

## James Culverwell

James joined Lamb Chambers in February 2020 having commenced his practice at a common law set in the Temple. James' practice encompasses a broad range of civil and commercial work with a particular emphasis on matters involving property, commercial disputes, and personal injury. Since joining Chambers, James has also cemented himself in the construction team and is building on his previous experience in this area. James appears in the High Court and County Court at first instance and on appeal.

Before commencing pupillage, James worked in a top-ranked city law firm with the Litigation and Dispute Resolution team on large-scale commercial disputes as well as assisting the Real Estate Disputes and Contentious Construction teams. James then spent two years as a County Court Advocate gaining extensive experience in the areas of landlord and tenant law, mortgage repossessions, insolvency, contract, personal injury as well as all manner of procedural hearings across the litigation process.

James has extensive experience of advocacy work having started his career with a common law practice covering Civil, Crime and Family. He is also well-experienced in drafting and advisory work. James has been commended for his personable style putting clients at ease and engaging tribunals. He brings a practical and common-sense approach to his work translating complex legal matters into comprehensible advice.

### COVID-19

During the COVID-19 pandemic, James' experience means he is able to advise on the altered regime for residential possessions and forfeiture of commercial leases as well as the connection with alternative remedies such as insolvency and bankruptcy.

James' commercial and general civil background mean he can provide expert advice and representation in cases involving contracts that have been affected by coronavirus or the government's response. With a wedding currently planned for the summer, James is particularly well-placed to advise clients who have had weddings or other events cancelled or postponed as a result of the current restrictions and social-distancing measures. This includes termination, cancellation charges and moving the event to a new date.



**Year of Call: 2013**

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James is available through the Lamb Chambers COVID-19 Q&A Service which offers a free video consultation (which will take no more than 30 minutes of your time) to solicitors, business or individuals who have issues arising from the pandemic.

Contact [practicemanagers@lambchambers.co.uk](mailto:practicemanagers@lambchambers.co.uk) to book an appointment with James.

## Further Information

### Qualifications

- Bar Professional Training Course – Very Competent
- LLB (Hons) – First Class

### Memberships

- Honourable Society of the Inner Temple
- Property Bar Association

### Interests

James is a keen skier and a follower of the Hampshire and England cricket teams, as well as the Harlequins and England rugby teams. He is also an enthusiastic cook and enjoys good food and drink.

## Personal Injury

James is regularly instructed in the Small Claims Track, Fast Track and Multi-Track for road traffic accident, credit hire, and holiday sickness claims, which include advising on quantum and drafting pleadings.

## Recent Cases

- M v SR (2019) – defeated an application for relief from sanctions at trial and succeeded on all points in a credit hire dispute resulting in the claimant refunding part of an interim payment.
- L v S Ltd (2019) – acting for a claimant in an employer's liability claim alleging unsafe exposure to vibrations.
- O v H (2019) – succeeded in obtaining a generous award for general damages on behalf of a child beating a part 36 offer.
- M v T Ltd (2018) – acted for the claimant defending an application for a finding of fundamental dishonesty after discontinuance.
- L v S Ltd (2018) – successfully appealed against a decision to refuse permission to substitute parties after expiry of limitation. The claim was wrongly issued against a previous employer and both the first instance application and appeal involved issues of employer's liability, TUPE transfers, limitation and QOCS.

