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Stars at the Bar 2013 – the up-and-coming barristers making their mark

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Ben Rigby profiles 10 of the most acclaimed young barristers making their mark in a fiercely competitive arena.

Can Yeginsu, 4 New Square Called in 2007

The Bar's true polymaths – the ones able to advocate in a wide variety of legal areas, with seemingly effortless fluency – are relatively few and far between. Some mark Can Yeginsu out as a possible heir to that intellectual legacy.

He combines his increasingly global commercial practice – including acting in the Innovator One litigation – with professional liability work and a busy commercial judicial review specialism, while also fostering a wider human rights practice, equivalent in depth and breadth to his commercial work.

Despite a glittering academic career that includes Oxford, Princeton, City University and Harvard, Yeginsu is no dusty scholar. Clients say "he has an excellent mind with a real talent for picking out the key issues in any given case." In part, that is down to his being "very persuasive – it is immediately plain that he is a great communicator", says one. Another says while Yeginsu is "modest in person and friendly, he is also a very impressive lawyer", commanding personal attention: "Our clients want him, listen to and trust him."

Another senior partner agrees: "Can is older and wiser than his call suggests," and regularly acts on million-pound litigation cases as sole counsel. "His drafting and advice are both top-drawer," the partner adds. "But he also has a way with solicitors and clients that really inspires confidence, and helps to get across what is important."

One chambers insider says Yeginsu has "given us momentum to attract more top-notch commercial work into chambers not only at silk, but also junior level".

They add that "his Turkish connections and language give him a real edge over others the same age, in terms of sophistication and international mindset". As vice-chair of the British-Turkish Lawyers Association, others would agree. Remember his name.

