

Nicholas Stone

Called to the Bar 2025

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Nicholas joined Chambers as a tenant in October 2026.

Nicholas accepts instructions in Chambers' core areas of practice, including banking and finance work, offshore litigation, corporate restructuring and insolvency, company law and commercial litigation and arbitration.

During pupillage, Nicholas gained experience of restructuring plans, schemes of arrangement, standard and special administration regimes and cross-border matters including various offshore jurisdictions. Nicholas has also gained experience of both domestic and offshore appeals.

Nicholas teaches Roman Law at Oxford. Before coming to the Bar, he studied Classics and Law at Oxford, becoming the first person to win the university's prizes for English, Latin and Greek poetry. While studying he also won several national advocacy competitions, including the Times 2TG Moot before judges of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal. His Law degree was supported by Lincoln's Inn's top scholarship for the academic stage of legal training.

Insolvency and Restructuring

Corporate Insolvency

- Drafted pleadings for breach of contract, trust and fiduciary duty against various parties including a former director on behalf of a company in administration (assisting Marcus Haywood).
- Drafted application and order for administration (assisting Andrew Shaw).
- Drafted minute of order for rescission of winding up order (assisting Charlotte Cooke).
- Legal research on pre-pack administrations where there is unequal treatment of creditors (assisting William Willson KC).
- Legal research on *Berkeley Applegate* order principles (assisting Andrew Shaw).
- Legal research on foreign liquidators' access to the English power of disclaimer of onerous property under CBIR (assisting Charlotte Cooke).
- Legal research on the construction of s. 245 Insolvency Act 1986 in respect of validity of late floating charges (assisting Henry Phillips).
- Gained experience of administration extension applications (shadowing Marcus Haywood).
- Gained experience of disclosure applications for and against officeholders (shadowing Marcus Haywood).

Restructuring

- Re Waldorf Production UK plc [2026] EWHC 280 (Ch). Drafted skeleton argument for the convening hearing for the successful Waldorf restructuring plan (assisting Charlotte Cooke).
- Gained experience of class composition issues in schemes of arrangement (supervised by Adam

Al-Attar KC).

- Legal research on the operation of Part 26A of the Companies Act 2006 (assisting Andrew Shaw).
- Gained experience of construing transactions made under Schemes of Arrangement (supervised by William Willson KC).

Bankruptcy

- Drafted respondent's skeleton argument successfully opposing application to the Court of Appeal for permission to appeal against Lyons v Bridging Finance Inc[2026] EWHC 1388 (Ch) (assisting William Willson KC).
- Gained experience of drafting skeleton arguments for bankruptcy appeals in the High Court (supervised by William Willson KC).
- Drafted respondent's skeleton argument to an application to set aside a statutory demand (assisting Andrew Shaw).

Commercial Litigation and Arbitration

- Drafted skeleton argument on the parol evidence rule in a case concerning construction of a commercial lease (assisting Charlotte Cooke).
- Legal research and drafting of skeleton argument on the operation of Lord Tenterden's Act and statutes based on it in other jurisdictions (assisting Henry Phillips).
- Legal research on pleadings of fraudulent misrepresentation (assisting Henry Phillips).

Commercial Chancery

- Drafted written advice on proprietary status of funds in a failed securitisation (assisting Clara Johnson).
 - Legal research on subrogation for unjust enrichment (assisting Clara Johnson).
 - Legal research on the doctrine of relation back and its effect on priority of charges (assisting Clara Johnson).
 - Legal research on creation of a disputed equitable charge of land (assisting Clara Johnson).
 - Legal research on proprietary interests conferred by options (assisting Henry Phillips).
 - Legal research on a potential trust of customer funds held by an insolvent business (assisting Andrew Shaw).
 - Legal research on rights in and over digital property (assisting Andrew Shaw).
 - Gained experience of proprietary estoppel (shadowing Dhananjay Kumar).
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Banking & Finance

- Drafted skeleton argument applying for an Investment Bank Special Administration (assisting Charlotte Cooke).
 - Gained experience of the CASS client money and client asset rules, Electronic Money Regulations 2011 and Payment and Electronic Money Institution Insolvency Regulations 2021 (supervised by Adam Al-Attar KC).
 - Gained experience of pleading and defending a breach of contract in respect of an exclusivity agreement for financial services (supervised by Adam Al-Attar KC).
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Company Law

- Drafted cross examination of a company director under s. 6 Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986, concerning an improperly obtained Bounce Back Loan (assisting Charlotte Cooke).
 - Legal research on claims arising from a deadlock dispute in a company incorporated under the laws of Gibraltar (assisting William Willson KC).
 - Legal research on potential remedies and reflective loss issues in a dispute concerning a company based in Eastern Europe.
 - Legal research on fiduciary duties of consultants (assisting Andrew Shaw).
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Offshore

- Drafted defence to a just and equitable winding up petition in relation to a Cayman Islands dispute (assisting William Willson KC).
 - Drafted skeleton argument on proprietary status of cryptocurrency tokens held by an insolvent company in the BVI (assisting Henry Phillips).
 - Drafted skeleton argument on the approach of Cayman Islands law to the collateral purpose defence in winding up (assisting Henry Phillips).
 - Drafted opinion on the approach Guernsey law would take to a conflict of laws dispute (assisting Clara Johnson).
 - Legal research on quantification of wrongful trading claims in the BVI (assisting Marcus Haywood).
 - Legal research on appeals to the Eastern Caribbean Court of Appeal (assisting Henry Phillips).
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Career

2026 - Barrister, South Square

2025-26 – Pupillage at South Square

2024-25 and 2026 – Junior College Lecturer in Roman Law, University College, Oxford

2024-25 – Tutor in Roman Law, Exeter College, Oxford

Education and Qualifications

Barrister Training Course, BPP.

MSt Greek and Latin Languages and Literature, Oxford.

BAs in Jurisprudence and Literae Humaniores, Oxford.

Scholarships and Prizes

Advocacy/Bar

Times 2TG Moot (2024), judged by Lord Neuberger, Lord Leggatt, Lord Lloyd-Jones and Asplin LJ.

Sir Thomas More Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn (2024).

Lord Bowen Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn (2023).

National Speed Mooting Competition Autumn Cup (2023).

Runner Up, LSE-Featherstone Moot (2023).

Advocate of the Year, BPP (2023).

Varsity Roman Law Moot (2022).

Oxford v UCL Moot (2022).

Best Advocate, Oxford v Durham Mock Trial (2022).

Oxford Bar Society Mock Trial Tournament (2022).

Academic

Newdigate Prize, Oxford (2023).

Second Undergraduate Degree Scholarship, Harris Manchester College, Oxford (2021).

Gaisford Prize for Greek Prose, Oxford (2021).

Gaisford Prize for Greek Verse, Oxford (2020).

Chancellor's Prize for Latin Verse, Oxford (2019).

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Publications

"Horace and the Law." Address to the Horatian Society (2026).

"A pseudo-philological coinage? Another reassessment of *Sponsianus*." *Die unverzichtbare Wissenschaft – Festschrift für Wolfgang Ernst zum 70. Geburtstag*. Eds. B. Gsell, T. Rübner, U. Babusiaux. Tübingen (2026): 875-884.

"An Exceedingly Short Introduction to Roman Law." *Antigone Journal*, online (2025).

"Off-beat Poetry: Rhythmic Games in Horace, Homer and Vergil." *Antigone Journal*, online (2023).

"Excerptum ex Elysio Terreno Morridis." *Mouseion: Journal of the Classical Association of Canada* 2 (2022): 213-214.
