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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)

Practice Overview continued

- Acting for defendants to £1.3m 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)

Property

Jamie frequently acts and advises as sole counsel on a wide range of property matters, including:

- Possession hearings of all kinds in the County Court and High Court, whether concerning residential or commercial property, trespassers, or seeking or resisting forfeiture.
- Settling pleadings and advising in more complex or out of the ordinary possession claims.

Property continued

- 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
- Obtaining and resisting the grant of charging orders
- Advising on the validity of commercial leases in a number of different contexts, including with regard to the 1954 Act, registration issues, proprietary estoppel, allegations of sham, and disputes with landlord's mortgagee and s99 of the 1925 Act
- Advising on the proper construction of a number of residential leases with regard to liability for repairs and/or service charges
- Advising at the pre-action stage on a potential claim concerning a Common Intention Constructive Trust over a family home
- Advising at the pre-action stage on a potential claim to enforce freehold covenants against a developer
- Advising on a leasehold enfranchisement dispute
- Advising on a party wall act dispute
- Appearing at CMCs and directions hearings

Jamie is available to act as sole counsel or as part of a team in all forms of advisory and contentious property work, having been exposed to the full range of property work whilst sitting with Martin Hutchings QC during pupillage.