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## Memberships

- Planning and Environmental Bar Association (PEBA)

## Qualifications

- Warwick University (LLB, First Class)
- European University Institute, Florence, Italy (LLM in Comparative and International Law)

## Publications

- Author of the Housing Chapter in Judicial Review: Law and Practice (Jordans)(1st Edition)

## Recommendations

### Chambers UK 2023

"Jonathan is a standout barrister at his level. He is very strategic and commercial and sees the bigger picture."

"Jonathan is a superb barrister."

"A very accomplished, consummate professional."

### Legal 500 2023

"Jonathan is personable and accessible, very thorough and has a fantastic eye for detail. He always strikes the correct balance and tone, whether in cross examination or presenting a case, whilst never leaving a stone unturned. He is also able to deal with complex issues and present them in a way that is understandable to clients and decision makers alike."

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"He cuts through the complexity of a case very efficiently to distil the issues that really matter and quickly identify what should be done about them."

### Chambers UK 2020

"He has a brilliant mind and a superb written style." "He is very hands-on and responsive, always providing excellent strategic advice."

### Legal 500 2021

"Has a thorough understanding of planning law and practice, and an amazing grasp on detail. Nevertheless is easy to work with. You feel that he has got the client's back at all times."

### Legal 500 2020

"An excellent junior planning counsel."

### Chambers UK 2020

"He's a superb advocate who does forensic and thorough analysis." "He is user-friendly, rolls his sleeves up and gets stuck in." "Approachable and solutions-driven."

### Chambers UK 2019

"Focused and strategic. He has an almost unlimited capacity to absorb information. He is skilful and dogged as an advocate." "His common-sense and pragmatic approach is much admired. He is user-friendly and good with clients."

### Legal 500 2019



"A safe pair of hands."

#### Chambers UK 2018

"He is good at adapting his style to the nature of a case and is good at problem solving." "He has a very thorough, commanding understanding of housing land supply. He is a very modern barrister in the way he does things."

#### Legal 500 2018

'Recommended for town and country planning cases.'

#### Chambers UK 2017

"He is a very effective advocate and really stretches the team to find all of the angles. He is very creative and innovative in his approach, and doesn't just do what you would expect – he thinks outside the box." "He is articulate and a good team player. He is great to kick ideas around with to reach a pragmatic solution."

#### Legal 500 2017

'Extremely efficient and easy to deal with.'

#### Chambers UK 2016

"Highly intellectual yet approachable, pragmatic and user-friendly. A canny and impressive individual."

"He's just got incredible judgement. You could describe him as a hidden gem."

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