

Jamie Johnston

Barrister

Overview

Jamie Johnston joined Dere Street Barristers in Newcastle in 2017. He works in the civil team, specialising in business, property and chancery work. Before coming to the Bar, Jamie built and sold a national franchising company.

Jamie works from the Dere Street Barristers offices in Newcastle and York, appearing in courts across the north east circuit. He has a busy practice in the High Court and County Court, frequently undertaking specialist work in the Business and Property Court lists. Jamie brings commercial pragmatism, robust negotiation skills and business acumen to his legal practice, honed by a decade as a company director.

Property Litigation

Jamie is a property barrister who combines real-world experience with his legal knowledge and a forensic attention to detail. He regularly receives instructions to advise and represent clients in boundary disputes, rights of way, easements and adverse possession claims

Jamie manages a portfolio of residential property so has a first-hand appreciation of landlord's concerns. He is frequently instructed by landlords in residential and commercial cases for possession and forfeiture. He has substantial experience in deploying estoppel and equitable rights arguments on behalf of tenants. Jamie acts in a range of TOLATA claims.

In the past few months, Jamie has worked on:

- A variety of boundary disputes including residential and non-residential cases;
- Injunctions to preserve proprietary interests and rights of way;
- Several possession claims for both landlords and tenants.

Commercial Dispute Resolution

As a commercial barrister Jamie's business understanding resonates well with business clients who see in him a kindred spirit. As a long-time managing director he has first-hand experience of managing employees and franchisees, commercial negotiations and resolving customer complaints. This gives him a unique understanding of the competing commercial considerations of business clients.

His reputation as a 'business-person's barrister' sees him instructed and re-instructed in a wide range of disputes including debt recovery, contractual breaches, agency contracts and faulty goods. He has secured and defended applications for freezing injunctions in a variety of cases.



Year Of Call:

2016

Practice Areas

[Civil](#)

[Company and
Commercial](#)

[Credit Hire](#)

[Personal Injury and
Clinical Negligence](#)

[Property](#)

[Trusts and Probate](#)

Recently, Jamie has:

- Acted for a pension provider in a claim concerning the Pensions Ombudsman;
- Resolved two cases for the dissolution of a partnership, one by negotiation and one by trial;
- Had a significant debt claim struck out for repeated procedural failures;
- Obtained two mid-proceedings freezing injunctions to preserve assets;
- Successfully opposed applications for McKenzie Friends to act on behalf of claimants in two different cases.
- Acted in cases against energy suppliers, finance companies and commercial developers.

Professional Negligence

Jamie has advised in a range of professional negligence claims, including cases concerning:

- The drafting of imprecise wills;
- Sale of used goods subject to insufficient quality assurance;
- Failure to consider a defective title;
- Solicitors acting in a conflict of interest;
- A variety of cases with conveyancing anomalies.

Traditional Chancery

Jamie's expertise extends both to the advising in non-contentious issues and to the conduct of litigation when such matters become contentious. This includes disputes between beneficiaries or with executors over capacity, under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975 and arising out of the execution of the trusts provided for under wills.

Recent work includes:

- Applying for rectification of a will;
- Securing an Insolvency Administration Orders for a bankrupt estate;
- Advising on a claims involving s33 of the Wills Act 1837.

Jamie accepts instruction in all areas of will, trust and probate

Sports Law

Jamie has used his extensive experience in elite sport in a burgeoning sports law practice. He has over 20 years' experience as a coach, working with numerous international and junior international athletes. He competed in hockey and cross-country running at national level. More recently he has been selected for the Great Britain duathlon age-group team for the 2021 World Championships.

Jamie is appointed to the British Cycling and British Canoeing disciplinary panels. He acted as legal advisor to the organiser of the 2018 national road cycling championships. Jamie welcomes instruction to represent athletes in disciplinary processes and in commercial disputes with a sporting flavour.

Personal Injury

Jamie is regularly instructed in a range of personal injury claims, particularly claims arising from road traffic accidents and accidents at work.

When not working as a barrister...

Jamie maintains his love of sport and continues to train and compete in running and duathlon events.

Professional Qualifications

BPTC (Outstanding)

GDL (Commendation)

BA (Hons) English Literature (2.1)

Awards

Winner of The Times & Herbert Smith Freehills student advocacy competition 2013

BPTC Exhibition award (Inner Temple)