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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

Commercial Litigation

Will has a particular interest in this area and has experience of a wide range of commercial disputes, including:

- Acting as part of a Counsel team defending a £1.3 billion fraud claim arising out of the collapse of a Russian bank
- Assisting in a \$500m claim against a major firm of solicitors arising out of CIS litigation involving allegations of fraud and conspiracy (during pupillage)
- Assisting in a multi-million dollar international arbitration concerning the termination of a distribution agreement and giving rise to complex conflict of laws issues (during pupillage)
- Assisting in a claim brought by HNW individuals concerning the disputed ownership of a West London restaurant (during pupillage)
- Assisting in the defence of a claim brought by a bank under personal guarantees (during pupillage)
- Assisting in a \$5m claim brought by a bank in relation to the international sale of steel (during pupillage)
- Assisting in a \$3m claim brought by a Maltese aviation company in relation to unpaid charter fees (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



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(Gray's Inn); Jean Monnet Prize in EU Law (City, University of London)