

James Howard

Barrister

Overview

James joined Chambers in September 2019 after successful completion of pupillage under the tutelage of Stephen Ainsley and Anthony Davis.

James accepts instructions in the following fields:

Crime

James prosecutes and defends in all manner of hearings in the Crown Court and Magistrates Court.

Prior to coming to the Bar, James worked at a leading criminal defence solicitors firm in North Yorkshire for 3 years. The role encompassed case working Crown Court and Magistrates' Court matters, ranging from relatively minor road traffic cases to murder and serious sexual offences. James also provided representation to prisoners in Independent Adjudications and Parole Board hearings and is keen to accept instructions in prison law matters.

James is a fully accredited police station representative and over a 3-year period, advised detained persons in all manner of alleged criminal offences, including murder, organised crime, sexual offences and driving offences. James also represented clients who were being prosecuted/investigated by the Trading Standards Agency, RSPCA, General Medical Council and Civil Aviation Authority.

Since coming to the Bar, James has represented the prosecution and defence in numerous trials, including recently being led by senior counsel in a lengthy trial involving allegations of importation of approximately £10,000,000 worth of cocaine by a Polish national.

James is a Grade 2 prosecutor.

Family

James is passionate about family law and is keen to expand his practice in this area. He accepts instructions in both public and private law matters. He regularly represents local authorities, individuals and children in multi-day fact-finding and final hearings.



Year Of Call:

2018

Practice Areas

[Court of Protection](#)

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[Public & Private Law](#)

[Children](#)

Professional Qualifications/Memberships

The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple;

BA (Hons) Politics, Newcastle University (2013);

Graduate Diploma in Law with Commendation, University of Law (2014);

Bar Professional Training Course – Outstanding, Northumbria University (2018).

Education & Awards

Certificate of Academic
Excellence (Newcastle
University);

Jules Thorn Scholarship (Middle
Temple);

Dean's Award (Northumbria
University);

Certificate of Honour (Middle
Temple);

Baron Dr Ver Heyden de Lancey
Prize (Middle Temple);

Highest marks on the Bar
Professional Training Course in
Criminal Law, Family Law and
Advocacy.