



Jamie Johnston

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Property and Estates

Jamie Johnston is a property barrister who combines deep legal knowledge and a forensic attention to detail with a healthy dose of pragmatism. He appears across the Midlands and beyond in the Business and Property Court, County Court and in the First Tier Tribunal (Property Chamber).

In trials, clients appreciate his detailed knowledge of the case and forensic cross-examination. When giving advice, clients appreciate his straightforward and pragmatic advice.

Boundary disputes, trespass and adverse possession

Jamie has a well-established practice in cases concerning boundary disputes, adverse possession and trespass. He has acted for claimants and defendants in a variety of neighbour disputes, including trespass and boundary disputes complicated by allegations of harassment and assaults.

Landlord and Tenant

Jamie's extensive personal experience as a landlord, combined with his legal expertise, means that he is instructed frequently by landlords both residential and commercial. He has given seminars on forfeiture and delivered the 2023 Lexis Nexis webinar update on commercial rent arrear recoveries.

He frequently advises and conducts trials in a range of residential and commercial land disputes.

Covenants and rights of way

Jamie regularly advises and represents clients on cases concerning the enforceability of restrictive covenants. He has advised a number of clients on rights of way, including recently advising a client on a number of issues relating from prescriptive rights of ways established over an exclusive private estate.

Jamie's recent work has included:

- Junior counsel in a £1.5 million claim for rights in commercial property by virtue of proprietary estoppel.
- Recovered land for a commercial client, defeating a claim for rectification of title and adverse possession, then resisted an appeal against the judgment in the same case, securing costs.
- Successfully acted for residential clients to defend a claim in trespass and to move a boundary with opposing expert opinions and where the boundary features had been destroyed by a landslide.
- Obtained an injunction, and damages for harassment and trespass, in a long-running residential neighbour dispute.
- Obtained orders for sale in two unrelated TOLATA claims, including an order for possession in one of them.
- Advised a landlord in a possession claim where a tenant with a long lease had been subject to a Closure Order.

Recommendations

Jamie Johnston is ranked for Property and Construction in the **Legal 500 2026**/Midlands as a leading Junior.

"Jamie assisted in a dispute arising from a prestigious golf competition involving issues of competition rules, procedural fairness and the governance framework of a golf club.

Jamie quickly understood both the sporting and legal context of the dispute and was able to translate what was a complex and highly fact-sensitive situation into a clear and structured legal strategy. His advice demonstrated a strong grasp of the interaction between sports regulations, contractual terms and the obligations placed on competition committees and officials.

His advice was precise, well organised and persuasive, helping to focus the case on the key issues. He was approachable and practical in his advice, taking time to explain the legal position and the strategic options available at each stage.

Throughout the matter he combined strong legal analysis with a pragmatic and commercially aware approach to litigation strategy. Jamie comes highly recommend to those seeking counsel with expertise in sports law disputes, particularly where competition rules, disciplinary decisions and governance processes are in issue"

A sports law client

"Jamie and I worked together negotiating a national sport contract. He had great attention to detail; displayed speed with which he picked up the issues; had a very effective and measured negotiating style; and was a pleasure to work with."

Rod Findlay, Sports lawyer

"Jamie is an excellent chair on our Disciplinary Panel. He takes a logical and pragmatic approach to cases to ensure a fair and easy to understand process for all participants. He is patient, clear, extremely personable and a reliable and valued member of our Panel."

Legal manager for a sports governing body

Academic qualifications

- BPTC, University of Law - Outstanding
- GDL, University of Law - Commendation
- BA Hons English, University of Birmingham - 2.1

Scholarships

- Exhibition Award - Inner Temple
- Paul Methven scholarship - Inner Temple
- Winner of The Times/Herbert Smith Freehills national student advocacy contest

Professional qualifications & appointments

Appointed to the Disciplinary Panels of:

- UK Athletics
- British Cycling