

## Will Cook

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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

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### Professional Liability

During pupillage Will assisted with the conduct and defence of claims against a wide range of professionals, including lawyers, accountants, architects and insolvency practitioners. His experience in this area has included:

- 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 the defence of a claim against tax advisers arising out of a failed tax scheme (during pupillage)
- Assisting in claims brought by companies against their former solicitors arising out of multi-million pound valuers' negligence litigation (during pupillage)
- Assisting in a claim brought by a HNW individual against his former solicitors arising out of the unsuccessful defence of a conspiracy claim (during pupillage)
- Assisting in the successful strike-out of a £1m claim brought against a City firm of solicitors by their former client (during pupillage)
- Assisting in a claim brought by the management company of a central London property against its managing agents (during pupillage)
- Assisting in the defence of a £250m claim against the former administrators of an insolvent SPV (during pupillage)
- Assisting in a £12m claim against a firm of solicitors arising out of the alleged mis-sale of Interest Rate Hedging Products (during pupillage)
- Assisting in a claim brought against an IFA and IFA network arising out of a failed collective investment scheme (during pupillage)



## Qualifications & Memberships

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**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)