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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Industrial Disease, International & Travel, Abuse, Military Claims, Inquests, Group Litigation

James specialises in cases involving personal injuries, industrial diseases, and the conflict of laws. The Legal 500 lists him as a “rising star” of the personal injury bar.

He represents claimants and defendants in claims for serious injuries, fatal accidents, and sexual abuse. He is particularly experienced in industrial disease litigation and is a general editor of the leading textbook on claims for asbestos-related illness.

James has expertise in claims with a cross-border element. He regularly advises on and acts in cases raising jurisdictional issues under Brussels I (Recast) and the CPR 6BPD service gateways. His cases often involve the application of foreign law under Rome I and Rome II. He edits the International & Travel Law Blog.

James also acts for bereaved families and other interested parties at inquests arising out of suspected clinical negligence or industrial disease. He is committed to pro bono representation and accepts instructions on this basis where appropriate.

Industrial Disease

James specialises in claims for diseases caused by exposure to asbestos and other hazardous substances. He is often instructed in mesothelioma claims involving low levels of exposure and complex quantum issues. James is a general editor of Sweet & Maxwell's “Asbestos: Law & Litigation” – the leading textbook on asbestos litigation in England and Wales.

He is also regularly instructed in claims for other industrial diseases, including noise-induced hearing loss and hand-arm vibration syndrome. He is representing a number of members of HM Armed Forces in claims for injuries arising out of prolonged exposure to cold conditions.

Qualifications & Awards

BCL (Distinction), Exeter College, University of Oxford
BPTC, City, University of London
BA Jurisprudence, Saint Peter's College, University of Oxford

Inner Temple Pegasus Scholarship
Jonathan Brock QC Memorial Essay Prize
Times Law Awards: 2nd Prize

Law Faculty Prize for Criminal Justice and Human Rights (BCL)
Ralph Chiles Award for Comparative Human Rights (BCL)
Middle Temple Colombos Law Prize
Exeter College Tobias Prize in Law
Oxford Postgraduate Internship Award (UN World Food Programme Legal Office)
Exeter College Internship Grant (Court of Appeal of Hong Kong)
Saint Peter's College Law Essay Prize

Memberships

Personal Injuries Bar Association

Pan European Organisation of Personal Injury Lawyers

London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association

Publications

Books

Harry Steinberg QC, Michael Rawlinson QC and James Beeton, *Asbestos: Law & Litigation*, 1st Ed. (Sweet & Maxwell, 2019)

Butterworths Personal Injury Litigation Service, Division XVIII: Accidents Abroad (LexisNexis UK, 2020)

Articles

"Case report: *CXB v North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust* [2019] EWHC 2053 (QB)", (2019) 181 Personal Injury Law Journal

"Jurisdiction: Recent developments post-Keefe", (2019) 180 Personal Injury Law Journal

"'Keefe question' to go back to the Court of Justice (*Alison Cole and Ors v IVI Madrid SL and Anor*)" (2019) Lexis[®]PSL Dispute Resolution

"Characterisation of obligations for choice of law purposes under Rome I and II (*Committeri v Club Med*)" (2018) Lexis[®]PSL Dispute Resolution

"Rome I – Consumer Contracts (art. 6)", (2018) Lexis[®]PSL Dispute Resolution

"Case Report: *Wood and Anor v TUI Travel PLC T/A First Choice* [2017] EWCA CIV 11", (2017) 154 Personal Injury Law Journal