

Jake Acock

Call: 2023



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Expertise

Business & Property

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Real Estate

- Possession hearings (both S.21 and S.8, represented both Claimants and Defendants)
- Residential Landlord and Tenant Disputes – given advice and representation at hearings.
- Commercial Landlord and Tenant (breaches of Leases etc)
- Option agreement – breach of this (this is an ongoing case)
- Boundary disputes (written three different advices with my supervisors)
- Easements (again, written different advices with my supervisors)
- Land Registration Act issues
- Adverse Possession
- Worked with local councils on securing S.77 Directions and S.78 Orders under Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (basically criminal trespass)
- Service Charge Disputes

Commercial Litigation

Jake is developing a strong commercial practice encompassing all areas of contract law from breaches of contract to claims for misrepresentation. Jake often draws on his experience from lecturing in contract law at LSE, which clients often find is very helpful to all cases he is instructed on.

Jake has represented individuals, companies and trust organisations.

Recently Jake has worked on the following cases:

- Defending a client accused of making misrepresentations in the sale of an estate worth over £1 million
- Cases involving breaches of implied terms from the Consumer Rights Act

Technology & Construction

Jake is beginning to build a practice incorporating construction disputes, in particular construction disputes involving contractual issues and misrepresentation. Jake's latest work in this area includes providing advice on breach of contract for a housing renovation and drafting a Defence for breach of contract.

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Accreditations

- Hebe Plunkett Award – The Honourable Society of Gray’s Inn (2023)
- Headridge Scholarship – The Honourable Society of Gray’s Inn (2021)
- Leonard Caplan Scholarship – The Honourable Society of Gray’s Inn (2020)

Qualifications

- LLM International Commercial Law – UCL (expected in 2026)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Bar Practice (PGDip) – Inns of Court College of Advocacy (2022)
- Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) – The University of Law (2021)
- History (BA Hons) – King’s College London (2020)

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