DEANS COURT CHAMBERS

James Hogg

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Education	Professional Associations
Girton College, University of Cambridge, MA Law	Northern Circuit
BVC, Manchester Metropolitan University	Personal Injury Bar Association

Areas of Specialism

- Personal Injury
- Civil and Insurance Fraud
- Public Liability
- Employers Liability
- Travel
- Motor Claims
- Employer's Liability and Public Liability
- Contempt & Private Prosecutions

Profile

James accepts instructions in all areas of Civil law, with a particular emphasis on Personal Injury litigation involving allegations of dishonesty.

His Personal Injury work encompasses RTA claims, Public and Employers' liability actions (including industrial disease, stress at work and harassment cases), and Occupiers' liability claims.

James is regularly instructed on behalf of several national insurers in suspected fraudulent road traffic accidents (whether staged, phantom passenger or LVI), fraudulent employers and public liability claims, and in credit hire litigation.

A growing area of his practice concerns fraud rings and costs recovery against solicitors, ATE providers and other non-parties.

James appears on behalf of both Claimants and Defendants, both on and off circuit, and is happy to consider Claimant work on a CFA basis. He is regularly instructed in Multi Track litigation and has experience of High Court work.

James also has experience of CICA and CRU appeals and has been instructed at several Coroner's Inquests.

Notable Cases

Mr D.S. -V- G T TRADING (ELECTRICAL) LTD

Practice Area: Personal Injury

Instructed by Keoghs and AXA UK James Hogg successfully defended a sizeable claim for personal injury and loss of earnings, obtaining a finding of fundamental dishonesty following a two day multi track trial. Investigations had uncovered inconsistencies and misleading evidence from a claimant who had been made redundant prior to bringing his claim.

At trial the judge found that the accident didn't happen and the claimant knew his version of events was false. The claim was dismissed for a total saving of £116,000 with permission for the defendant to enforce their costs on an indemnity basis

The dishonesty is in the detail | Keoghs

Practice Area:

Successfully represented defendant in case where social media proves to be the downfall for fundamentally dishonest fraudster.

https://www.insurancetimes.co.uk/news/social-media-proves-to-be-the-downfall-for-fundamentally-dishonest-fraudster/1430047.article

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GHULAM SAFI AND ORS -v- 1) JOWHARAH BAKER AND ALLIED INSUARANCE PLC

Practice Area:

A defence that raised concerns about discrepancies and inconsistencies in a claim that might lead to an inference of fraud was not excluded per Hussain v Amin [2012] EWCA Civ 1456

What the Directories say

James is on the ball. He is very knowledgeable and knows cases inside-out. He is very well prepared. He is very intellectual and smart and a great barrister.

Chambers and Partners 2026

His expertise in fraud cases is exceptional. He combines sharp legal analysis with a strategic approach, ensuring the best possible outcome.'

Legal 500 2026

"James offers exceptional analytical skills, having the ability to pull together large pieces of information and evidence effectively."

Chambers and Partners 2025

"James is thorough, sensible and offers practical advice."

Chambers and Partners 2025

"He is a very impressive barrister all round."

Chambers and Partners 2025

'James is one of the best barristers around with clear advice. He is particularly strong in fraud identification and drafting, and he is extremely approachable, down-to-earth, and will help evolve a strategy.'

Legal 500 2025

"His attention to detail is like no other and his forensic approach to cases always leads to excellent outcomes."

Chambers & Partners 2024

"James is excellent and has very strong technical skills, including strong drafting skills."

Chambers & Partners 2024

James has razor-sharp attention to detail, he is always very well-prepared for conferences and offers excellent strategic advice, and his drafting of pleadings is one of his key strengths. He really takes ownership of the claims he handles and seems genuinely invested in the cases.

Legal 500, 2024

James has a clear enthusiasm for the subject area. He is an excellent communicator and advocate.

Chambers & Partners 2023

A reasoned opinion is always offered. He is excellent on his feet and has a style of advocacy that suits the work he does.

Legal 500, 2021

Experienced in personal injury cases involving dishonesty allegations.

Legal 500, 2017

James has built a well-deserved reputation as one of the 'go to' juniors on the defendant side of insurance fraud work. His strength is the ability to cut through cases and to get to the heart of the issue upon which the case will turn. James is often the barrister of choice for firms in this work area.

Legal 500, 2023

Extremely thorough, knowledgeable and talented.

Legal 500, 2020

James has a real eye for detail and approaches each case with great vigour. He always impresses with his grasp and knowledge of each matter I have instructed him on, but in addition to being a detail person, James also knows how to cut through a case to get to the core issues giving advice that is both technical and practical.

Legal 500, 2022

A natural in court.

Legal 500, 2018

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