

James Hume

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Property and Estates

James has established a strong and successful practice across property law. He is regularly instructed to advise and represent a wide range of clients, including private individuals, landlords and tenants, companies, and local authorities. His work spans both advisory and contentious matters, and he is frequently engaged at an early stage in disputes to provide strategic guidance aimed at achieving effective and commercially sensible outcomes.

He is recognised for his clear, pragmatic approach and his ability to handle complex factual and legal issues with precision. James combines robust advocacy with a calm and measured style and is equally comfortable acting in high-value litigation or in sensitive disputes involving family or cohabitation breakdowns.

His practice encompasses a broad range of property law matters, including:

- Real property disputes
- Possession proceedings, acting for both landlords and tenants
- Boundary disputes
- Leasehold disputes
- Service charge and ground rent disputes, acting for both freeholders and leaseholders
- Auction-related disputes - including claims arising from misdescription, contractual issues, and post-sale disputes
- Charging orders and orders for sale
- Committal proceedings
- Trespass claims, including urgent applications for injunctive relief and claims for damages
- Disrepair claims
- Easements and rights of way
- Restrictive covenants and incumbrances
- Private nuisance
- TOLATA
- Cohabitation dispute

James is experienced in conducting both trials and interim applications in the County Court, and is regularly instructed in urgent hearings involving possession, injunctive relief, and enforcement. He is adept at handling voluminous documentary evidence and expert material, particularly in boundary, leasehold, and development-related disputes.

He places particular emphasis on early case assessment and dispute resolution strategy, frequently advising clients on the merits of settlement versus litigation. His practice reflects a strong understanding of the commercial and personal drivers

behind property disputes, enabling him to tailor advice to the specific objectives of each client.

Academic qualifications

- BSc (Hons) Physics with Astrophysics, University of York
- Military Aviation Studies, Foundation Degree, The Open University
- LLB (Hons), Second Class Honours, The Open University
- Level 7 Diploma, Merit, Paralegal Practice, National Paralegal College
- The Bar Course LLM, City Law School

Professional qualifications & appointments

- CMI Level 5 Certificate in Management and leadership (CQF) from the Chartered Management Institute (2011).
- CMI Level 3 Diploma in First Line Management (CQF) from the Chartered Management Institute (2011) ;
- Divisional Officer Qualification (CMI Level 6 Equivalent) from the Royal Naval Leadership Academy (2015) ;
- Human Factors Facilitator & Instructor Qualification from the Military Aviation Authority (2015) ; Human Factors Supervisor Qualification from the Military Aviation Authority (2020).