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Legal Service



## JASON NICKLESS BARRISTER PROFILE

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## AREAS OF PRACTICE

### Boundary and Building Disputes

Jason provides advice, drafting and representation in respect of all areas of boundary and building disputes. He is experienced in liaising with experts and enjoys a good site visit! He is available for representation in the Courts, Land Tribunals and at mediations. Jason is also experienced in dealing with the all too frequent 'spill over effects' of neighbour disputes and is able to provide assistance with (emergency) injunctive relief to protect property and person from damage, injury and harassment.

### Commercial and Civil Litigation

Jason can be relied upon to provide practical advice in all fields of commercial and consumer practice. He is also available for representation at Court and in mediations. He finds this area of law fascinating but is fully aware of the realities of business and the need to maintain good commercial relationships whenever possible. He provides advocacy and advice in fields such as agency, contract, consumer credit and partnership as well as the sale of goods and supply of services. Jason appreciates that litigation does not just end with a Court judgment and is therefore also available for work relating to debt recovery and enforcement.

### Family: Private Children Act

Jason has extensive experience in representing parents and grandparents in disputes arising in respect of contact and residence. He regularly appears for parties involved with allegations of domestic violence. He represented the Appellant Mother before the Court of Appeal in *Re R (A Child)* [2009] EWCA Civ 1619 in which the Court of Appeal laid down important guidelines on submissions of no case to answer in fact finding hearings. Jason always strives to make himself approachable and to make his clients feel comfortable. He has undertaken a number of cases with complex foreign elements.

### Family: Ancillary Relief, Financial Provision for Children and Inheritance Claims

Jason deals with all aspects of financial provision upon the break-up of relationships. He provides advice and representation in respect of ancillary relief matters. He is also involved with cases for the financial provision of children under the Children Act 1989 and applications made under the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996. He undertakes work under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975. He has acted in CSA appeals and enforcement proceedings. He is comfortable with business accounts and happy to liaise with experts.

### Insolvency

Jason can provide advice and representation in respect of all aspects of commercial and individual insolvency. He enjoys navigating his way through the complex maze of legislation and ever evolving case law in order to deal with issues of bankruptcy, administration and liquidation.

### Landlord and Tenant

Jason provides advice and representation with respect to all aspects of commercial and non-commercial leases. He deals regularly with the application of the statutory provisions dealing with residential tenancies and protection from eviction. He is also familiar with the protection provided for business tenancies. He has also been involved in a number of complex disrepair cases. Jason is happy to provide advice and representation on issues such as homelessness, community care and challenging the decisions of public bodies. He will undertake legal aid work and is happy to prepare advices vis-a-vis the grant of such.

### Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence

Jason is involved in all aspects of personal injury practice. He can be relied upon to punctually produce written advice and drafting to a high standard. Jason aims to provide written opinions that are readily understandable by the client and so save instructing solicitors the sometimes arduous task of 'translating' them. He is experienced in addressing medico-legal reports and comfortable dealing with experts. He is also fully aware of how injuries stemming from negligent medical treatment can undermine his clients' confidence in themselves and their faith in the system.

### Publications

Jason has written a number of articles in journals and he has written the following books:

- Co-ordination of Social Security in the Council of Europe: Short Guide (co-written with Helmut Siedl) (Council of Europe: 2004)
- European Code of Social Security: Short Guide (Council of Europe: 2002)
- Trends and Developments in Old-Age Pension and Health-Care Financing in Europe During the 1990s (Council of Europe: 2002)
- Pathways for Social Protection in Europe (Ministry of Social Affairs and Health: 1998)
- The Impact of European Competition Law on Social Health Care Providers (MAKLU: 1998)

## CASES OF NOTE

**Re R (A Child) [2009]**  
EWCA Civ 1619, [2009] 2 FLR 83

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Property
- Chancery Company & Commercial
- Private Children
- Matrimonial Finance & Property
- Insolvency
- Housing, Landlord & Tenant
- Personal Injury
- Injunction
- Costs
- Administrative & Constitutional
- Wills/Probate/Inheritance

## QUALIFICATION & UNIVERSITY

- (2000), Middle Temple
- BA (Hons), Loughborough
- Dip Law, Newcastle

## MEMBERSHIP

- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Family Law Bar Association

## LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- Dutch (Flemmish)

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Before coming to the Bar, Jason worked as an academic at the University of Leuven and later as the managing director of his own consultancy company. He has published numerous books and articles on the subject of European Social Law. He has also regularly given presentations at conferences throughout Eastern and Western Europe. He has undertaken consultancy work for the Council of Europe in Strasbourg and the European Commission in Brussels as well as government ministries and NGO's.