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Speaker



James Brightwell

James is a specialist in trust and estate disputes. He is co-author of Lewin on Trusts (20th edition).

James was awarded Chancery Junior of the Year at the Chambers Bar Awards in November 2021, and the Barrister of the Year, Silver Award at the Citywealth Magic Circle Awards 2021.

Most of his work has an international aspect, and he has particular experience of contentious trust applications. He has acted since 2010 in the litigation concerning the Tchenguiz Discretionary Trust, appearing twice in the Privy Council, most recently in June 2021. He also appeared for India in the Hyderabad litigation, concerning the English fund held on trust for the 7th Nizam of Hyderabad, and in proceedings.

James is top ranked in traditional chancery, trusts and offshore in Chambers and Partners, and in Legal 500 for Offshore and Private Client: Trusts and Probate, where it was said *"He very literally wrote the book on trust law – when he speaks, clients listen. He is a strong advocate with a superb ability to make complex areas of law seem simple and understandable."*

Attendees



James Weale

James is ranked in Tier 1 for Private Client: Trusts and Probate (Legal 500 (2021)) and is ranked as a leading practitioner in Legal 500, Chambers UK Bar, Chambers High Net Worth, Chambers Global, and Who's Who Legal across a number of different fields, where he is described as a *"brilliant lawyer"* and a *"superstar"*.

James has acted in some of the most significant trust cases in recent years including: *Wong v Grand View Private Trust Company and ors* (Civil Appeal No. 5A of 2019 (invalidating decisions based on loss of substratum)) (which was heard by the Privy Council in March 2022); *Wong v Grand View Private Trust Company and ors* (Case No.44 of 2018) (5 month trial of claims to set aside trusts with assets worth around \$20 billion); *Sofer v Swiss Independent Trustees Ltd* [2020] W.T.L.R. 1075 (CA) (claim for fraudulent breach of trust); *Schwartz v VGV (UK) Ltd* [2020] EWHC 3500 (Ch) (committal proceedings against trustee and protector); *Hartogs v Sequent* (Schweiz) AG [2020] W.T.L.R. 505 (setting aside transfers for mistake).



Emma Hargreaves

Emma has a broad commercial chancery practice, with a particular focus on domestic and offshore trust/probate litigation, civil fraud, and company disputes. She also advises and appears as specialist Chancery counsel in financial remedy proceedings. Emma is ranked in Legal 500, Chambers UK Bar, Chambers Global and Chambers High Net Worth. She was named Chancery Junior of the Year at the Chambers UK Bar Awards 2020 and her reputation was described as *"superb"* in The Lawyer's Hot 100 2019. She is also listed in Legal Week's Private Client Global Elite: Rising Leaders.

Attendees



Adil Mohamedbhai

Adil has a broad commercial chancery practice. He has particular expertise in high-value, multi-jurisdictional commercial, civil fraud, offshore and trust disputes. He is recognised by the main directories (Legal 500, Chambers UK Bar, Chambers Global and Who's Who Legal) as a leading junior in civil fraud, commercial, commercial chancery, offshore and trust work. He has been described as having "a brilliant and strategic legal mind" and "a must have Junior" who "brings to the table a razor-sharp intellect and a collegiate approach". Adil was selected by Legal 500 as one of the top ten commercial barristers under eight years' call in both 2016 and 2017 and has since been ranked by Who's Who Legal as one of the three most highly regarded juniors at the English Bar for civil fraud work.



Gregor Hogan

Gregor has a busy traditional and commercial Chancery practice with particular interests in trusts and probate disputes, trusts issues in financial remedy proceedings, and civil fraud and asset tracing. Gregor regularly appears in the High Court, where he is often instructed in his own right, but also has extensive experience with disputes in the major offshore jurisdictions. His recent instructions have involved issues of Cayman, BVI, Cypriot, Jersey and Manx law. Gregor is also a contributing author on the forthcoming edition of *Tudor on Charities* and he was recently ranked as "Up and Coming" in *Dispute Resolution: The English Bar - United Arab Emirates in Chambers Global 2022*.

Attendees



Stephanie Thompson

Stephanie has a broad commercial chancery practice, with a focus on civil fraud, offshore trust litigation and domestic trust and probate litigation. She has a particular interest in cases with foreign law elements and has experience in overseas jurisdictions including Bermuda, The Bahamas, Jersey, Guernsey and New Zealand. Stephanie is regularly instructed as sole counsel in the High Court and is equally comfortable working as part of a larger team. She also has a developing arbitration practice and has appeared in or advised on proceedings under the UNCITRAL, ICC and LCIA Rules.

Prior to joining Serle Court, Stephanie was a barrister in New Zealand for three years where she appeared regularly in the New Zealand High Court and Court of Appeal. She also completed an LLM at the University of Cambridge, where she received the BRD Clarke Prize for coming first in her year and prizes for coming first in each of her four subjects.

Clerks

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Nick Hockney
Senior Clerk

Nick joined Serle Court as a result of the merger between Serle Court and 1 Hare Court in 2000. Nick began his clerking career as a junior clerk in 1991 and was promoted to the role of Senior Clerk in 2006. Nick can advise on the full spectrum of client services with key responsibilities being the distribution of work, fee negotiation and developing the practices of members of chambers. He has excellent relationships with the listing departments in the High Court. In 2014, Nick was one of the first clerks to achieve the Level 5 diploma in Leadership and Management from the Institute of Leadership and Management.

What the directories say:

- “Nick Hockney, senior clerk, is talented, very helpful and very proactive.” Chambers & Partners, 2022.
- “The clerks at Serle Court are outstanding – especially Steven Whitaker, Nicholas Hockney and Daniel Wheeler.” Legal 500, 2022.
- “The clerks are good, in particular Steven Whitaker and Nick Hockney are always very helpful.” Legal 500, 2022.
- “Nick Hockney is always charming and will go the extra mile for me.” Legal 500, 2022.
- “makes the effort to know the market properly and is very well informed”. Legal 500, 2020.
- “among the best clerks in the business’ – ‘unfailingly helpful, constructive and creative”.
- “really good in terms of availability”.
- Go-to “senior clerk Nick Hockney, who is charming and responsive to queries”.



Dan Wheeler
Senior Clerk

Dan joined Chambers in 2000, having previously worked at 1 Hare Court. He began his career in chambers as a Junior Clerk in 1999 and was promoted to First Junior Clerk in 2010, Team Leader in 2013, and to Senior Clerk in 2018. Dan is responsible for the management and development of members’ practices, including diary management, work allocation, fee negotiation, business development, client relationship management, and the listing of cases at Court. Dan sits on Chambers’ Marketing Committee. In 2016, Dan completed the Level 5 Diploma in Leadership & Management with the Institute of Leadership & Management (ILM).

What the directories say:

- “Daniel Wheeler is very responsive.” Legal 500, 2022
- “The clerks at Serle Court are outstanding – especially Steven Whitaker, Nicholas Hockney and Daniel Wheeler.” Legal 500, 2022
- “The “fantastic” head clerk Steven Whitaker is ably assisted by senior clerks Nicholas Hockney and Daniel Wheeler, whom clients find to be “very helpful and responsive.” Chambers and Partners, 2022
- “the clerk’s room is a well-oiled machine. Dan Wheeler is particularly helpful and efficient.” Legal 500, 2021
- “Steve Whitaker and Daniel Wheeler, in particular, are responsive, can-do and commercial – and a pleasure to deal with.” Legal 500, 2021
- “commercial and a pleasure to deal with” Legal 500, 2021
- “always recommends a barrister suitable for the job and generally makes life easier”. Legal 500, 2020
- “responsiveness and willingness to accommodate complicated requests.” Legal 500, 2019



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