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Qualifications and Appointments

- BCL, Balliol College, Oxford (awarded a scholarship by the Oxford Law Faculty)
- LLB, King's College London (1st Class, joint top of university) (awarded a scholarship by the King's Law Faculty)
- AKC, King's College London
- Awarded a number of university prizes including top overall marks in university in: second year LLB examinations, Property law, Tort law, IP law and Russian law
- Taught the law of trusts and wills at University College London
- Lincoln's Inn, Denning Scholar.
- Baker McKenzie Moot Competition, 1st place, King's (2011) – judged by Lord Clarke JSC

Memberships

- COMBAR
- Chancery Bar Association
- The Association of Pension Lawyers
- The Property Bar Association

Publications

- **AG v Rosenlund** [2016] JRC 062 & 078; [2016] Lloyd's Rep. 495 – case note and commentary (with Nicolas Medcroft)
- **Public Aspects of Pensions Law** [2017] (with Jonathan Hilliard QC)

Practice Overview

Jamie has a broad and busy practice that encompasses all of Chambers' work. He appears as sole counsel and as a junior in both the High Court and County Court, for instructing solicitors based across the country and internationally; with significant experience working day-to-day in teams based in multiple time zones around the world. His principle practice areas are in contentious and advisory work concerning:

- Pensions
- Commercial litigation, including Insolvency and Civil Fraud
- Property, including Landlord & Tenant
- Trusts, Estates & Probate
- Arbitration, including International Commercial Arbitration

Notable recent instructions in contentious matters include:

- Regularly appearing in the County and High court in:
 - company insolvency and bankruptcy matters;
 - property disputes, including landlord and tenant and possession claims of all kinds; and
 - commercial and procedural disputes of all kinds.
- Acting for Trustees in the pensions regulatory action concerning the Silentnight DB Scheme, which resulted in the recently reported decision of the Admin Court in **Grace Bay II Holdings Sarl v The Pensions Regulator** [2017] EWHC 7 (Admin); [2017] Pens L.R. 7 (with Jonathan Hilliard QC).
- Acting for claimants in an 8-day trial in US\$60m ICC proceedings in Singapore, as part of an international team based in both Asia and the United States, concerning claims for breach of contract in relation to a petrochemical plant (with Graeme Halkerston).
- Acting for defendants to £60m proceedings in the Commercial Court alleging liability under foreign law for preventing the enforcement of a US\$200m NAI arbitration award (with Elspeth Talbot Rice QC and Graeme Halkerston)

Commercial

Jamie has a broad and busy practice acting as sole counsel and as a junior in commercial disputes, including insolvency and civil fraud claims. He regularly appears as sole counsel in the High Court and County Court in insolvency proceedings, as well as contractual and procedural disputes of all kinds. His experience as a junior includes heavy commercial disputes on both claimant and defendant side, in complex contractual disputes, civil fraud and insolvency proceedings; with significant experience working day-to-day in teams based in multiple time zones around the world.

Notable recent work as sole counsel includes:

- Obtaining permission pursuant to Schedule B1, s65 of the 1986 Act for administrators to make a distribution of a balance of funds of £1,700,000 to non-preferential unsecured creditors, and a 4-month extension to their term of office
- Obtaining an Insolvency Administration Order over a bankrupt estate, concerning a debt of £75,000 owed by the estate
- Advising and acting in proceedings concerning the validity of a second charge granted after bankruptcy, defended on the basis that the lender did not have actual notice pursuant to LRA 2002, s86 (to be listed for 2-day trial later this year)
- Advising trustees in bankruptcy at the pre-action stage of a claim concerning a transfer at an undervalue of at least £300,000, and a potential s366 application
- Recovering £24,000 including costs against parties alleging that they were not bound by a Part 36 offer, and then resisting appeal, on issues of apparent authority
- Acting for defendant seeking summary judgment on a claim for c. £22,000 by an investor in an offshore property development (settled shortly before hearing)
- Setting aside default judgment for c. £17,000 concerning tenant deposits transferred pursuant to contracts of sale of a number of properties, which were protected and governed by the MyDeposits rules
- Successfully defending at trial a claim for breach of contract for c. £10,000 on the basis of promissory estoppel
- Obtaining permission pursuant to s216 of the 1986 Act for persons to continue in office as directors of a new company with a similar name
- Obtaining an order for specific disclosure against the former director of a company, as part of an on-going dispute between its shareholders

Notable recent work as a junior includes:

- Acting for claimants in an 8-day trial in US\$60m ICC proceedings in Singapore, as part of an international team based in both Asia and the United States, concerning claims for breach of contract in relation to a petrochemical plant (with Graeme Halkerston).
- Acting for defendants to £60m proceedings in the Commercial Court alleging liability under foreign law for preventing the enforcement of a US\$200m NAI arbitration award (with Elspeth Talbot Rice QC and Graeme Halkerston)
- Acting for defendants to £13m civil fraud proceedings in the Companies Court arising out of an insolvency (with Marcia Shekerdermian QC).
- Acting for defendants in banking proceedings in Leeds District Registry of the Chancery Division arising out of a special administration pursuant to the Investment Bank Special Administration Regulations (with Nicholas Medcroft)
- Acting for foreign government claimants in civil fraud asset recovery proceedings in the Commercial Court, including seeking orders for preservation of assets and evidence (with David Phillips QC and Nikki Singla QC)
- Appearing as sole counsel in a CCMC for claimants seeking over £1m for breaches of fiduciary duty in a complex set of interrelated proceedings in the Business List (ChD) between the two shareholders of a

number of companies (with Fenner Moeran QC)

- Acting for defendants and drafting Requests for Information in proceedings in the Chancery Division for over £500,000 for breach of warranties in a share sale and purchase agreement (with Max Mallin QC)
- Acting for defendants and conducting a substantial document review for privilege etc in civil fraud proceedings for over £12m in the Commercial Court (with Alan Gourgey QC)
- Appearing as sole counsel for claimants in an unusual hearing to address some but not all defendants to civil fraud proceedings for over £1m in the Chancery Division having admitted the claim (with Fenner Moeran QC)