

# Matthew McGonagle

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## Overview

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

He is currently on secondment to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development office, where he advises the Government on a range of matters.

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.

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.

## Example cases

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Examples of the work Matthew has undertaken during pupillage include:

## Professional memberships

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- Inner Temple

## Education

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- 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)

- 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.