

## Jason Blakey

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### About Jason

Jason Blakey is a partner in our Litigation team based in Leeds.

Jason specialises in commercial litigation dealing with a wide range of contractual and tortious disputes; corporate litigation involving disputes between shareholders and directors and claims under share purchase agreements; and specialist arbitration, particularly, under the Groceries Supply Code of Practice.

Jason primarily acts for companies, both public limited company's (PLCs) and limited. His experience encompasses a range of business sectors, including manufacturing, energy/utilities, financial services, retail/food and engineering.

*Chambers and Partners* and *Legal 500* quote Jason as "a commercial strategist and able to read the matter and the room exceptionally well, meaning he is always three steps ahead" and a "true tactician and expert in the field."

### Experience

#### Commercial Litigation

- Representing a global supplier of printing presses in various disputes with its customers alleging, amongst other things, breach of contract, breach of warranties and misrepresentation.
- Acting for an electricity network provider in claims against multiple parties in respect of negligence, nuisance, and breach of restrictive covenants (and including the recoverability of regulatory incentives/losses).
- Pursuing a claim for breach of contract and negligence against the IT provider of software to our gas distribution company.
- Defending various claims brought by customers of our financial and administration services client in respect of IT software and services provided.
- Acting for a renewable energy business in a dispute concerning gas extraction activities concerning claims for trespass, conversion, unjust enrichment and conspiracy.

- Acting for a well-known food retailer appealing decisions by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) concerning the imposition of anti-dumping duty and import Value-Added Tax (VAT).
- Defending an application for judicial review brought by the council against the landowner of Doncaster Sheffield Airport [2022 EWHC 3060 (Admin)].
- Defending an automotive parts repair company against a claim by a car hire company for circa £6.5 million alleging dishonesty and used that as evidence for its extrapolation claim.
- Acting for a limited company in numerous disputes, particularly, concerning a power plant in the Philippines, work done in Libya and a claim against a worldwide energy company in respect of a power plant in the UK.

#### **Corporate Litigation**

- Acting for a group of shareholders in disputes with the main shareholder in two jurisdictions concerning the conduct and subsequent removal of the board of the company and practices by the board.
- Representing one party of shareholders in a contractual dispute brought by the other following a joint venture between them including contesting the court's jurisdiction.
- Advising and assisting a company specialising in the production and distribution of equipment in the building/public work sectors with several claims under a share purchase agreement.
- Acting for a private equity (PE) house in connection with claims under the warranties and fraud following its acquisition of a healthcare business.
- Acting for the family shareholders in respect of a dispute with the majority investors concerning a security group of companies.

#### **GSCOP/Arbitration**

- Defending several claims brought under the Groceries Supply Code of Practice and subsequent arbitral proceedings for a major food retailer including claims for unfair dealing, de-listing and variations to the contracts.
- Acting for a biscuit manufacturer concerning a breach of contract claim with a supplier and including claims for unlawful price increases, quality issues and territorial exclusivity.
- Representing a defendant trading company in connection with a claim and arbitral proceedings under the Federation of Oils, Seeds and Fats Associations.

## **Credentials**

#### **Education**

- Nottingham Law School, L.P.C., 1995
- Anglia University, LL.B., with honours, 1994

#### **Admissions**

- England and Wales, 1999

## **Recognitions**

*Legal 500 UK* and *Chambers UK* testimonials include:

- "Jason is a commercial strategist and is able to read the matter and the room exceptionally well, meaning he is always three steps ahead."
- "Jason is a very safe pair of hands for complex work."

- "Jason is very down-to-earth and extremely commercial in his advice and approach. He works collaboratively with his clients to achieve the best possible outcome."
- "'True tactician and expert in the field'."
- "Knowledgeable team with an excellent insight into tactics"

## Expertise

## Services

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- Litigation

## About our firm

One of the world's strongest integrated law firms, providing insight at the point where law, business and government meet. We deliver commercially focused business solutions by combining our legal, lobbying and political capabilities and invaluable connections on the ground to a diverse mix of clients, from long-established leading corporations to emerging businesses, startup visionaries and sovereign nations. More than 1,500 lawyers in over 40 offices across four continents provide unrivaled access to expertise.