James Browne



James is a highly experienced property advocate who combines intellectual rigour with a practical, commercially minded approach. He is regarded by clients as approachable and efficient, always aiming to put the client's needs first. James completed his 3-year term as Head of Property in April 2021.

James has particular expertise in commercial and residential landlord and tenant law and is a leading authority on tenancy deposit protection scheme disputes.

He sits as a Recorder and as a Deputy District Judge.

James is married with two children. When time permits, he enjoys wine, cricket, bridge and music. He was an elected member of Elmbridge Borough Council for 14 years until he stood down in May 2022, serving in various roles including Leader of the Council, Leader of the Opposition, Cabinet Member for Planning and six years as Cabinet member for Housing.

Further information

Other publications

• Francis v Phillips [2014] EWCA Civ 1395

Qualifications and appointments

- BA (1st class) Birmingham University (Ritchie Prize) (1990)
- British Academy Scholarship, Oxford University (1990)
- MSt Brasenose College, Oxford (1991)
- Middle Temple Queen Mother's Scholar (1992)
- Middle Temple Harmsworth Entrance Exhibitioner (1992)
- Legal Services Commission Funding Review Panel

Languages

• French (fluent), German (working knowledge)

Memberships

- Property Bar Association
- Editorial Board, RICS Isurv

Interests

Wine, politics, history, music, bridge, cricket and football.

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