

# James Candlin

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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, Property Damage, 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.

## Industrial Disease

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James has had extensive experience of work related illness through a broad array of employers' liability cases which have included repetitive strain injury, PAD4, Carpal tunnel syndrome, golfers and tennis elbow. Workers have included secretaries, bank tellers, paper/paper cup factory workers and warehousemen. Also he has conducted a number of cases of Vibration White Finger particularly concerning replacement of refractory furnace linings, industrial sanding and the motor trades.

James has pleaded and conducted numerous actions including contested trials arising from occupational exposure to noise in a wide variety of industries and has experience in consideration of typical Coles Lutman Buffin guidelines, as well as relatively modest loss, more atypical audiograms and bulge rather than notching presentation, unusual profiles and patterns of exposure, and cases with confounding questions relating to conflicting lay or engineering evidence affecting daily immision level or overlapping non-negligent exposure.

James has pleaded numerous Fatal mesothelioma cases arising in particular from dockyard exposure, plastering and cable fitting trades.

James has experience of Reactive airway disorders and occupational asthma arising from exposure to substances such as toluene glue, ammonia liberated from waterproof concrete, and sensitivity to substances such as latex.

James has argued several claims on behalf of care home managers, social workers, and public sector administrative workers suffering from occupational stress causing physical and psychological injury as a result of working conditions and failure of employers to respond to signs of distress and sick leave.

## 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 provides a good, considered response with a fast turnaround. – Chambers & Partners, 2025*

*James is really diligent and gets to the nub of the issue. – Chambers & Partners, 2025*

*James is technically excellent. His medical knowledge is fantastic, which in a personal injury case is invaluable. – Legal 500, 2025*

*James is a careful and conscientious barrister with great judgement whose meticulous case preparation makes him an excellent choice for fraud work in particular. – Legal 500, 2024*

*James is extremely able, has a mastery of the expert evidence and is a very thorough, hard-working barrister who does the best he can for his clients. – Chambers & Partners, 2024*

*James is a careful and conscientious barrister with great judgement whose meticulous case preparation makes him an excellent choice for fraud work in particular. – Legal 500, 2023*

*James has a wealth of experience in travel law, having been practising in the field for many years. He is a careful advocate and is thoroughly conversant with the law in the area. – Legal 500, 2023*

*He really thinks things through, and tactics are established right from the outset. – Chambers & Partners, 2022*

*James has a great grasp of the law in this area and an excellent ability to communicate with judges. – Legal 500, 2022*

*In court he is extremely polite and is excellent in cross-examinations. He's very good with clients. – Chambers & Partners, 2021*

*He is a careful and meticulous cross-examiner. Very helpful. Client friendly. – Legal 500, 2021*

*His attention to detail is great and he's a tough negotiator. He is very experienced and provides thorough and comprehensive advice. – Chambers and Partners, 2020*

*He is a careful and meticulous cross-examiner. – Legal 500, 2019*

*He is excellent in cases concerning forensic evidence; he understands all the terms and is an extremely effective cross-examiner. – Chambers & Partners, 2019*

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

*Very forensic, yet approachable and affable. – Legal 500, 2017*

*He has excellent technical knowledge and is balanced and practical in his approach. – Legal 500, 2017*

*Because of his in-depth knowledge of medical issues, he's a safe person to turn to for issues of causation, such as illness outbreaks in foreign hotels. – Chambers & Partners, 2017*

*He has very good attention to detail and can absorb significant facts from large volumes of papers. – Chambers & Partners, 2017*

*James is very protective of his client whilst simultaneously remaining realistic. – Chambers & Partners, 2017*

*"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*