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Will joined 4 New Square in October 2020 following the successful completion of his pupillage under the supervision of Shail Patel, Tim Chelmick and Lucy Colter. He is developing a broad commercial practice in line with Chambers' core areas of work. He is currently instructed as a junior in a £1.3 billion fraud claim in the Chancery Division and in a complex construction dispute in the Technology and Construction Court.

Prior to commencing pupillage, Will read Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oriel College, Oxford, where he was awarded an Academic Scholarship and graduated with First Class Honours (7th highest in year). He completed the Graduate Diploma in Law at City, University of London with Distinction (4th highest in year) and also won the Jean Monnet Prize for EU Law, before undertaking the Bar Professional Training Course as a Lord Justice Holker Scholar of Gray's Inn. While at school, Will represented England at the World Schools Debating Championships, winning the tournament in 2014 while also being named the best individual speaker.

Areas of Expertise

Civil Fraud

Will is currently instructed as part of a large Counsel team defending a £1.3 billion fraud claim arising out of the collapse of a Russian bank. His experience in this area also includes:

- Assisting in a £50m conspiracy claim arising out of the sale of vintage cars (during pupillage)
- Assisting in a claim brought against a bank under s. 90A FSMA 2000 concerning the publishing of misleading statements (during pupillage)
- Assisting in the contested administration of an estate involving allegations of fraud and dishonesty (during pupillage)
- Assisting in a \$500m claim against a major firm of solicitors arising out of CIS litigation involving allegations of fraud and conspiracy (during pupillage)

Qualifications & Memberships

Education: BA, Philosophy, Politics & Economics, Oriel College, Oxford (First Class Honours); GDL, City, University of London (Distinction); BPTC, City, University of London

Scholarships & Awards: Academic Scholarship (Oriel College, Oxford); CPE Scholarship, Lord Justice Holker Scholarship (Gray's Inn); Jean Monnet Prize in EU Law (City, University of London)