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## Scope of Practice

• Agency & Commercial Agents Regulations • Banking and Financial Services • Civil Fraud and Investigations • Company • Economic Torts • Energy and Natural Resources • Injunctions and Other Interim Relief • Jurisdiction and Conflict of Laws • Letters of Request • Misrepresentation • Professional Negligence and Liability • Restitution • Sale of Goods and Supply of Goods and Services • Shareholder and Joint Venture Disputes • Trusts

## Overview

Jamie Goldsmith KC is recommended in Banking & Finance (Band 2 - Legal 500; Band 3 - Chambers & Partners), Civil Fraud (Band 4 - Legal 500; Band 3 - Chambers & Partners) and Commercial Dispute Resolution (Band 3 - Chambers & Partners, Band 6 - Legal 500).

His practice covers the full range of domestic and international commercial litigation and arbitration, including jurisdiction issues, letters of request, freezing injunctions, contractual disputes, civil fraud (including misrepresentation and conspiracy), restitution, banking and finance matters, negligence, property joint ventures and fiduciary duties, dishonest assistance and knowing receipt.

Jamie has extensive experience at first instance (especially in the Commercial Court and the Chancery Division) and before the Court of Appeal. He has also appeared in the Supreme Court. He is also admitted to the BVI bar and has previously been admitted as a member of the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands and the Isle of Man bars.

Jamie is Co-Chair of the Combar Africa Sub-Committee, a Trustee of LawWorks and Co-Chair of the LawWorks AI Committee, and the founder of Pro Bono Connect () - a network that matches pro bono barristers and solicitors.

Quotes from 2025 and 2026 rankings include:

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*"Jamie Goldsmith KC is an excellent advocate who leaves no stone unturned."* (Chambers & Partners 2026: Fraud: Civil)

*"Jamie gets up to speed incredibly quickly. He deals with everything speedily and well."* (Chambers & Partners 2026: Commercial Dispute Resolution)

*"Jamie is a very safe choice for tricky disputes." (*Chambers & Partners 2026: Commercial Dispute Resolution)

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*"He rolls his sleeves up and gets stuck into the case. He is perfectly comfortable in front of clients, including telling them hard truths. He is ferociously bright."* (Legal 500 2026 - Banking and Finance)

*"Jamie is pretty much the perfect modern barrister. A real part of the team who rolls his sleeves up and gets stuck into the case."* (Legal 500 2026 - Commercial Litigation)

*"In court he is a great performer - one of the best cross-examiners in the business."* (Legal 500 2026 - Fraud: Civil)

*"Super bright; very responsive and user friendly; excellent with clients; an all round star- the full package"* (Legal 500 2025, banking);

*"Jamie is ferociously smart and can synthesise complicated fact patterns and legal analysis at remarkable speed. He writes clearly and persuasively and his oral advocacy is very good, particularly his cross-examination"* (Legal 500 2025; commercial litigation);

*"He is incredibly hard working and totally committed to a case (C&P 2025: civil fraud);*

*"Jamie is personally a delight. He rolls his sleeves up and is both incredibly bright and commercial" (C&P 2025: commercial dispute resolution);*

*"Jamie is an all-round brilliant barrister. He's very commercial, practical and great with judges and clients" (C&P 2025– banking and finance);*

*"Jamie can retain information and then provide very clear advice on the law. His work ethic is second to none and comes in the package of being a very good advocate who can cross-examine convincingly." (C&P 2025: civil fraud);*

*"He really wows the clients and takes everything to a different level when it comes to attention to detail and analysis" (C&P 2025: commercial dispute resolution).*

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# Examples of Recent Cases

## Commercial Litigation

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- Patel v Patel [2018] EWHC 2591 (Ch)
  Derivative claim for breach of fiduciary duty and separate personal claims in relation to a property joint venture. Jamie was the sole advocate. Permission to bring a derivative claim was successfully obtained.
- Glenn v Watson [2018] EWHC 2016 (Ch)
  Lengthy Chancery Division proceedings concerning deceit, fiduciary duty and derivative claim. There were many interlocutory hearings over several years, with a trial in 2017. There were also a number of other interlocutory hearings: [2017] 4 W.L.R. 48; and [2017] EWHC 256 (Ch). Jamie was led by Sa'ad Hossain KC but performed interlocutory advocacy with respect to disclosure: see [2016] EWHC 3346 (Ch).
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  Banking dispute alleging breach of contract, statutory duty, fiduciary duty and negligence. Acting for the bank. Following a number of court hearings at which Jamie performed the advocacy, the claimants' claims were struck out.
- Hepworth v. Bines (Manchester District Registry, April 2012)
  For Hepworth, arguing a 4 day trial about equitable ownership of a tax rebate in line with Pallant v Morgan[1953] Ch 43. The trial was settled immediately after Jamie's cross-examination.
- Cresta Investment Company NV & Ors v. Madden & Ors (Merc)
  Mercantile Court. Construction of a guarantee, involving issues of estoppel and waiver. 6-day trial (against two KC's) settled on the eve of court.
- Osco-Bingemann v. DeJoria (Anguilla, CA) (2008)
  Supreme Court of the Eastern Caribbean. Construction of shareholders, joint venture agreement.
- Ratiu & Ors v. Conway [2006] 1 All ER 571; [2005] 46 EG 177 (CS)
  Court of Appeal. Defamation case involving allegations of breach of fiduciary duty, conflicts of interest, breach of confidence and lifting the corporate veil, where the facts required it, to include those in or behind a company who were in reality the persons whose trust in and reliance on the fiduciary might be confounded. Successfully overturned jury verdict and persuaded Court of Appeal to substitute judgment for the Defendants.
- Claymore Dairies Ltd & Anr v. OFT (Robert Wiseman Dairies Ltd & Anr (Intervening)) [2005] CAT 30
  Intervention in Competition Appeals Tribunal proceedings. Infringement of Competition Act 1998 Chapter II. Adequacy of investigation into alleged predatory pricing of milk and exclusive contracting with certain customers.
- Marks and Spencer PLC v. Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer [2004] EWHC 1337 (Ch); [2004] 1 WLR 2331; [2004] 3 All ER 773
  Chancery Division. Successful and leading case on conflicts of interest and confidence.
- British American Tobacco (Investments) Ltd v. United States of America [2004] EWCA Civ 1064
  Court of Appeal. Loss of confidentiality and waiver of privilege.
- United States of America v. Philip Morris & Anr (Intervening) [2003] EWHC 3028 (Comm); [2004] EWCA Civ 330; [2004] 1 CLC 811
  Commercial Court and Court of Appeal. Application for and examination of a UK solicitor pursuant to a Letter of Request notwithstanding blanket claim to privilege. Important case on the scope of litigation privilege.

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- Gorgeous Beauty Ltd v. (1) Irene Liu (2) William Liu (3) The Registrar of Companies, Gold Wealth LLP [2014] EWHC 2952 (Ch) (trial) and [2014] EWHC 3090 (Ch) (costs)
  Acting for the First and Second Defendants in relation to an alleged fraud and breach of trust. The case also involved issues regarding the governing law of a trust. Jamie performed the sole advocacy at the four week trial in June 2014, including cross-examination of 11 foreign witnesses. The judgment is reported, as well as a subsequent costs judgment on when indemnity costs are inappropriate despite findings of fraud.
- Sukhoruchkin v. Giebels and others.
  Acting (with Andrew Spink KC and Nicholas Hill) for the Third and Fourth Parties in a complex dispute worth over $150m arising from the fall out between partners to a hedge fund, involving allegations of breach of fiduciary duty and conspiracy. Jamie was due to perform the advocacy at a 5 day hearing in July 2014 in relation to application to continue a derivative claim before it settled shortly before the hearing was due to commence.
- Fortress Value Recovery Fund LLC (2) ZBS Capital Partners L.P. (3) Cypress Way European Asset Investors II Sarl v. Blue Skye Special Opportunities Fund L.P & Ors [2013] EWHC 14 (Comm)
  Acting (with Craig Orr KC) for the 4th defendant in a very complex €200m financial fraud, in which a investment management structure was allegedley dishonestly re-structured to cause loss. The case involved a number of causes of action, as well as expert evidence. Jamie performed the sole advocacy for the 4th Defendant at many interlocutory hearings (5 or more), a number of which were reported e.g. [2012] EWHC 3306 (Comm) and [2014] EWHC 551 (Comm). The case (which featured in The Alwyer's top 20 cases for 2014) settled very shortly before commencement of a 10 week trial in the Commercial Court in May 2014.
- Bank of Ireland v. Jaffery and Gill [2012] EWHC 734 (Ch) (adjournment), [2012] EWHC 1377 (Ch) (trial)
  Acting for Bank of Ireland (with Neil Kitchener KC) in dispute relating to breach of fiduciary duty, deceit, dishonest assistance and bribery. Expedited 22-day trial was heard in March 2012, with judgment in favour of the Bank. Jamie did some of the advocacy at interlocutory stages as well as being the advocate for some of the satelitte litigation.
- VTB Capital Plc v. Nutritek International Corp & Ors [2011] EWHC 3017 (Ch)
  For Nutritek,with Daniel Toledano KC and Alexander Brown in a major 6 day jurisdiction battle with respect to a US$250m civil fraud and deceit claim against Nutritek and others. The case involved a landmark ruling on the nature and scope of piercing the corporate veil, as well as issues concerning the applicable law, forum non conveniens. Jurisdiction was successfully resisted. Jamie undertook all of the advocacy at the interlocutory stages.
- MerchantBridge Holdings (Cayman) Ltd & Anr v. Bluewood Inc & Ors (Grand Court of Cayman)
  For MerchantBridge, (with Neil Kitchener KC) in offshore litigation arising out of a massive US$500m alleged fraud committed by a director of MerchantBridge by diverting an interest in an Iraqi GSM operator as well as cash. Injunctive relief was granted in June 2011 and Jamie was called to the Cayman Bar. This case was settled shortly before trial.
- Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi & Anr v. Ferrero Group Companies [2009] EWHC 1276 (Ch)
  For the Ferrero Group, defendants in claims brought by two international banks for €25 million. The claims were brought in fraud, conversion, knowing receipt, fraudulent and negligent misrepresentation and also raised issues of contributory negligence. During the (6 month) trial, Jamie was delegated with the cross examination of both factual and expert witnesses and oral submissions.

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  Acting for IFA (with Daniel Toledano KC) successfully resisting summary judgment in a financial dispute about failure to settle a broking account.
- National Australia Bank Limited v. Commercial Bank of Qatar
  Acting (with Laurence Rabinowitz KC) for National Australia Bank Limited which was in dispute with Commercial Bank of Qatar in respect of the latter's failure to pay the sum of US$30 million in its capacity as a confirming bank on a Letter of Credit. This case was settled.

## Professional Negligence and Liability

- Advising on alleged auditor negligence (2025)
  Jamie advised an auditor on a claim, raising a novel point of law, namely whether and if so to what extent an auditor should be liable for the consequences of spotting a fraud by the client during the client.
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- GS Engineering v Obrascon (Comm Ct)
  Acting for a Korean entity claiming indemnities arising out of sale and purchase agreements in relation to a number of large water projects. Jamie performed the advocacy at all interlocutory hearings before the case settled.
- Expert Determination
  Acting with Ian Glick KC in relation to a price adjustment determination under long term gas sales agreements (GSAs).
- IFC v. DSNL Offshore Ltd & Ors [2005] EWHC 1844 (Comm); [2007] 2 All ER (Comm) 305
  Commercial Court. Successful claim for an equitable purchaser's lien in respect of funding provided by employer in a large oil construction contract. Issues also relating to the Sale of Goods Act.

## Jurisdiction and Conflict of Laws

- China National Gold Hong Kong Ltd v Gerald.
  Advising on anti-arbitration injunction in a multi-million dispute arising out of a Chinese investment in an African mine, involving allegations of bribery, breach of fiduciary duty and conspiracy.
- SKAT v Solo Capital Partners [2018] EWHC 3167; [2018] EWHC 2785; [2020] EWHC 377; [2020] 4 WLR 98; [2021] EWHC 1222; [2021] EWHC 1683, [2023] 3 WLR 886
  Multi-billion claim in the Commercial Court against over 100 defendants worldwide arising out of an alleged fraud on SKAT, the Danish revenue authority. Jamie is the second silk leading a team of 10 juniors. He has conducted the advocacy in successfully defending a summary judgment application ([2020] 4 WLR 98), at a trial on a preliminary issue ([2021] EWHC 974), in an injunction-related application ([2020] EWHC 377), at multiple CMCs, and in related proceedings for a Norwich Pharmacal order. He also conducted a substantial amount of oral advocacy and cross-examination of multiple factual and expert witnesses at the 1 year trial which ended in April 2025. Jamie has also advised on anti-enforcement injunctions.

- China Export v Emerald Energy [2018] EWHC 1503 (Comm); [2018] 2 Lloyd's Rep. 179; [2018] EWHC 2850 (Comm)
  Claim under a Promissory Note with a non-exclusive jurisdiction clause. Jamie was the sole advocate in the Commercial Court, including at a 2 day jurisdiction hearing, a 1 day summary judgment and seeking anti-anti-suit injunction and service orders- in all cases successfully.
- VTB Capital Plc v. Nutritek International Corp & Ors [2011] EWHC 3017 (Ch)
  For Nutritek, with Daniel Toledano KC and Alexander Brown in a major 6 day jurisdiction battle with respect to a US$250m civil fraud and deceit claim against Nutritek and others. The case involved a landmark ruling on the nature and scope of piercing the corporate veil, as well as issues concerning the applicable law, forum non conveniens. Jurisdiction was successfully resisted. Jamie undertook all of the advocacy at the interlocutory stages.

## Agency & Commercial Agents Regulations

- Seymour Pierce Ltd v. Grandtop International Holdings Ltd [2010] EWHC 676 (QB)
  For Grandtop, in a claim for a success fee pursuant to the acquisition of Birmingham FC. Construction of the contract by reference to the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers and principles of agency law (such as the effective cause test).
- Hogarth Davies & Lloyd Ltd v. Nomura International Plc
  For Nomura, defending claims before the Commercial Court by a recruitment agency concerning Nomura's acquisition of parts of Lehman Brothers following its collapse. The claims were settled during the defendant's cross-examination of the Claimant's witnesses.

## Injunctions and Other Interim Relief

- SKAT v Solo Capital Partners [2018] EWHC 3167; [2018] EWHC 2785; [2020] EWHC 377; [2020] 4 WLR 98; [2021] EWHC 1222; [2021] EWHC 1683
  Multi-billion claim in the Commercial Court against over 100 defendants arising out of fraud on SKAT, the Danish revenue authority. Jamie is the second silk leading a team of 5 juniors. He has conducted the advocacy in successfully defending a summary judgment application ([2020] 4 WLR 98), at a trial on a preliminary issue ([2021] EWHC 974), in an injunction-related application ([2020] EWHC 377), at multiple CMCs, and in related proceedings for a Norwich Pharmacal order. He also conducted a substantial amount of oral advocacy and cross-examination of multiple factual and expert witnesses at the 1 year trial which ended in April 2025. Jamie has also advised on anti-enforcement injunctions.
- MMG v Glencore [2020] EWHC 108 [2020] EWHC 1358
  Acting (as lead advocate, with Alyssa Stansbury) for Glencore in a US$50m tax indemnity suit in the Commercial Court relating to a Peruvian mine raising various issues of contractual interpretation. Jamie performed the advocacy against at multiple CMCs; a 1 ½ day PD51U disclosure hearing; a 1 day stay application (which Jamie won [2020] EWHC 108); a ½ day privilege application (which Jamie won [2020] EWHC 1358) and a 3 week trial (which settled part way through following Jamie's cross-examination which turned the case on its head).
- China Export v Emerald Energy [2018] EWHC 1503 (Comm); [2018] 2 Lloyd's Rep. 179; [2018] EWHC 2850 (Comm)
  Claim under a Promissory Note with a non-exclusive jurisdiction clause. Jamie was the sole advocate in the Commercial Court, including at a 2 day jurisdiction hearing, a 1 day summary judgment and seeking anti-anti-suit injunction and service orders- in all cases successfully.
- Bank of Ireland v. Jaffery and Gill [2012] EWHC 734 (Ch) (adjournment), [2012] EWHC 1377 (Ch) (trial)
  Acting for Bank of Ireland (with Neil Kitchener KC) in dispute relating to breach of fiduciary duty, deceit, dishonest assistance and bribery. Expedited 22-day trial was heard in March 2012, with judgment in favour of the Bank. Jamie did some of the advocacy at interlocutory stages as well as being the advocate for some of the satelitte litigation
- RBS v. Hicks & Ors; Hicks & Anr v. Kop Football (Holdings) Ltd & Ors [2010] EWHC 2568 (Ch); [2010] EWHC 2579
  For Liverpool FC (with Lord Grainer KC) in the hotly disputed takeover litigation, involving urgent mandatory and negative injunctions and anti-suit relief, in which Liverpool FC was successful.
- MerchantBridge Holdings (Cayman) Ltd & Anr v. Bluewood Inc & Ors (Grand Court of Cayman)
  For MerchantBridge, (with Neil Kitchener KC) in offshore litigation arising out of a massive US$500m alleged fraud committed by a director of MerchantBridge by diverting an interest in an Iraqi GSM operator as well as cash. Injunctive relief was granted in June 2011 and Jamie was called to the Cayman Bar. This case was settled

shortly before trial.

- Anglo-German Breweries Ltd v. Forrester
  Chancery Division. Asset freezing proceedings and subsequent restitutionary claim. Successful application for variation.

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# What the Directories Say

*"He is very bright, exceptionally responsive, really excellent with clients, gets straight into issues and understands the commercial parameters."* (Chambers & Partners 2026: Banking & Finance)

*"He is an absolute master of detail."* (Chambers & Partners 2026: Fraud: Civil)

*"Jamie Goldsmith is really excellent with clients, gets straight onto issues and understands the commercial parameters and picture too."* (Chambers & Partners 2026: Fraud: Civil)

*"Jamie Goldsmith KC is an excellent advocate who leaves no stone unturned."* (Chambers & Partners 2026: Fraud: Civil)

*"Jamie gets up to speed incredibly quickly. He deals with everything speedily and well."* (Chambers & Partners 2026: Commercial Dispute Resolution)

*"Jamie is a very safe choice for tricky disputes."* (Chambers & Partners 2026: Commercial Dispute Resolution)

*"Jamie Goldsmith is exceptionally responsive. He is really excellent with clients, and also understands the commercial parameters and larger picture of the case."* (Chambers & Partners 2026: Commercial Dispute Resolution)

*"He rolls his sleeves up and gets stuck into the case. He is perfectly comfortable in front of clients, including telling them hard truths. He is ferociously bright."* (Legal 500 2026 - Banking and Finance)

*"Jamie is pretty much the perfect modern barrister. A real part of the team who rolls his sleeves up and gets stuck into the case."* (Legal 500 2026 - Commercial Litigation)

*"In court he is a great performer - one of the best cross-examiners in the business."* (Legal 500 2026 - Fraud: Civil)

*"Super bright; very responsive and user friendly; excellent with clients; an all round star- the full package"* (Legal 500, banking)

*"Jamie is ferociously smart and can synthesise complicated fact patterns and legal analysis at remarkable speed. He writes clearly and persuasively and his oral advocacy is very good, particularly his cross-examination"* (Legal 500; commercial litigation)

*"He is incredibly hard working and totally committed to a case* (Chambers & Partners 2025: civil fraud)

*"Jamie is personally a delight. He rolls his sleeves up and is both incredibly bright and commercial"* (Chambers & Partners 2025: commercial dispute resolution)

*"Jamie is an all-round brilliant barrister. He's very commercial, practical and great with judges and clients"* (Chambers & Partners 2025– banking and finance)

*"Jamie can retain information and then provide very clear advice on the law. His work ethic is second to none and comes in the package of being a very good advocate who can cross-examine convincingly."* (Chambers & Partners 2025: civil fraud)

*"He really wows the clients and takes everything to a different level when it comes to attention to detail and analysis", "He is detail orientated, very ready to get stuck in and someone who explores all aspects of the case."* (Chambers & Partners 2024 - Commercial Dispute Resolution)

*"Jamie Goldsmith is a bright, hard worker."* (Chambers & Partners 2024 - Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"The very model of a modern King's Counsel: creative, pragmatic and a real team player." (Chambers & Partners 2024 - Civil Fraud)

*"Jamie is ferociously bright, enormously hard-working and hugely responsive."* (Chambers & Partners 2024 - Civil Fraud)

*"Jamie computes, responds and advises in such a precise manner. He is superman - the most effective and diligent barrister out there."* (Chambers & Partners 2024 - Civil Fraud)

*"He's wonderful, an unbelievably charming advocate. Jamie always has the courtroom under control and gets good responses from judges."* (Chambers & Partners 2024 - Banking & Finance)

*"Creative, pragmatic and a real team player. Jamie is an absolute pleasure to work with."*(Chambers & Partners 2024 - Banking & Finance)

*"He works incredibly hard, and you feel like his only client. Jamie is extremely competent and very easy to work with. He has a good sense of humour and is incredibly responsive."* (Chambers & Partners 2022 Commercial Dispute Resolution)

*"He leaves no stone unturned and fights to the death for his clients."*(Chambers & Partners 2022 Civil Fraud)

*"He is very knowledgeable, thorough in review, and knows what the court wanted. He is easy to work with, friendly and effective." "He gets on top of the issues very quickly. He is very easy to deal with, very user-friendly and happy to throw around ideas and get into the weeds. He is good with clients."*(Chambers & Partners 2022 Banking & Finance)

*"He prepares incredibly well and is very easy to work with." "Jamie is incredibly thorough: he covers every possible outcome and prepares for every tricky situation."*(Chambers Global 2021, Commercial Dispute Resolution)

*"An excellent civil fraud practitioner. He is one of the hardest working individuals at the bar, and leaves no stone unturned in getting the client the best outcome."*(Legal 500, Civil Fraud 2022)

*"Leaves no stone unturned in getting the client the best outcome."*(Legal 500, Banking & Finance 2022)

"*One of the hardest working individuals at the Bar."*(Legal 500, Commercial Litigation 2022)

*"He prepares incredibly well and is very easy to work with." "Jamie is incredibly thorough: he covers every possible outcome and prepares for every tricky situation."*(Chambers & Partners, Dispute Resolution (New Silks) 2021)

"*A highly rated new silk who has no discernible weaknesses."*(Legal 500, Civil Fraud (New Silks) 2020 -Ranked: Tier 1)

*"Without doubt, a fantastic barrister."*(Legal 500, Commercial Litigation (New Silks) 2020 -Ranked: Tier 1)

*A top new silk."*(Legal 500, Banking & Finance (New Silks) 2020-Ranked: Tier 1)

Past comments in Chambers UK and Legal 500 include:

*"A skilled and well-respected junior with a practice covering the full spectrum of domestic and international commercial litigation and arbitration. He is comfortable acting for both claimants and defendants in major commercial disputes. "His intellect is huge and his work ethic is equally huge. He's great at brainstorming and analysing opinions in order to attack the opponent's case." "James is very bright. He gets on top of the detail, he's very responsive and he is excellent at drafting."* (Chambers UK, 2019, Banking & Finance)

*"Has developed a vibrant civil fraud practice and attracts many high-profile instructions. He has dealt with myriad allegations over the course of his career including conspiracy, breach of trust and fraudulent misrepresentation. "A good advocate. He has an easy manner in court and presents well." "Very intelligent and extremely diligent."* (Chambers UK, 2019, Civil: Fraud)

*"Very intelligent, and able to assimilate complicated facts and portray them simply to a client - he can cut through volumes of documents." "He has an easy manner in court, and he presents well."* (Chambers UK, 2019, Commercial Litigation)

*"Has an unbelievable amount of energy and no perceivable weaknesses."* (Legal 500, 2018/19, Commercial Litigation)

*"Has terrific energy and dynamism, he throws himself into a case and is extremely responsive. "*(Legal 500, 2018/19, Banking & Finance)

*"He is hugely talented and very incisive, and his written work is of a very high standard."* (Chambers UK, 2018, Banking & Finance)

*"Tremendously hard-working, clever and a great person to have on your team." "Hugely talented and very incisive. He rolls up his sleeves and gets stuck in. I was hugely impressed with his advocacy. His knowledge of the detail is exceptional."* (Chambers UK, 2018, Civil Fraud)

*"Jamie has an incredible capacity for work, and the speed at which he can turn things around is very impressive." "Has fantastic experience when it comes to complex banking matters."* (Chambers UK, 2018, Commercial Dispute Resolution)

*"Intellectually out of the top drawer and very user-friendly." He's extremely bright, incredibly responsive and he comes back with very strong analysis of the case quite quickly."* (Chambers UK, 2017, Commercial Dispute Resolution)

*"He is extremely hard-working. His attention to detail is outstanding, as is his advocacy." "He has excellent judgment and is a very good, safe pair of hands."* (Chambers UK, 2017, Civil Fraud)

*"An excellent barrister"* (Legal 500 UK, 2017, Banking & Finance)

*"A true star with meticulous preparation and rapidity of thought."* (Legal 500 UK, 2017, Commercial Litigation)

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# Qualifications

Final Dir William McNair Mooting Competition (Gonville & Cauis College, Cambridge 1996)
Complied Survey of the Rights of Suspects Worldwide, approved at the IBA Conference Amsterdam 2000 (International Bar Association, 1997)

Top Mark in French Commercial Law (University of Poitiers, 1998)

Tapp Scholar (Gonville & Cauis College, Cambridge 2000)

Frere-Smith Prize for Law (Gonville & Cauis College, Cambridge 2000)

Research Assistant, Property and Trust Team (Law Commission, 2001)

Bedingfield Scholar (Gray's Inn, 2001)

4 Pump Court Prize for Negotiation and Conference Skills (BVC College of Law, 2002)

Commendation for Joint Highest Mark in Civil Litigation (BVC College of Law, 2002)

BVC at College of Law 2nd Place (2002)

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# Education

University of Cambridge (1996 – 2000), Law Tripos (First)
University of Poitiers (1998-1999), Diplome des Etudes Juridique Generale (Mention Bien)
College of Law - Bar Vocational Course (Very Competent)

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# Languages

French (fluent), German (basic)

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# Awards

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