

## James Malam

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### Memberships

- Professional Negligence Bar Association
- TECBAR
- Chancery Bar Association
- Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association

### Education

- Bar Vocational Course, Nottingham Law School, Very Competent, 2002
- Lord Justice Holker Award, Gray's Inn, 2001
- LLB (Hons) Law, University of Sheffield, 2001
- Plessington High School, Wirral, 1991-1998

### Beyond the Bar

James enjoys reading, photography, cycling, swimming, food and drink and spending time with his family.

### Practice Overview

James practices in most areas of commercial and commercial Chancery law, with a particular emphasis on professional negligence, construction, insurance and insolvency matters. James is frequently instructed against silk.

James was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 2002, having been granted its Lord Justice Holker Award, and completed a Chancery and commercial pupillage at the Chambers of Geoffrey Vos QC, 3 Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn.

On completing his pupillage, James joined Fishburns Solicitors, where he specialised in insurance and professional negligence work. Having experience of life as an advocate and working for a solicitors firm, James is noted for his thorough grasp of the commercial realities of any case and ability to find a practical solution, as well as his technical ability as a lawyer.

During 2007, James spent six months working as a Judicial Assistant to the Court of Appeal, where he was assistant to Lord Justice Carnwath.

## Recommendations

“James Malam has dealt with a number of cases for us at all stages and has always been easy to communicate with, provided excellent and practical advice, and shown an ability to present complex matters in a clear and concise manner in court.”

**Chambers and Partners 2024, Construction**

“All the work James produces is very well written, he sets the arguments clearly and is a good strong advocate. He is low-key, effective, sensible, pragmatic and easy to deal with.”

**Chambers and Partners 2024, Construction**

“James Malam is technically sound, accessible, thorough, reliable and commercial.”

**Chambers and Partners 2024, Construction**

“He sets the arguments clearly, and is a good strong advocate, who is sensible and easy to deal with.”

**Chambers and Partners 2024, Professional Negligence**

“He’s very helpful; he gets a grip of things really quickly and gives us a steer on the direction we need to go in. He is very accessible.”

**Chambers and Partners 2024, Professional Negligence**

“James is calm under pressure. His advocacy is strategic and poised.”

**The Legal 500 2024, Professional Negligence**

“James is excellent at spotting the important details and utilising these to the benefit of the client, and on a number of occasions he has spotted issues which have been vitally important. He takes a very considered approach to advocacy, he explains clearly and concisely his points and their relevance, and in contrast to many of his opponents, he does not need to be questioned by judges to elaborate on or explain his arguments.”

**The Legal 500 2024, Commercial Litigation**

“A detail-orientated junior who is serene under pressure. He takes a measured approach to advocacy.”

**The Legal 500 2024, Property and Construction**

“James has an excellent knowledge of the area. He is very thorough with a keen eye for detail, a sensible approach to pleading and the ability to ‘think outside the box’. He provides practical solutions when problems arise.”

**Chambers and Partners 2023, Construction**

“James is a really good lawyer: technical, commercial and straight-talking.”

**Chambers and Partners 2023, Construction**

“James is extremely diligent with personable manner, is good to work with and is a formidable advocate. He is not afraid of hard work and regularly hits time deadline. He’s definitely a safe pair of hands.”

**The Legal 500 2023, Professional Negligence**

“James Malam is client-friendly, very good technically, commercially minded when dealing with litigation, and is always very well prepared.”

**Chambers and Partners 2022, Construction**

“He is calm and able to get to the crux of the issues. He has good cross-examination skills.”

**Chambers and Partners 2022, Professional Negligence**

“Strong technical advice, clear and robust drafting of pleadings, incisive and effective advocacy. Also very easy and pleasant to work with, and prepared to give an off-the-cuff view if asked and to work through the wider strategy of a claim with us. Understands the requirements and priorities of insurer clients”

**The Legal 500 2022, Professional Negligence**

“James is quick to identify the key issues and gets to grips with the case within a short period of time, performing well at trial.”

**The Legal 500 2022, Commercial Litigation**

“James was organised and effective in presentation of our client’s case. He presented it with clarity and persuasion, both on paper and on his feet. He was calm and reassuring to work with.”

**Chambers and Partners 2021, Construction**

“Very good on paper, with clear and forceful pleadings. Just as good before the court. Always feel in safe hands with James on determining the key technical points, putting forward our best case on them.”

**The Legal 500 2021, Professional Negligence**

“Technically sound, accessible, thorough, reliable and commercial.”

**The Legal 500 2021, Property and Construction**

“Technically sound, accessible.”

**The Legal 500 2021, Commercial Litigation**

“He is very commercial and client-friendly.”

**Chambers and Partners 2020, Construction**

“He is very good with clients and puts them at ease.”

**Chambers and Partners 2020, Construction**

“Technically sound and accessible.”

**The Legal 500 2020, Commercial, Banking, Insolvency and Chancery Law**

“Technically sound, accessible, thorough, reliable and commercial.”  
**The Legal 500 2020, Construction, Planning and Environment**

“Supportive and thorough.”  
**The Legal 500 2018/19, Commercial, Banking, Insolvency and Chancery Law**

“He has a keen eye for the key issues of a case.”  
**The Legal 500 2018/19, Construction, Planning and Environment**

“Knowledgeable and meticulous.”  
**The Legal 500 2017, Commercial, Banking and Insolvency**

“A strong advocate, who provides sensible and pragmatic advice.”  
**The Legal 500 2016**

“His courteous and helpful manner enables him to readily deal with even the most difficult of clients.”  
**The Legal 500 2015, Commercial, Banking and Insolvency**

“Has a sound grasp of the technicalities of a legal problem.”  
**The Legal 500 2015, Construction, Planning and Environment**

“Understands the need for commercial cost-effective solutions.”  
**The Legal 500 2014, Construction, Planning and Environment**

“He has a swift grasp of the key issues in his cases.”  
**The Legal 500 2014, Commercial, Banking and Insolvency**

Recommended for professional negligence work.  
**The Legal 500 2013, Chancery and Commercial**

“Quick to grasp the strengths and weaknesses of a case”.  
**The Legal 500 2012, Chancery and Commercial**

“Very careful, easy to work with and bright’...has a practice that is ahead of his call.”  
**The Legal 500 2011, Chancery and Commercial**