



“Intimidatingly intelligent; judges appreciate his concise advocacy style.”
(Legal 500 2021)

“A thorough, clear-thinking, dedicated advocate...he has the ability to pull up points that haven’t been considered before and then build upon them brilliantly in a way that favours the client’s case.”
(Chambers and Partners 2021)

Jonathan is ranked in Chambers and Partners 2024 in POCA, Public Law and Inquests and Public Inquiries, and in the Legal 500 2024 in POCA and International Crime and Extradition. He has a wealth of experience handling unusual, sensitive or controversial matters, in the fields of asset recovery, mutual legal assistance, national security, human rights, confiscation, tax and duties, law enforcement, extradition, inquests and immigration, and wherever criminal law interfaces with public law. Before taking Silk, Jonathan was a grade 4 prosecutor and on the Attorney General’s Civil A Panel.

In May 2019, Jonathan Hall KC was appointed by the Home Secretary as Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation. As with previous Reviewers, this is a part-time role which Jonathan principally conducts from Chambers. As a result of this appointment, there are certain limits as to the instructions that Jonathan can accept – his clerks will be happy to discuss.

POCA Work and Asset Forfeiture

Jonathan is highly esteemed for his work in civil recovery, and an expert on freezing and disclosure orders. He also advises on domestic and international restraint and receivership in confiscation cases. He has recently been handling work surrounding cryptocurrencies.

“Shows great attention to detail and is very good on his historical legal knowledge. He is fantastic at getting to the bottom of why statutes say what they do.” (Chambers & Partners)

“He is very popular with the authorities at the moment, and deservedly so.” (Legal 500)

Administrative and Public Law

Jonathan is particularly strong in the context of national security and regularly defends the use of ‘no suspicion’ powers under Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000.

“Incredibly experienced and really trusted with wary clients.” “He’s completely fair and completely on top of his material. His skill is in not saying too much, which is very effective.” “Jonathan is very intelligent, very personable and very conscientious.” (Chambers and Partners)

“He is a true tactician and terrifyingly clever.” (Legal 500)

Police Law

“An excellent lawyer and tactician who is highly respected by the teams he leads.” (Legal 500)

Other Testimonies

“Effective as an advocate and good at explaining ideas to the court.”

“He has a real eye for detail, and is incredibly approachable and friendly as well.”

“He’s really clever, he writes well and he’s a great advocate.”

“A powerful advocate who can see both sides of an argument and really fine-tune his approach.”



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