

# JAMES HANNANT

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James is a busy junior with a broad **Commercial** practice and a significant focus on **Insolvency** work and claims brought by or on behalf of insolvent companies.

He is frequently instructed by officeholders and litigation funders as well as company directors, bankrupts and other insolvency process stakeholders. James has contributed to a number of specialist publications and is a co-author of *Insolvency Practitioners: Appointment, Duties, Powers and Liabilities* (Edward Elgar Publishing (December 2020)).

## Expertise

### Insolvency and Restructuring

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James is frequently instructed in a wide variety of Insolvency related matters arising out of both corporate insolvency and personal bankruptcy. He has considerable experience of matters involving directorial misfeasance and applications under the transaction avoidance provision of the Insolvency Act 1986 as well as causes of action which arise under the economic torts.

James has also acted in a number of complex possession and sale applications of both family home and portfolio properties, sometimes against the backdrop of separate proceeds of crime proceedings and matrimonial proceedings.

Additionally, James has significant experience in applications under the information gathering provisions of the insolvency legislation as well as applications seeking contribution by way of income payments orders.

He regularly features in the legal directories and has been described as follows:

*'James is extremely smart and very straightforward in his advice. He is determined to fight a case to its fullest and willing to explore every angle in order to achieve a positive result for clients'* (Legal 500 2023).

*'He has a nice gravitas in his court work'* (Chambers and Partners 2023).

*'James takes an extremely hands on approach. He is always willing to roll up his sleeves and get into the details'* (Legal 500 2022)

*'His advice is concise and proportionate, and he is very persuasive on his feet in court'* (Chambers and Partners 2022).

*'James is very bright and quick to get to grips with complex sets of facts and to get on top of the documents. His legal advice is always pragmatic, concise and commercially focused. He is exceptionally good with clients'* (Legal 500 2021).

*'His technical knowledge is sensational, and his understanding of the law and procedure is second to none. He has gravitas beyond his call'* (Chambers and Partners 2021).

## Commercial Dispute Resolution

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James has been instructed to both advise and appear in proceedings relating to a variety of commercial matters. These have included:

- Contractual disputes
- Disputes arising out of the sale of goods and the supply of services
- Banking and finance matters
- Conversion and the wrongful interference with goods
- Economic torts including conspiracy and causing loss by unlawful means
- Pre-incorporation contracts
- Bailment

James has acted for companies, private individuals and banks. He has appeared in a wide variety of procedural applications as well as trials in all three tracks in the County Court and also the High Court.

## Appointments

- Former Judicial Assistant to Lady Justice Arden

## Education

- BCL, University of Oxford
- LLB Hons (First Class), University of Exeter