

James Wise

Senior Associate

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Biography

As a senior associate in our litigation practice, James Wise acts on some of our most complex, high-value and hard-fought instructions.

James represents clients based in Europe and the CIS region, and acts for financial institutions, mining and industrial conglomerates, large corporates as well as high net worth individuals. He has acted on some of the largest value and most high-profile commercial fraud cases to come before the English courts, cases which have broken new ground on matters such as the operation of freezing orders, the appointment of receivers over Defendants' assets, and committal for contempt of court. He is experienced litigating in off-shore jurisdictions such as the British Virgin Islands and Cyprus, pursuing foreign law claims in England and enforcing English judgments domestically and overseas.

James also acts on a wide range of non-fraud related commercial disputes, including shareholder disputes, fiduciary duty claims against directors, contractual claims and competition disputes.

James' representative experience includes acting for JSC BTA Bank in its long-running international litigation against Mukhtar Ablyazov and others and acting for Victor Pinchuk in English proceedings against Igor



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Languages

English

Practices

Commercial

Corporate and Shareholder
Litigation

Litigation

Commercial Litigation

Industries

Energy and Natural Resources

Financial Institutions

Kolomoisky and Gennadiy Bogolyubov where the pleaded damages exceeded US\$1 billion. James holds his higher rights of audience, permitting him to appear as an advocate at all levels of the English civil courts.

Representative experience

Acting for JSC BTA Bank on the largest civil fraud claim to have come before the English courts.

Acting for Victor Pinchuk, a Ukrainian businessman, in English High Court proceedings regarding high-value Ukrainian steel and mining assets.

Areas of focus

Insolvency Litigation

Education and admissions

Education

L.P.C., BPP University Law School, 2010

LL.B., BPP University Law School, 2009

M.A., Corpus Christi College, University of Oxford, 2008
