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### Qualifications and Appointments

- Maths & Philosophy MA (Oxon) 1995-1999 – top in year
- Graduate Diploma in Law 2005-2006 – distinction
- BVC 2006-2007 – outstanding
- Fellow of All Souls College Oxford 1999-2014

*“Acutely intelligent and very hands-on, which is a great combination.”*

The Legal 500, 2020

## Memberships

- Association of Pension Lawyers
- Chancery Bar Association
- Commercial Bar Association

## Publications

- The pensions chapter of Lightman & Moss

## Practice Overview

James has a broad commercial chancery practice including general commercial litigation and arbitration, trusts, pensions and professional liability.

He is recommended in both Chambers & Partners and The Legal 500 for his commercial and pensions work.

### Chambers & Partners 2021:

Commercial Dispute Resolution: *"He is incredibly logical and will look at things very thoroughly from all angles."*

Pensions: *"He is exceptionally good – extremely bright and hard-working."* *"He always adds value when considering difficult areas of contract law."*

### The Legal 500 2021:

Commercial litigation: *"Extremely hard-working, on top of the papers, and has a fierce intellect."*

Pensions: *"Very knowledgeable of pensions and more general civil procedure, demonstrating really considered advice that gives you confidence that he has the right answer."*

Professional negligence: *"He is extremely detailed oriented and has an absolute mastery of the law."*

### Chambers & Partners 2020:

Commercial Dispute Resolution: *"His analytical skills and his ability to get up to speed with really complex matters are terrific."*

Pensions: *"He brings a very well-rounded commercial litigation knowledge to a pensions case."* *"He has a phenomenal ability to absorb vast quantities of information and distil it all to provide clear, client-friendly, strategic advice. He is always thinking many steps ahead and has vast experience of regulatory issues."*



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## Practice Overview continued

The Legal 500 2020:

Commercial litigation: *"Acutely intelligent and very hands-on, which is a great combination."*

Pensions: *"Fast coming up through the ranks as a go-to pensions counsel."*

Chambers & Partners 2019:

Commercial Dispute Resolution: *"He immerses himself in the case and is a real team player. He's got good judgement and he's a good guy to have on your side." "He is technically excellent and very client-focused."*

Pensions: *"Very responsive and technically brilliant." "A superb logical thinker and a delight to work with."*

## International Arbitration

James has experience both of arbitrations and of proceedings through which arbitrations awards are challenged. He is currently acting in a LCIA arbitration concerned with the funding under a shareholders agreement of a large pension scheme. By way of other examples, he has acted in a large multi-jurisdictional dispute involving a number of arbitrations, has acted on a £220m ICC arbitration concerned with the failed purchase of a large stake in an Indonesian power station, and has also acted in an ad hoc arbitration set up to deal with swiftly with payment disputes under a royalty agreement.