

# John Jessup

**Year of Call:** 2014

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## Commercial

John is an experienced commercial chancery junior. His broad litigation and advisory work cover most areas of the law normally litigated in the Chancery Division, specifically:

**Insolvency** John has experience with complex and high-value disputes between liquidators and former directors, and frequently advises in difficult insolvency matters. He regularly appears on behalf of Companies in disputed winding up proceedings brought by HMRC and private creditors. John also has experience in the field of personal insolvency.

**Company** John has substantial experience in general Company law matters including Directors Duties, complex Shareholders disputes and unfair prejudice petitions. John experience extends to dealing with non-contentious company law matters including applications to rectify the register of charges under the Companies Act 2006, including a recent application to rectify an improperly conducted reduction in its share capital and advising on how to perform the merger of two companies limited by guarantee.

### Recent cases:

**ONS Ultimate Holding Ltd v Nair [2022] EWHC 2200 (Ch):** Represented the defendant on a multi-day High Court application for summary judgment.

**CC v F Co (2023). Ongoing:** Acting for the Claimant in a High Court professional negligence dispute.

**G v R & R (2023):** Represented third parties and successfully resisted an attempt to unwind the sale of a property which the claimant was attempting to achieve via an urgent injunction application.

**AK v FLI Limited (2022):** Ongoing. Acts for the Defendant company in the High Court in respect of an alleged data protection breach.

**A v H (2023):** Represented administrators on a successful application to force third parties to hand over company documents.

**L Ltd v E Ltd (2023):** Successfully resisted a third party costs order application against a former director of a company.

**ABG Limited (2023):** Advised upon and appeared at an application to restrain advertisement of a winding up petition.

**A school (2023):** Advised a fee-paying school on the effect of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and a proposal to secure unpaid fees by a charge over property.

**B Ltd (2023):** Advised on whether certain transactions were caught by s.127 IA 1986 (clawback provision in respect of transactions made after presentation of a winding up petition)

**Various v A (2021):** Successfully resisted a High Court interim injunction which would have prevented his client from

attending his local mosque.

**C v CP Ltd (2021):** Appeared in the High Court and persuaded the court to depart from the usual rule that indemnity costs are awarded where a party commences litigation in breach of an arbitration clause.

**A v Z (2021):** Represented a former director at a two-day claim brought by liquidators for director's misfeasance and transactions at undervalue.

**BP Ltd v WD (2020):** Acted as sole Counsel in a successful 4-day trial relating to unpaid storage fees.

**CC v NP (2020):** Acted for the Defendant in proceedings brought by a vexatious litigant and obtained a civil restraint order via written submissions.

**L v G (2020):** Successfully resisted an application heard in the High Court for third party disclosure.

## Articles

Through a glass darkly: reflections on reflective loss

John Jessup considers the recent Court of Appeal decision of *Marex Financial Limited* [2018] EWCA Civ 1468 which answers the question of whether the rule against reflective loss (which prevents a shareholder bringing an action for loss of value of their shares) applies to unsecured creditors.

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## Academic qualifications

- University of Wales, Swansea, LLB Law, 1st class degree (top 1st) (2011)
- University of Oxford, Bachelor of Civil Law (2013)
- Cardiff University, BPTC, Outstanding.

## Scholarships

- Best Orator, Oxford International Media Law Moot 2013
- Semi-Finalist, Oxford International Intellectual Property Moot 2013
- Beneficiary of the James Pantyfedwen Foundation, 2012
- Iscoed Chambers Prize, 2011
- Sweet and Maxwell Prize, 2011

## Professional bodies

- Chancery Bar Association
- Technology and Construction Bar Association

## Direct Access

John is able to provide Court representation and written advice on a Direct Access basis in all of his practice areas.