordham KC).

Ineos Upstream Ltd v Persons Unknown

[2017] EWHC 2945 (Ch)

Jason acted for Ineos in application for interim injunction restraining persons unknown from a range of unlawful activity against fracking operators and their third party contractors. Ineos succeeded in obtaining the interim injunction before the High Court. The case raises issues relating to the scope of Articles 10 and 11 ECHR, the appropriateness of obtaining relief against persons unknown, the test for quia timet interim injunctions, and the scope of the various alleged torts/statutory offences. A Court of Appeal hearing is listed for early 2019.

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IGas v Persons Unknown

Jason acted for IGas in application for interim injunction restraining persons unknown from a range of unlawful activity against fracking operators.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Education

BA (University of Melbourne); LLM (University of Melbourne); BCL (Dist.) (Oxon) (Commonwealth Scholar); PhD (Cantab) (W.M. Tapp Scholar and Poynton Cambridge Australia Scholar)

Prizes & Scholarships

- Human Rights and Public Law Junior of the Year in the Chambers UK Bar Awards 2024.
- WorldECR's Young Practitioner of the Year Award (2018).
- Cambridge Yorke Prize for a PhD thesis of exceptional quality that makes a substantial contribution to its relevant field of legal knowledge.
- Hauser Global Fellowship (to attend New York University as a Hauser Visiting Doctoral Researcher).
- W.M. Tapp Studentship in Law (full funding to undertake PhD at Gonville and Caius College, University of Cambridge).
- Poynton Cambridge Australia Scholarship (full funding to undertake PhD at Gonville and Caius College, University of Cambridge).
- Commonwealth Scholarship (full funding to undertake BCL, University of Oxford).

Publications

Books

The Child in International Refugee Law (Cambridge University Press, 2017), shortlisted for the triennial Inner Temple Book Prize (2018).

Book chapters

- “Article 10” in Philip Alston and John Tobin (eds.), The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: A Commentary (Oxford University Press, 2018) (forthcoming).
- “Article 22” in Philip Alston and John Tobin (eds.), The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: A Commentary (Oxford University Press, 2018) (forthcoming).
- “Treating like alike: The principle of non-discrimination as a tool to mandate the equal protection of refugees and beneficiaries of complementary protection” in James C. Hathaway (ed.), Human Rights and Refugee Law (Edward Elgar, 2014) (reprint).

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- "A child rights framework for assessing the status of refugee children" in Satvinder Juss and Colin Harvey (eds.), Contemporary Issues in Refugee Law (Edward Elgar, 2013) 91 – 138.
- Co-author (with Guglielmo Verdirame), "The end of refugee camps" in Satvinder Juss (ed.), Research Companion to Migration Laws Theory and Policy (Ashgate, 2013) 471 – 488.

Articles

- "The best interests of the child principle as an independent source of protection" (2015) 64(2) International Comparative Law Quarterly 327
- Co-author (with Justice Anthony North and James C. Hathaway), "Roundtable on the Future of the Refugee Convention Supervision" Journal of Refugee Studies (2013) (forthcoming).
- Co-author (with Sarah Spencer CBE), "Equality for All? The Relationship between Immigration Status and the Allocation of Rights in the United Kingdom" (2012) 2 European Human Rights Law Review 160 – 175.
- Co-author (with James C. Hathaway), "Queer cases make bad law" (2012) 44(2) New York University Journal of International Law and Politics 315-389 [published as lead article in symposium, with responses from Sir Richard Buxton, Ryan Goodman, John Tobin, David Frank, Jenni Millbank, Deborah Anker, Sabi Ardalan and Guglielmo Verdirame].
- Co-author (with Michelle Foster), "A failed case of legal exceptionalism? Refugee status determination in Australia's 'excised' territories" (2011) 23(4) International Journal of Refugee Law 583 – 631.
- "Treating like alike: The principle of non-discrimination as a tool to mandate the equal protection of refugees and beneficiaries of complementary protection" (2010) 34(1) Melbourne University Law Review 181 – 229.
- Co-author (with Kate Purcell), "Refugee processing freeze: Unlawful and practically unsound" (2010) 35(2) Alternative Law Journal 60 – 61.
- "Keeping the cat out of the bag: The interaction between litigation privilege and the service of witness statements" (2010) 29 Civil Justice Quarterly 48 – 72.
- "The service of witness statements and litigation privilege: ACCC v Cadbury" (2009) 13 The International Journal of Evidence and Proof 335 – 341.
- "Medically mediated reproduction: Posthumous conception and the best interests of the child" (2007) 15 Journal of Law and Medicine 450 – 468.

Research & Teaching

Jason has undertaken postgraduate study at the University of Melbourne, University of Oxford, University of Cambridge and New York University. He received his doctorate from the University of Cambridge for his thesis, "The Child In International Refugee Law". His research has focused principally on public international law, public law and human rights, and international refugee law, and he has taught in these areas at the University of Cambridge, the University of Oxford, the University of London and New York University.

In 2010 Jason founded the Cambridge Pro Bono Project, which has, since its establishment, facilitated the involvement of hundreds of postgraduate students in various pro bono projects.

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In 2011 Jason was a Visiting Fellow at New York University working under the supervision of Professor Philip Alston, where he was also involved in supervising students undertaking the International Human Rights Fellowship. In 2010 Jason was a Research Associate at Makerere University in Kampala, where he undertook research on unaccompanied refugee children, predominately from the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Jason is presently a Research Associate at the Refugee Studies Centre at the University of Oxford.

Jason is regularly invited to speak and present at conferences and workshops both domestically and overseas, particularly on issues relating to human rights and international refugee law. He has recently delivered lectures in London, Oxford, Cambridge, Lund, Stockholm, Geneva and Boston. He has acted as a consultant to the Centre of Migration, Policy and Society at the University of Oxford, and the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

Jason is a trustee of the AIRE Centre.

Memberships

- Administrative Law Bar Association
- Human Rights Lawyers Association
- Bar European Group
- Immigration Law Practitioners Association
- British Institute of International and Comparative Law
- International Law Association
- European Society of International Law
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