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Qualifications and Appointments

- MA in Law, University of Cambridge, graded First (1st in University)
- LLM, University of Cambridge, graded First (1st in University)
- Awarded a number of University and college prizes, including the Chancellor's Medal for English Law and Tapp Scholarship
- Taught contract law at several colleges in the University of Cambridge
- Bedingfield Scholar of Gray's Inn

Publications

'[AIB v Redler](#)' (2014)
Wilberforce Legal Digest (Issue 1) March 2015

'Where there's a will there's a way: [Marley v Rawlings](#)' [2015]
Modern Law Review 140-150

'Purpose Trusts: Doctrine Policy' [2013] *King's Law Journal* 102-110

'Reflexive Effect and the [Bursells Regulation](#)' [2013]
Law Quarterly Review 317-320

'A Remotely Interesting Case' [2013] *Law Quarterly Review* 485-488

'Failure of Basis in the Contractual Context' [2013]
Restitution Law Review 24-45

'Secret Profits, Opportunities, and Constructive Trusts' [2013]
Restitution Law Review 85-92
(with Edward Granger)

'The last Defence of [Wednesbury](#)' [2012] *Public Law* 445-467

'Contract, Unjust Enrichment, and Risk' [2012] *Law Quarterly Review* 503-507

Practice Overview

James has a very busy and diverse commercial chancery practice. He regularly appears in the High Court and the County Court, both as sole counsel and as a junior. His principal practice areas are:

- Commercial litigation (including civil fraud)
- Pensions
- Trusts (both offshore and onshore), wills and probate
- Property
- Professional negligence

Recent notable instructions include:

Acting for target respondents in proceedings brought by the Pensions Regulator seeking to impose a Financial Support Direction in respect of three defined benefit schemes

Acting as sole junior in a multi-jurisdictional fraud claim, in particular in relation to applications for Worldwide Freezing Orders and Disclosure Orders in the Cayman Islands and the Bahamas

Acting as sole counsel for one of the professional trustees in the latest chapter of the Earl of Cardigan litigation.

Memberships

APL associate membership
Chancery Bar Association



Commercial

James undertakes a variety of commercial work, both in his own right and as part of a larger team.

Recent instructions include:

- Acting, led by Marcia Shekerdemian QC, in an application to set aside an administration order on grounds of improper purpose and COMI: *Thomas v Frogmore Real Estate Partners GP1 Ltd* [2017] EWHC 25 (Ch)
- Acting as sole junior (led by Graeme Halkerston) in a multi-jurisdictional fraud claim, in particular in relation to applications for Worldwide Freezing Orders and Disclosure Orders in the Cayman Islands and the Bahamas
- Acting in a major commercial breach of contract case against a major bank in respect of the sale of a portfolio of non-performing loans
- Acting (led by Martin Hutchings QC) for a defendant property developer in respect of a large dispute over architectural services
- Acting as sole counsel for a defendant forex broker in relation to a substantial claim for unlawful commissions and trading losses
- Advising (alongside Harris Bor) in a large claim brought by a Kuwaiti investor for losses in respect of property developments in various jurisdictions
- Acting, as part of a large team, in litigation brought by a US investor concerning losses in investment companies in Eastern Europe
- Assisting Lawrence Cohen QC in *Planck v Tinsel*, a shareholder dispute concerning one of the world's largest energy traders.
- Assisting Lawrence Cohen QC in *Symrise v BM*, a professional negligence claim arising out of the Mexican tax implications of a highly leveraged acquisition by a private equity fund.

James also has extensive experience of acting as sole counsel in significant contractual disputes, the subject matter of which has ranged from the international sale of car polish products to the provision of consultancy services for anaerobic digestion plants.