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Anthony Jones has a broad practice in commercial law, professional liability, international arbitration, public international law, and human rights. Anthony has extensive experience before domestic and international tribunals, with current and recent cases before the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, the European Court of Human Rights, the EU Courts, and ICSID arbitral tribunals, as well as in a range of offshore jurisdictions (Antigua, Barbados, the Isle of Man, and St Vincent and the Grenadines).

In recent years, Anthony has acted in a number of important cases, led and unled, including:

- ***Financial Conduct Authority v MS Amlin and others*** (2020) – currently acting for Royal & Sun Alliance in the Commercial Court in the high-profile litigation regarding business interruption insurance responses to the Covid-19 pandemic
- ***Re Edwardian Group Ltd*** [2018] EWHC 1715 (Ch) – acted for the successful minority shareholder in a £140 million seven-week unfair prejudice petition regarding one of the UK’s largest hotel groups
- ***Khanty-Mansiysk Recoveries Ltd v Forsters LLP*** [2018] EWCA Civ 89 and [2016] EWHC 522 (Comm) – acted for the successful defendant to a £75 million claim arising out of investments in Russia (one of *The Lawyer’s* Top 20 Cases)
- ***BPE Solicitors v Hughes-Holland*** [2017] 2 WLR 1029 (UKSC) – part of the successful appellant’s team in this ground-breaking Supreme Court case concerning the SAAMCo approach to the scope of professional duties
- ***R (Campaign Against Arms Trade) v Secretary of State for International Trade*** [2019] 1 WLR 5765 (CA) and [2017] EWHC 1754 (Admin) – acted at first instance and on appeal for leading NGOs in the challenge to UK arms exports to Saudi Arabia for use in Yemen (one of *The Lawyer’s* Top 20 Cases)
- ***Wikimedia v Turkey*** (European Court of Human Rights, 2019-20) – acting for Wikimedia in the challenge to the Turkish government’s decision to block access to Wikipedia
- ***Hanan v Germany*** (European Court of Human Rights, 2019-20) – acting before the Grand Chamber in this significant case on the extraterritorial application of the European Convention to airstrikes in Afghanistan
- C-458/19 P ***ClientEarth v European Commission*** (CJEU, 2018-20) – acting as sole counsel in the EU General Court and on appeal to the CJEU in a challenge to the European Commission chemical regulation scheme on the grounds of non-compliance of EU law with the UN Aarhus Convention



Anthony is recognised by Legal 500 as a leading junior in Civil Liberties and Human Rights for '*the quality of his research, legal judgement and drafting is consistently excellent. Clients rightly jump at the chance to instruct him*' (2021); his '*unparalleled ability to digest a significant amount of complex information in a short period of time, and develop insightful and compelling arguments*' (2020) and for being '*impressive with clients and skilled at finding a compromise.*' In 2019 he was appointed a member of the Equality and Human Rights Commission Panel of Counsel. Anthony is also recognised by the Legal 500 as a leading junior in Professional Negligence '*He cuts through difficult problems with neat legal solutions and works brilliantly as part of a wider team*' (2021).

## Qualifications & Memberships

Anthony holds a BA in Law with First Class Honours and various prizes from University College, Oxford. He also holds an MA and BA in Classical Chinese with First Class Honours and the University Medal (first in year) from the University of Sydney, and a Diploma in Chinese from Beijing Yuyan Daxue (University of Languages and Cultures). Anthony was ranked Outstanding on the BPTC, for which he held the top scholarship from Middle Temple.

## Previous Experience

Prior to coming to the bar, Anthony worked for five years in politics in Australia, acting as special advisor to the Foreign Minister, Premier of New South Wales, and Attorney General of New South Wales.

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# Areas of Expertise

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## Public International Law

Anthony has a growing practice in public international law, covering advisory and contentious work for individuals, NGOs, and State organs in the UK courts and a range of international tribunals, including ICSID arbitrations, the EU courts, and other regional tribunals. His work covers customary international law, investment treaties, State immunity and responsibility, and the law of international organisations. Remarkably for a junior of his call, Anthony has been instructed on five occasions as sole counsel before the EU General Court in Luxembourg in matters raising the compliance of EU institutions with their public international law obligations in the field of environmental and refugee law.

Anthony writes and speaks regularly on public international law and investment treaty arbitration, in recent years addressing the Beijing Arbitration Commission conference and co-authoring *The ICSID Convention, Rules and Regulations: A Practical Commentary* (2019).

Recent cases include:

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- *Sece v Turkmenistan* (ICSID Case No ARB/18/34) – acting for investor in a £50 million claim under the Turkey-Turkmenistan BIT, likely to have a significant impact on future investment against the State, since previous ICSID tribunals have disagreed over the meaning of key jurisdictional provisions of the relevant BIT

- Investor claim against Central Asian State (2019-20) – acting for the investor in a ground-breaking proposed £30 million claim against a Central Asian State, the first brought under the relevant BIT, raising a series of jurisdictional complexities, including the meaning of ‘investment’ with respect to concession contracts and the application of umbrella clauses by way of most-favoured nation protections
- *Al Jazeera v Egypt* (ICSID Case No ARB/16/1) – acting human rights organizations intervening in the claim brought by Al Jazeera in relation to detention of journalists by the Egyptian authorities, considering the emerging question of the extent to which human rights obligations are implied into and influence BIT investor protections
- C-458/19 P *ClientEarth v European Commission* (CJEU, 2018-20) – acting as sole counsel in the EU General Court and on appeal to the CJEU in a challenge to the European Commission chemical regulation scheme on the grounds of non-compliance of EU law with the UN Aarhus Convention
- C-209/17 P *NG v European Commission* (CJEU, 2018) – acting as sole counsel in the EU General Court and on appeal to the CJEU for Amnesty International intervening in a challenge to the legality of the EU-Turkey refugee deal
- T-436/17 *ClientEarth, European Environmental Bureau and ors v European Commission* (EU General Court, 2017-18) – acting as sole counsel in the EU General Court on behalf of a coalition of NGOs in a challenge to the Commission’s ratification of approval of certain toxic chemicals, allegedly in breach of UN environmental treaties
- *Federation of African Journalists v The Gambia* (ECOWAS Court, 2016-17) – acted on behalf of the leading African journalism union in the successful challenge to the validity of The Gambia’s laws on criminal defamation and ‘so-called’ false news

## Insights

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### Professional liability round up of 2019

7 January 2020

Helen Evans, Pippa Manby, Anthony Jones and Seohyung Kim of 4 New Square Chambers explain what the 2019 cases tell us, how the various strands of development interact, and what trends are evident as we go into 2020.

### GCHQ, encrypted chats and IPA 2016

18 July 2019

This article was first published on Lexis®PSL on 8 July 2019. Corporate Crime analysis: An open letter signed by over 50 organisations, including Apple, WhatsApp, Liberty and Privacy International, recently called on the UK Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) to abandon a proposal to eavesdrop on encrypted chats. Can Yeginsu and Anthony Jones, barristers at 4 New Square Chambers, explain the background to the proposal and consider some of the related legislation in this area.

### Creative remedies in unfair prejudice petitions

17 July 2019

In this article, prompted by the recent quantum decision in *Re Edwardian Group Ltd* [2019] EWHC 873 (Ch) Helen Evans and Anthony Jones of 4 New Square consider the range of valuation approaches available to a judge when ordering a share purchase.