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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



Insolvency

James also has a wide insolvency practice, and has extensive experience of bankruptcy and winding up petitions.

Recent instructions include:

- Acting, led by Marcia Shekerdeman 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)
- A (potentially) high-profile application for bankruptcy, in which James successfully applied on behalf of the respondent for the hearing to be heard in private and listed under anonymised names.