

# James Stonehouse

## **General Information**

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James practises in the following areas: civil litigation, insolvency, consumer credit and property. He is based in Sheffield but will often travel throughout Yorkshire, the Midlands and the North East.

James has undertaken advocacy instructions since 2008. He is approachable, focused on pragmatism, and 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.

## **Personal injury**

James regularly represents Claimants and Defendants in small claims and fast track trials in road traffic accident and Employer's Liability and Public Liability matters. He has experience acting for both Claimants and Defendants in cases involving 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**

James regularly undertakes matters involving credit hire at both trials and disposal hearings and is familiar acting for both Claimants and Defendants where arguments surrounding the need for hire, period of hire, impecuniosity, enforceability and basic hire rates are advanced.

## **Insolvency**

James has appeared frequently in the Business and Property Courts at Leeds and at Birmingham. His experience includes bankruptcy petitions and winding up petitions in the County Court and High Court.

## **Property**

James has 12 years' experience of possession hearings, acting for financial institutions, tenants, and both social and private landlords. He has extensive experience of applications for injunctions in both the County Court and Magistrates' Courts, particularly in relation to anti-social behaviour.

## **Education**

2006: Law LLB (Hons), University of Durham

2007: Bar Vocational Course, University of the West of England

2012: Roll of Solicitors

2018: Higher Rights of Audience (Civil Proceedings)

## **Personal**

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.

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