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Overview

Matthew is developing a broad practice across all of Chambers' main practice areas, including commercial disputes and international arbitration.

Before coming to the Bar, Matthew worked as a solicitor at Linklaters LLP, where he specialised in commercial litigation, arbitration, and internal investigations. Whilst at Linklaters, Matthew undertook a secondment to Plan International, one of the world's largest children's charities, where he advised on a range of legal issues.

Matthew graduated with a first class degree in History and Politics from the University of Oxford. He also represented the University of Oxford at Yale, having been awarded a scholarship to study international relations on the International Alliance of Research Universities' Global Summer Program.

Professional memberships

- Inner Temple

Education

- University of Law: Accelerated Legal Practice Course, Distinction (2018)
- University of Law: Graduate Diploma in Law, Distinction (2017)
- University of Oxford, Pembroke College, BA in History and Politics, First Class (2016)

Example cases

Examples of the work Matthew has undertaken during pupillage include:

- Drafted pleadings in a number of arbitrations, including LCIA and LMAA.

- Prepared advice on the merits of a potential claim by an athlete against their international sports federation.
- Prepared a skeleton argument in relation to a s.68 challenge to an arbitral award.
- Prepared advice regarding the operation of (re-)insurance provisions in light of losses arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some highlights from Matthew's work as a solicitor include:

- Preparing written submissions to the European Data Protection Board.
- Assisting with an internal investigation into alleged misconduct of a senior employee at an international professional services firm, including conducting interviews with relevant individuals.
- Drafting a number of contracts relating to the operations of Plan International in various countries.