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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

“A brilliant technical and strategic thinker.”

The Legal 500, 2022

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 2022:

Commercial Dispute Resolution *"Brainy and incredibly thorough, he is a fantastic team player."*

Pensions *"His ability to distil vastly complex fact patterns into practical advice is extremely impressive."*

The Legal 500 2022:

Commercial *"James provides laser-focused and practical advice; he cuts to the heart of the matter quickly and confidently. His written work is exceptional."*

Professional Negligence *"A brilliant technical and strategic thinker. He is particularly well-suited to large and complex cases and will get on top of the facts quickly."*

Pensions *"James is respected for his acumen and raw intelligence, particularly in actuarial or financial matters."*

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."*



Practice Overview continued

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."*

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.