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## James Beeton

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### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

International & Travel, Industrial Disease, Personal Injury, Aviation, Product Liability

James specialises in cross-border claims and industrial disease litigation, with a particular focus on travel law and claims for asbestos-related disease.

James acts for both claimants and defendants and undertakes work on a CFA basis.

### Personal Injury

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James has considerable experience of all areas of personal injury law, including road traffic accidents (and claims against the MIB), employer's liability, occupier's liability, defective premises, trespass against the person, claims under the Highways Act, and claims under the Animals Act. He has particular experience of claims involving allegations of fraud and fundamental dishonesty.

James frequently acts for and against public authorities. He was instructed by the MOJ in a claim by a prisoner for severe injuries sustained whilst attempting suicide in custody. He has also been instructed on behalf of police and ambulance drivers in cases involving road traffic accidents in the course of emergency responses, on behalf of NHS Trusts in claims involving assaults by mental health patients, and by teachers and pupils injured during school activities.

James regularly deals with associated human rights issues arising in personal injury cases. He successfully represented a local authority in strike-out proceedings in the High Court relating to claims by a former employee for false imprisonment and breach of art. 8 ECHR. He has also successfully represented a local authority in claims for misfeasance in public office and trespass involving further claims for breaches of arts. 8, 12 and 14 ECHR.

### Qualifications & Awards

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

Times Law Awards 2014: 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

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Personal Injuries Bar Association

Travel and Tourism Lawyers Association

Pan European Organisation of Personal Injury Lawyers

## Publications

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Division XVIII: Accidents Abroad, (2018) Butterworths Personal Injury Litigation Service

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  
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