

## James Howard

James joined Chambers in September 2019 after successful completion of pupillage under the tutelage of Stephen Ainsley (Family Law) and Anthony Davis. (Criminal Law)



### Family

James is passionate about family law and accepts instructions in both public and private law matters. He regularly represents local authorities, individuals and children in multi-day fact-finding and final hearings.

James is meticulous in his preparation and establishes a good rapport with his clients at an early stage, providing clear, measured and realistic advice.

### NOTABLE CASES

#### CCC v B

Represented the Local Authority as a led junior in a 15-day final hearing in the High Court. The case involved the long-term placement of 4 teenage boys, who were in separate residential placements and 2 of whom were subject to Deprivation of Liberty Orders. Issues included inter-sibling sexual abuse, parental sexual abuse, domestic violence and complex psychological/psychiatric evidence. As a led junior, James was part of a team which considered and presented approximately 18,000 pages of evidence. The court made the orders sought by the Local Authority.

#### DCC v H and S

Represented the Local Authority in a 5-day final hearing in an application for Care and Placement Orders. Issues involved domestic violence, drug use and cross-allegations of coercive and controlling behaviour. The court made Care and Placement Orders.

### Year Of Call

2018

### Areas of Practice

FAMILY

Divorce & Domestic  
Violence  
Public & Private Law –  
Children

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### DCC v H and W

Represented the alleged perpetrator of serious head injuries to a young baby in a finding of fact hearing.

### GBC v M and W

Representation of a baby who sustained 2 broken legs on 2 separate occasions, 3-4 weeks apart.

### M v M

Representation of a mother in private law proceedings in a 5-day finding of fact hearing. James' client, who had learning difficulties, made 14 allegations which included rape, various forms of violence, controlling behaviour and threats by use of weapons. The court found all 14 allegations proved and finalised the proceedings by way of a Child Arrangements Order, stipulating that the father should not have any further contact with the child.

### Memberships

The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple;

### Qualifications

BA (Hons) Politics, Newcastle University (2013);

Graduate Diploma in Law with Commendation, University of Law (2014);

Bar Professional Training Course – Outstanding, Northumbria University (2018).

### Scholarships/Awards/Prizes

Certificate of Academic Excellence (Newcastle University);

Jules Thorn Scholarship (Middle Temple);

Dean's Award (Northumbria University);

Certificate of Honour (Middle Temple);

Baron Dr Ver Heyden de Lancey Prize (Middle Temple);

Highest marks on the Bar Professional Training Course in Criminal Law, Family Law and Advocacy.