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Will read law at the London School of Economics, graduating with a first and a distinction in his undergraduate and postgraduate degrees. He ranked second in his year as an LLM student and has received several academic prizes. He also represented his university at the 29th Willem C Vis Moot and was one of the recipients of the Martin Domke award for best oral advocates.

Before coming to Henderson Chambers, Will completed pupillage at a leading commercial chancery set, specialising in company and corporate insolvency law. Highlights include assisting with the Co-op's defence in *Malcolm Cohen & Anor v Co-operative Group Limited & Ors* [2026] EWHC 1228 – the highest value transaction at an undervalue and preference claim brought to date. Will also assisted in relation to several pleadings, opinions, and skeleton arguments on a range of company law matters, including shareholder disputes and claims against directors.

Prior to pupillage, Will was a research assistant in the Law Commission of England and Wales, focusing on reforming the law of mutual societies.

Will accepts instructions across all Chambers' areas of practice.

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Education

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The Inns of Court College of Advocacy – The Bar Course (PGDip)

The London School of Economics and Political Science – *LLM Master of Laws*: Distinction

The London School of Economics and Political Science – *LLB Bachelor of Laws*: First Class Honours

Scholarships

Joint Winner of the Dean's Medal for Second Best Performance on the LLM programme.

Winner of the Hogan Lovells Prize for Best Performance in the Law of Obligations and Property I.

The Dean's List.

Prize Winner in the Times Law Awards 2021/22.

29th Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot:

- Martin Domke Award for Best Individual Oralists
- Eric E Bergsten Award for Best Teams
- Fali Nariman Award for Best Written Memo for the Respondent (Honourable Mention)

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