James Hurd

YEAR OF CALL 1994

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Inquests & Public Inquiries, Regulatory and Professional Discipline Group, Insurance Fraud, Travel & International Personal Injury Law, Personal Injury, Employment



Travel & International Personal Injury Law CV

Profile

James acts for both Claimants and Defendants in all areas of personal injury litigation, fatal accidents and clinical negligence (including cosmetic surgery). He is an active member of the 9 St John Street Travel Law Group and has wide experience in dealing with insurance fraud.

He is often instructed in cases of severe injuries (including brain injuries), requiring expert evidence and the drafting of extensive and complex schedules and counter schedules of loss. He deals with complex trials, as well as advising on paper and in conference. He is experienced in advising in cases of forensic loss of earnings claims, such as with self-employed Claimants or those who own/manage their own businesses. As a keen motorcyclist, James is always happy to accept instructions in relation to accident claims involving motorcycles.

In recent years, James has also undertaken a significant amount of travel related litigation, principally related to the Package Holiday, Package Travel, and Package Tour Regulations 1992. He accepts work in the following areas: Accidents abroad, including road traffic accidents, fatal and catastrophic accidents, Package holiday claims, and local standards issues, Claims involving cruise liners/shipping accidents pursuant to the Athens Convention 1974, Food poisoning, gastroenteritis and IBS holiday illness claims, Ruined holidays, honeymoons and other special occasions, Accidents arising from sporting or adventure activities, such as skiing, cycling/motorcycling and use of swimming pools.

Other Services

As part of a continuing commitment to building and enhancing client relationships, James regularly gives training seminars to clients on current legal developments. He is happy to devise bespoke training, tailored to clients' requirements, to deliver at their businesses.

Personal Interests

His outside interests include creative writing, music, football, classic cars and motorcycles, cinema, and travel. James's debut novel, 'A Bold Deceiver', which is set in Manchester in the 1990's, was published in August 2008. For further details, visit http://www.abolddeceiver.co.uk

Quotes

Personal Injury: "James has excellent attention to detail and he is quick to cut through any chaff straight to the salient information and points. He inspires confidence in his advocacy and has a very good bedside manner with clients." - Legal 500 2024

Employment: James's preparation is meticulous, which is manifest by the sound legal analysis which he employs in his skeleton arguments. His precise advocacy is easy for any judge to follow such that it undermines the opponent s application or case with compelling subtlety; a first rate advocate."

- Legal 500 2024

Personal Injury: "James is a fantastic all round advocate. He is approachable but professional at all times. His turnaround of work is incredible but he maintains attention to detail and gets to the crux of the legal issues very quickly. James is calm and thorough when explaining technical issues to clients and his written advice is considered and logical. He is extremely reliable and responsive."

- Legal 500 2023

Employment: "James is extremely competent, technically excellent, and a highly skilled advocate. He is professional, friendly and approachable, fantastic with clients and easily contactable."

- Legal 500 2023

Personal Injury: "Attention to detail is second to none and always responds to any queries in a highly efficient manner. Grasps the issues of a case very quickly and advises accordingly. Intelligent, professional and reliable whilst being down to earth and approachable. Really good people skills. These qualities make him an excellent advocate."

- Legal 500 2022

Employment: "James is able to put clients at ease with his friendly but professional approach, a skilled advocate and extremely efficient in drafting complex pleadings."

- Legal 500 2022

Employment: Leading Junior Band 2 "Recent work includes defending against disability discrimination and stress at work claims."

- Legal 500 2020

Personal Injury: Leading Junior Band 2 "Always identifies the key issues and potential weakness in a case."

- Legal 500 2020

Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence ranked Tier 1 Clients appreciate his practical advice.

- Legal 500 2019

Employment ranked Tier 1 Congenial, sagacious and conscientious.

- Legal 500 2019

"He has great client communication skills."

- Legal 500 2017

"He is knowledgeable, approachable and quickly turns work around."

- Legal 500 2017



"An assertive cross-examiner with excellent judgement."

- Legal 500 2016

"Always turns work around in a very reasonable time and is punctual in returning instructions."

- Legal 500 2015

"He does not give up easily, and demonstrates unflagging enthusiasm throughout the case."

- Legal 500 2015

Knowledgeable, practical and helpful

- Legal 500 2014

He makes well-timed decisions to meet the needs of the situation.

- Legal 500 2014

works very hard, and relishes a good challenge

- Legal 500 2013

a very good grasp of complex factual and legal issues

- Legal 500 2012