

# 12

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### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Industrial Disease, International & Travel, Clinical Negligence, Product Liability, Health & Safety, Inquests, Fraud, Public Authority Liability, Property, Mediation, Aviation

Specialist personal injury practitioner. Recognised as a leading junior in Chambers & Partners notably for travel related work. However, his experience is broad including product liability, occupational disease, fatal and catastrophic head and bodily injury often in consequence of cycling, motorcycling and motor racing accidents.

He has a science degree and is known for cases which have technical features, product liability, food poisoning, unusual pathogens, and scientific causation arguments as well as clinical negligence claims.

James specialises in health & safety, and is regularly instructed to act in relation to prosecution arising from serious accidents and near misses in industry, freight transport, medical and care institutions. On several occasions James has conducted inquest, criminal and civil proceedings in the same matter.

Away from work James attention is directed at his 4 children, watching and playing sport, keeping bees, making and mending furniture.

### Public Authority Liability

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James has significant experience of Occupiers liability and Highway Authority duties acting for both Claimants and Defendants and for c 12 years conducted a significant proportion of the Suffolk and Essex County Council Highways Act Defences. Interesting cases include:

- *Presswell & Presswell v Devon County Council (2014)* action concerning regular flooding from highway of a home arising from decision making as to commissioning of a highway drainage improvement scheme. Settled before trial.
- *Pattinson & Pattinson v Cornwall Council and North Cornwall Council (2009)* Action by parents of child of 5 drowned when she fell into fast moving river in spate. Riverbank was occupied by local authorities and was near playground and public car park. Allegation that riverbank should have been fenced because of risks. Judgment at trial for Defendants.
- *Kinsella & Quigley v Nottingham County Council (2009)* flooding claim arising from failure to maintain a pump and gully system intended to provide back up drainage in the event of run off overwhelming land adjacent to a highway. Settled before pleadings issued.

## Qualifications & Awards

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University of Aberdeen BSc(Hons) Pharmacology

Polytechnic of Central London [now University of Westminster] Diploma in law

London School of Mediation accredited mediator

## Appointments & Memberships

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Lincoln's Inn

Member Personal Injuries Bar Association [Executive Committee member 2000 to 2016]

Member AVMA

## Directories

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*"He is praised for his attention to detail."* – Legal 500, 2018

*"He has excellent knowledge of sickness claims in particular, and is down-to-earth and very helpful. He's very thorough, digs down into the details and is a fantastic advocate."* – Chambers & Partners, 2019

*"He has huge in-depth medical knowledge as well as legal knowledge. His knowledge of chemistry and illness allow him to take a very strong view of claims abroad."* – Chambers & Partners, 2016