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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 Nicholas Medcroft)
- **Public Aspects of Pensions Law** [2017] (with [Jonathan Hilliard QC](#))

Practice Overview

Jamie's practice encompasses all of Chambers' work, focussing around insolvency, trusts, commercial and civil fraud, and in particular in matters where one or more of these areas overlap.

Jamie 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:

- Insolvency
- Commercial Litigation and Arbitration
- Civil Fraud
- Trusts, Estates & Probate
- Pensions Regulatory work
- Property, including Landlord & Tenant

Jamie recently spent a month in late 2018 on secondment to Ogier's offices in the Cayman Islands where he worked with Rachael Reynolds, Mark Kish and Ulrich Payne and their team on a number of international civil fraud, insolvency and contentious trusts matters.

Notable recent instructions in contentious matters include:

- Acting for defendants in on-going £60m civil fraud proceedings in the Commercial Court alleging liability under foreign law for preventing the enforcement of a US\$200m NAI arbitration award (with [Jonathan Crow QC](#), [Elspeth Talbot Rice QC](#) and [Graeme Halkerston](#)) listed for trial estimated to last 3 weeks in July 2020.
- Acting for the claimant in on-going confidential LME arbitration proceedings seeking remedies including a multi-million pound award for breach of contractual delivery obligations (with [Alan Gourgey QC](#) and [Bobby Friedman](#)).
- As sole counsel successfully resisting in part an interim injunction, and obtaining fortification of the usual cross-understanding, sought against respondent defendants to a claim brought by their tenant of commercial premises including allegations of fraud and claims for damages and lost profits in excess of half a million pounds. Jamie continues to act in this on-going matter with [Tiffany Scott QC](#).



Practice Overview continued

- Acting for the defendant appellants in the recently reported decision of *Devoy-Williams v Hugh Cartwright & Amin* [2018] 5 Costs L.R. 1105 concerning the relationship between a part 36 offer accepted 11 days after the proceedings were struck out for non-compliance with an unless order in circumstances that were found to be dishonest, and where that finding was made following ad hoc live evidence at an interim hearing (with [John Wardell QC](#)).
- Acting for claimants in an 8-day trial in March 2018 in confidential US\$60m ICC arbitration 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 £13m civil fraud proceedings in 2017 in the Companies Court arising out of an insolvency (with [Marcia Shekerdermian QC](#)).
- Acting for Trustees in the pensions regulatory action concerning the Silentnight DB Scheme, which resulted in the reported decision of the Admin Court in *Grace Bay II Holdings v The Pensions Regulator* [2017] Pens L.R. 7 (with Monica Carss-Frisk QC, Fraser Campbell and [Jonathan Hilliard 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](#)).

Trusts, Tax, Probate and Estates

Jamie recently spent a month in late 2018 on secondment to Ogier's offices in the Cayman Islands where he worked extensively with Rachael Reynolds, who leads Ogier's Global Dispute Resolution team, and her team; including a number of contentious international trusts matters.

Jamie acts and advises as sole counsel on a wide range of trusts, will and probate matters, including:

- Settling pleadings and advising in proceedings concerning allegations of breach of trust and fiduciary duty with regard to a shared home estimated to be worth over £500,000.
- Settling pleadings and advising on proceedings alleging professional liability on the part of financial advisors concerning IHT payable by an estate.
- Advising concerning the compromise of possession proceedings where the defendant counterclaimed an interest in the property, the freeholder had lost capacity and a sale was necessary to pay for the freeholder's medical care, and the only available asset for a compromise was the provision for the defendant in the freeholder's will.
- Drafting pre-action correspondence and advising on proceedings concerning the proper construction of a will and seeking an account and alleging breach of trust as against the trustees of the will trust.
- Drafting pre-action correspondence and advising on proceedings concerning allegations of misconduct by executors, including claims against executors, applications for disclosure against executors, or the removal of executors.
- Settling pleadings and advising on proceedings concerning the validity of a will.
- Assisting with preparation for and appearing in proceedings in the Court of Protection on behalf of the Deputy for a heavily disabled man, concerning the assets settled on his behalf, seeking an order for the sale and reinvestment.
- Advising on claims pursuant to the 1975 Act.