



## James Goodwin

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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



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## Professional Liability

James is often instructed in relation to professional liability claims, especially where such claims interact with commercial chancery matters. Recent matters with which James has been involved include:

- *Bloxwich Pension Scheme*. James was instructed alongside Jonathan Hilliard QC to act for the defendant law firm facing professional negligence claims in relation to an alleged failure to equalise scheme benefits.
- Acting (led by Martin Hutchings QC) for a defendant property developer in respect of a large dispute over architectural services
- 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.
- Acting in a successful claim against a negligent estate agent.
- Advising in relation to professional negligence claims brought against solicitors, IFAs, and investment managers.