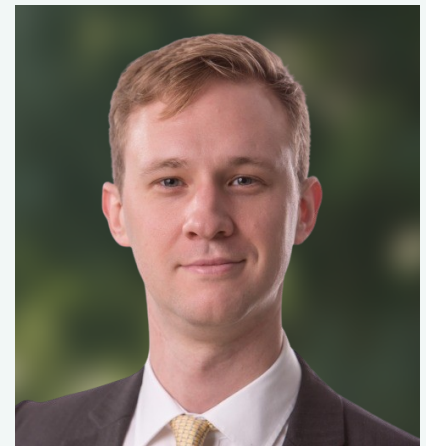


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Overview

Richard became a full tenant in Chambers on the 1st October 2022 following successful completion of his pupillage.

During his first six months of pupillage, Richard was first supervised by [Nicola Newbegin](#), with whom he gained experience of cases in the Employment Tribunal and appeals to the EAT, and professional disciplinary work, including in the High Court. He was then supervised by [Sophie Beesley](#) with whom he gained experience of advising and drafting in relation to serious injury claims, including clinical negligence and Article 2 ECHR cases concerning avoidable suicide. He has assisted members of chambers with a wide variety of matters, including [Mercer v Alternative Future Group Ltd](#) [2022] EWCA Civ 379.

In his second six months of pupillage, Richard has been supervised by [Sarah Keogh](#) and [Cyril Adjei](#), and is accepting instructions in all of Chambers’ core practice areas.

Before coming to the Bar, Richard worked as a caseworker at Southwark Law Centre representing clients in the ET and EAT. He represented the successful claimant in [Otshudi v Base Childrenswear Ltd](#) [2019] EWCA Civ 1648, and in the employment status test case [Nowak v Chandler Bars Group Ltd](#) 3200538/2019 (with counsel [Sarah Keogh](#)).

Richard also spent some years working at United Voices of the World as head of legal services and as a caseworker at the *Cleaners and Allied Independent Workers Union*. He represented union members in individual and group litigation in the ET, and in relation to injunction proceedings in [Avsar v Wilson James Ltd](#) [2020] EWHC 3412, and in the Central Arbitration Committee in [United Voices of the World v OCS Group UK Ltd](#) TUR1/1116 (2019).

He also worked at Leigh Day and Hempsons in their respective personal injury and clinical negligence departments.

Academics

BPTC, Very Competent (BPP, London, 2020)

BA Law, 2.1 (St Edmund’s College, University of Cambridge, 2016)

BA History, First Class (Birkbeck College, University of London, 2014)

Awards & Prizes

Lord Denning Scholarship (Lincoln’s Inn, 2019)

Hardwicke Scholarship (Lincoln’s Inn, 2019)

Winner of the University of Leicester Medical Law Mooting Competition (2014)

Publications / Articles

“Lies, damned lies and discrimination: Base Childrenswear Ltd v Otshudi”, ELA Briefing (November 2019)

“Psychiatric injury in the NHS: prevention is better than financial remedy”, Hempsons Healthcare Newsbrief (Summer 2017)

Expertise

- Clinical Negligence
- Employment & Discrimination
- Personal Injury
- Public Law

Recommendations

"Old Square are my preferred set of chambers and have been throughout my career. They will always try to accommodate needs and the set are very down to earth and approachable. We have developed very good working relationships with the team over the years." "Good availability of counsel, and always with a range of experience and brief fees so that the client has lots of options. They also deliver regular training sessions with topical content, engaging speakers and useful insights. The Legal 500

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