



## Jake Thorold

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Jake accepts instructions across all of Chambers' practice areas with a particular interest in public, planning and environmental law.

In his first six months of practice, Jake was instructed as sole counsel in both the High Court and in the high-profile South Kensington tube station planning inquiry. He was also instructed in the Supreme Court in *R (Maguire) v His Majesty's Senior Coroner for Blackpool and Fylde* [2023] UKSC 20 on the scope of the procedural obligation under Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights (pro bono written submissions for MIND led by Alex Ruck-Keene KC (Hon)).

Jake has recently been heavily involved in judicial review challenges to the Home Office's asylum accommodation measures, including West Lindsey District Council's high-profile challenge to the use of RAF Scampton in Lincolnshire (see [here](#)).

In 2021-2022 Jake was a Judicial Assistant at the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom and Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, assigned to Lord Sales and Lady Rose. In this role Jake was involved with some of the most important cases of the year, including *Hillside Parks Ltd v Snowdonia National Park Authority* [2022] UKSC 30 on successive planning permissions, *Fearn v Board of Trustees of the Tate Gallery* [2023] UKSC 4 on the applicability of the law of nuisance in cases of visual intrusion, *Basfar v Wong* [2022] UKSC 21 on the scope of diplomatic immunity for human trafficking and *Attorney General for Bermuda v Ferguson and others* [2022] UKPC 5 concerning the constitutionality of same-sex marriage in Bermuda.

Prior to coming to the Bar Jake worked for the Royal Society of Arts think tank and studied at Cambridge (starred double first), Harvard and Oxford (top of year).

Jake is a member of the Administrative Law Bar Association, the Planning and Environmental Bar Association, the UK Environmental Law Association, the Environmental Law Foundation and the Court of Protection Bar Association. He is willing to accept pro bono instructions in appropriate cases.

## Areas of expertise

Public Law

Planning and Environment

Court of Protection

Civil Liability

Commercial, Construction and Property

## Planning and Environment

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In his first 6 months of practice, Jake was instructed as sole counsel by a local residents in the high profile South Kensington Tube Station planning inquiry (see [here](#)).

Jake also recently acted as sole counsel on behalf of local residents to successfully resist a planning appeal for the construction of an ALDI supermarket in Thames Ditton (see [here](#))

Jake has recently been heavily involved in judicial review challenges to the Home Office's asylum accommodation measures, including West Lindsey District Council's widely covered challenge to the use of RAF Scampton in Lincolnshire (see [here](#); led by Richard Wald KC).

Jake also acted for Great Yarmouth Borough Council before Mr Justice Holgate in the only successful planning injunction case brought against the government's use of hotels for asylum seeker accommodation: *Great Yarmouth Borough Council v Al-Abdin & Ors*[2022] EWHC 3476 (led by Richard Wald KC). Jake has also acted as sole counsel in the High Court in planning injunction matters.

Jake is frequently instructed by both claimants and local planning authorities in judicial reviews of planning permissions, as well as to provide advice on all areas of planning and environmental law.

## Memberships

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- Administrative Law Bar Association
- Planning and Environment Bar Association
- UK Environmental Law Association
- Court of Protection Bar Association

## Qualifications

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### Education

- BPTC, City Law School (Outstanding)
- GDL, City Law School (Distinction)
- MSt in British and European History, University of Oxford (Distinction – top of year)
- Special Studentship, Harvard University
- BA History, University of Cambridge (starred double first)

### Scholarships and Prizes

- Peter Taylor Scholarship – Inner Temple (the Inn's most prestigious award)
- Prize for highest mark in history master's dissertation, University of Oxford
- Herchel Smith scholarship to Harvard University
- Honorary Bachelor Scholar, Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge

## Additional Information

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From September 2021 to July 2022 Jake worked at the Supreme Court as the judicial assistant to Lord Sales and Lady Rose.

Before coming to the Bar, Jake worked for the Royal Society of Arts think tank where he was the author of multiple public policy reports. He has been published in *The Guardian* and *The New Statesman*.

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