

James Pickering

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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

James is a leading junior in cases involving serious injuries and fatal accidents, with expertise in international and group litigation. He acts in complex and cutting-edge litigation, often with a cross-border element.

Chambers UK and The Legal 500 describe him as "really excellent" and "a brilliant lawyer". "James has a Rolls Royce brain and eye for detail." "His tactics and strategy always result in favourable outcomes."

The legal directories rank him as a leading junior in Group Litigation, Personal Injury, Industrial Disease, International Personal Injury, and Motor Insurance Fraud.

James was junior counsel in the Military Deafness Litigation, one of The Lawyer's Top 20 Cases of 2025.

James leads 12KBW's Band 1-ranked International & Travel Team. He edits the key practitioner textbooks in his areas of practice: *Occupational Illness Litigation* (Sweet & Maxwell), *Asbestos: Law & Litigation* (Sweet & Maxwell), and *Butterworths Personal Injury Litigation Service (Accidents Abroad)* (LexisNexis UK).

Abuse

James has expertise in civil claims arising out of sexual and physical abuse. He advises on all aspects of abuse work, including limitation, consent, vicarious liability, non-delegable duties, negligence, causation, and evidential issues. He is regularly instructed in claims against employers, public authorities, schools, and individual defendants.

He has significant experience in all aspects of limitation law in this context. He edits the Limitation chapter of the market-leading practitioner textbook *Occupational Illness Litigation* (Sweet & Maxwell). His instructing solicitors in this area value his cross-over expertise in personal injury and cross-border litigation.

Qualifications & Awards

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
London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association Essay Prize
Law Faculty Prize for Criminal Justice and Human Rights
Ralph Chiles Award for Comparative Human Rights

Middle Temple Colombos Law Prize
Exeter College Tobias Prize in Law
Times Law Awards, 2nd Prize
Oxford Postgraduate Internship Award
Exeter College Internship Grant
Saint Peter's College Law Essay Prize

Memberships

Personal Injuries Bar Association
Pan European Organisation of Personal Injury Lawyers
London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association

Publications

Occupational Illness Litigation (Sweet & Maxwell) (Editor)
Asbestos: Law & Litigation (Sweet & Maxwell) (Co-Editor)
Butterworths Personal Injury Litigation Service (Accidents Abroad) (LexisNexis UK) (Editor)
'Asbestos Product Litigation', *Journal of Personal Injury Law* (2021, 1, pp. 17-24)