



## James Bailey

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### Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- COMBAR

*“James is exceptionally bright and anticipates every possible angle in a case.”*

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## Qualifications and Appointments

- 2003-2006 - Elected member of the Bar Council, Education and Training Committee, Young Barristers' Committee
- 2000-2001 - Finals Examiner at London School of Economics (Commercial Law)
- 1998-2001 - Law Tutor: London School of Economics (Commercial Law)
- 2002 - M.A. (Oxon) [Law]
- 2001 - Called to the Cayman Island's Bar
- 1997-98 - B.C.L. (Oxon)
- 1993-97 - B.A. (Hons.) - Brasenose, Oxford [Law]
- 1988-93 - Winchester College

## Practice Overview

James Bailey has developed a successful practice focused on commercial chancery, civil fraud, insolvency and company matters. Regarded as **"approachable, very thorough and conscientious"** James is said to have **"an exceptional eye for detail"** (Legal 500).

James's experience relates to all levels of court in England. His work also has a significant international dimension including cases relating to the Cayman Islands, the Bahamas, the U.S., Switzerland, Italy, Hong Kong and Japan. James has been instructed as an expert on matters of English law in courts abroad.

James is noted for his advocacy. **"Strategically strong and pragmatic", "the impressive James Bailey"** (Legal 500) is a powerful advocate and praised for his **"really attractive style in court"** (Chambers UK Bar).

Providing an exceptional level of client care and responsiveness, he is **"incredibly good in difficult conferences" and "really easy to deal with."** James **"provides direct and practical advice"** (Legal 500). **"He is the whole package. He's great when interacting with clients, has incredible attention to detail, is a capable drafter and is spot-on in court."** (Chambers UK Bar).

James has acted for the Cayman Islands' liquidators of Enron and more recently has appeared in the long running and controversial *Thevarajah* litigation which, after two separate appeals before the Court of Appeal ([2014] C.P.Rep19; [2015] EWCA Civ 41; The Times, 26th March 2015), went on to be heard by the Supreme Court [2015] UKSC 78, being the first "Jackson" appeal post Mitchell.



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## Commercial

"A go-to counsel for complex matters" (Legal 500), James is ***regarded as a strong commercial litigator who enjoys the full support of the market***, and as ***an advocate of significant mettle with an exceptional clarity of thought***" (Legal 500)

James's ***"confidence boosting"*** (Chambers UK Bar) commercial work ranges from acting for public limited companies to small and medium sized businesses.

James is acting in the long running and controversial Thevarajah litigation concerning an alleged fraud against the purchase of certain special purpose vehicles. Twice listed for trial and now having been the subject of two Court of Appeal decisions on separate points ([2014] C.P.Rep19; [2015] EWCA Civ 41; The Times, 26th March 2015), the part of the case pertaining to the Jackson Reforms and the decision in *Mitchell* was determined by the Supreme Court in 2016.

James's commercial work often involves asset preservation, in particular urgent injunctive relief, and asset tracing and recovery. ***He is a barrister who can rescue the client from a tight corner*** who ***has a really attractive style in court and is clearly very brainy***" (Chambers UK Bar). A keen advocate of pragmatism and teamwork in complex litigation, ***he is enthusiastic, bright and increasingly impressive... a well-respected junior in both domestic and international courts*** and ***offers excellent, clear commercial advice***" (Chambers UK Bar).