

James Stonehouse

General Information

James practises in civil litigation, insolvency, consumer credit and property. Based in Sheffield, he often travels throughout Yorkshire, the midlands and the north east.

Approachable and focused on pragmatism, James is known for putting lay clients at ease. In court, he is a persuasive, articulate and determined advocate. Having practised as a solicitor, James has an understanding and appreciation of the professional client's point of view. He regularly appears in the Business and Property Courts, County Courts, Magistrates' Courts and High Court.

Areas of law

- Personal Injury
- Credit Hire
- Insolvency
- Property

Personal Injury (Claimants & Defendants)

- Small claims and fast track trials
- Road traffic accidents
- Employers' liability
- Public liability
- Allegations of fundamental dishonesty

James also has a busy paper practice advising on quantum in minors' cases and has experience of advising in cases involving protected parties. He has a keen eye for detail and a realistic view of the likely approach of the court with regard to both general and special damages.

Credit Hire (Claimants & Defendants)

- Trials
- Disposal hearings

James is familiar with acting in cases where arguments surrounding the need for hire, period of hire, impecuniosity, enforceability and basic hire rates are advanced.

Insolvency

- Bankruptcy petitions
- Winding up petitions

Property

- Possession hearings, acting for financial institutions, tenants, and both social and private landlords
- Applications for injunctions in both the County Court and Magistrates' Courts, particularly in relation to anti-social behaviour

Education

- Law LLB (Hons), University of Durham
- Bar Vocational Course, University of the West of England

Personal Interests

When not working, James enjoys playing the trumpet and piano, walking and cycling in the Peak District and cooking. He is the author and co-publisher of "The Whitby Whale" - a series of picture books for children.