

## Jonathan French

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### Appointments

- Accredited Mediator

### Memberships

- R3
- Employment Law Bar Association
- Employment Lawyers Association
- Industrial Law Society
- Talk Mediation
- North Eastern Circuit
- The Fraud Lawyers Association

### Education

- Harrogate Grammar School
- LLB (Hons), The University of Manchester
- Bar Vocational Course, The Inns of Court School of Law
- Accredited Mediator, SPC, Regent's College (2005)

### Commercial Fraud CV

#### Overview

Jonathan's practice in commercial law since 1997 has very often involved matters of civil fraud, in both the business and property spheres. His practice principally focuses upon:

- Asset finance and consumer credit
- Wrongful interference with goods
- Commercial and property fraud
- Misconduct in financial services

He has frequently dealt with the recovery of assets at risk of dissipation or disposal by fraudsters, whether cash, luxury goods or real property, including securing freezing injunctions and delivery up orders, often at short notice. He regularly acts for large financial institutions.

Many cases also involve conflict of law and jurisdictional issues, with parties and assets located outside of England and Wales. Jonathan is known for being approachable and for giving clear advice.

## Recommendations

“Jonathan French of Exchange Chambers enters the rankings this year following widespread praise for his excellent accessibility and his pragmatism when handling cases. Sources say: ‘He offers full and frank advice and is very sharp on his feet.’”

**Chambers & Partners**

“Jonathan French is an experienced junior in difficult cases and boasts a high success rate ‘in and out of court’.”

**Legal 500**

“Jonathan French has wide experience and is ‘an excellent negotiator who never drops a point’.”

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“An effective negotiator and there’s always a strong likelihood he’ll win.”

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## Beyond the Bar

Jonathan lives in North Yorkshire with his wife and their two daughters. He enjoys walking in the Yorkshire Dales and Scottish Highlands as well as sailing. He follows motor racing, cricket and rugby and enjoys live music.

## Cases

Advising IFA directors accused of involvement in £23 billion fraud against national government tax agency

Obtained £2.3 million freezing injunction against fraudulent company bookkeeper

Multi-day, multi-party trial of Range Rover conversion claim involving fraudulent car dealer

Freezing order against property development under loan agreement with private lender

Delivery up of £800,000 worth of stolen green energy generation equipment

Recovery of a stolen Aston Martin DB9 from Cyprus on behalf of a Premiership footballer

Recovery of Rolls Royce Phantom stolen from Russian businessman in Switzerland

£172K fraud claim against branch manager of motor factors

Advising in claim against IFAs concerning fraudulent "pension liberation"

Instructed to appear in 10-day fraud trial concerning the wrongful disposal overseas of plant & equipment

5-day trial representing investors in Liverpool property development fraud by convicted drug dealers

Appearing in 5-day land registration fraud case

Advising upon mis-selling of Liverpool flat development scheme to SE Asian investors