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## James Beeton

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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.

### Military

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James represents serving and ex-members of HM Armed Forces in claims for injuries and diseases suffered during service at home and abroad. He acts in cases involving hearing loss caused by exposure to weapons fire, injuries caused by exposure to cold conditions, and other physical and psychiatric injuries suffered during training or on deployment.

James is often instructed in cases involving historical breaches of duty and cross-border issues arising out of deployment overseas. He is familiar with the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme and frequently advises on quantum issues specific to claims for the loss of a military career.

### Qualifications & Awards

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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

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Personal Injuries Bar Association

Pan European Organisation of Personal Injury Lawyers

London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association

## Publications

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### 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<sup>®</sup>PSL Dispute Resolution

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

"Rome I – Consumer Contracts (art. 6)", (2018) Lexis<sup>®</sup>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