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### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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

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.

### Insurance

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James acts for insurers and policyholders in insurance disputes. He is experienced in motor insurance issues concerning policy interpretation, the Road Traffic Act 1988, and the MIB Agreements. He has a particular interest in disputes relating to claims under travel insurance policies or cross-border injury claims raising issues of policy interpretation and subrogation under foreign law.

He has expertise in claims relating to business interruption insurance. He is currently advising and acting on behalf of a number of groups of policyholders whose businesses were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. He has presented a webinar series on litigating these claims and is an author of the business interruption insurance “practice note” on the market-leading Lexis<sup>®</sup>PSL Dispute Resolution website (a copy of the article can be found [here](#)).

### 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