

James Leslie

Family



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James practices principally in three main areas:

- Financial and children disputes arising out of relationship breakdown;
- Wills, trusts and inheritance; and
- Personal injury, clinical negligence and costs.

Matrimonial Finance Work

In cases relating to financial disputes following the breakdown of marriages, James financial remedies work cover the full spectrum of issues, including; matters concerning business/company assets, reviewable dispositions (transferring of property to third parties to defeat claims), family trusts/farming, and hidden assets (non-disclosure of accounts, property, Cryptocurrency and other valuable assets such as gold). His instructions range from the simple to the complex.

Cohabitation, TLATA and Inheritance

In addition to representing married or formerly married clients in financial disputes, James has considerable expertise in financial cases relating to children (Schedule 1 cases) where the parents may not have been married, claims by unmarried cohabitants under the TLATA jurisdiction, and Inheritance Act claims (including wills disputes).

James' instructions very often relate to cases where third party interests are claimed, such as wider family members.

Private Children

James' financial practice is complemented by his work on cases concerning living and contact arrangements for children. He is often instructed in factually complex and difficult cases, for instance those where controlling behaviour and abuse are alleged, as well as the more mundane.

As a practising civil lawyer of many years in the fields of personal injury and clinical negligence, James is an expert in the CPR, including the Part 36 Offer regime and Costs Budgeting. This experience is invaluable in Cohabitation and Trusts cases.

Direct Access

James is qualified to accept work on a Direct Access basis in appropriate cases, and will usually offer a free initial consultation. If you are a member of the public and want legal advice directly from him, please speak with his clerks at No5 Chambers.

Memberships

Member of the FLBA

Member of the Midland Circuit