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"a barrister of extraordinary talent." (Legal 500)

"an absolute star who continues to operate light-years ahead of his call." (Chambers & Partners)

"a superb advocate." (Chambers & Partners)

"combines a supreme intellect with dedication and leadership." (Legal 500)

"calm and unflappable... a true standout." (Legal 500)

"fantastically responsive and involved" (Chambers & Partners)

Jamie is a leading commercial barrister. He accepts only a limited number of instructions each year, and is usually sought after for the most challenging and high-profile disputes.



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Expertise

Commercial Litigation

Jamie is a trusted commercial litigator, known for his client-friendly style, clear advice, and powerful advocacy. He is particularly sought after for his experience in business protection and employee competition cases, as well as cases involving fraud and conspiracy. Many of Jamie's cases have a cross-border component or involve multiple jurisdictions.

The nature of Jamie's practice is that clients regularly instruct him in urgent applications for interim relief and heavy multi-week trials.

Jamie has appeared in most of the leading "team move" cases in recent years, including *Dare International Ltd v Soliman*, *Guy Carpenter and Company Ltd v Howden*, *JLT Specialty Ltd & ors v Gordon & ors*, *Alesco Risk Management Services Limited & ors v Bishopsgate Insurance Brokers Limited & ors*, and *Guy Carpenter & Company Ltd v Willis Re (UK) Ltd*.

Jamie is particularly sought out by technology clients. He also brings experience of disputes in sport, entertainment and media, financial services, biotech, pharmaceuticals, mining, oil, retail, and hospitality.



I go to Jamie for large-scale commercial disputes. He is a delight to work with both in terms of his fierce intellect and his ability to mix it in the rough and tumble of commercial disputes.

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(sole counsel) – commercial dispute between manufacturers in the drainage industry.

Gruber & ors v American International Group & Ors

[2020] EWCA CIV 31; [2018] EWHC 3030

(led by Daniel Oudkerk KC and Amy Rogers) – Commercial Court and Court of Appeal litigation arising from the US Government bailout of AIG during the financial crisis of 2008.

Khan v Balyasny Asset Management LLP

(as sole counsel) – QBD dispute arising out of a settlement agreement between a hedge fund and former senior executive.

Confidential

(sole counsel) – arbitration, hedge fund industry.

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(with Charles Samek KC) – commercial arbitration arising out of a property dispute in Moscow.

Data Protection, Online Safety, and Media

Jamie is a world-leading authority in the law and regulation of digital technology.

He is regularly instructed in cases involving age assurance, deepfakes, algorithmic discrimination, and all aspects of media, data, and privacy law, including the Online Safety Act 2023.

He recently appeared for the ICO in **ICO v Clearview AI** [2025] UKUT 319 (AAC) (heading to the Court of Appeal) and advised Ofcom in its high-profile investigation of an online suicide forum.

Jamie is the author of two books: *Future Politics: Living Together in a World Transformed by Tech* (Oxford University Press, 2018) and *The Digital Republic: On Freedom and Democracy in the 21st Century* (Bloomsbury, 2022). *Future Politics* received the Estoril Global Issues Distinguished Book Prize for 2019, and was an LSE, Prospect, and Evening Standard book of the year. He has held fellowships at institutes in Harvard and Cambridge Universities, as well as the Berggruen Institute in California. Jamie's work has been cited by two justices of the UK Supreme Court, and widely reviewed in academic and trade publications.

Jamie regularly lectures on matters relating to tech and the law. Recent speaking engagements have included Harvard Law School, Stanford Law School, Princeton University, the LSE, Cambridge University, the British Academy, the Institute for Government, the Law Society, Google, and Microsoft. In 2022, Jamie was invited to present the Leverhulme Lecture on "The End of Public and Private: How New Technologies Erase Old Boundaries".

Employment

Jamie's employment practice has two aspects.

The first is his High Court practice (see “**Commercial Litigation**” above) in cases typically relating to confidential information and trade secrets, restrictive covenants, and breaches of contractual and fiduciary duties. Jamie appears regularly in the various divisions of the High Court, and is highly experienced in seeking and resisting urgent applications for interim relief, including imaging orders, prohibitory and mandatory injunctions, springboard relief, confidentiality injunctions, and orders for delivery up/destruction/inspection.

The second aspect is in the Employment Tribunal and EAT, where Jamie tends to act in heavy discrimination and whistleblowing cases of the highest sensitivity and importance. Jamie is usually instructed where there are significant reputational, regulatory, and financial consequences at stake. He is known for the quality of his cross-examination and submissions.

Jamie welcomes *pro bono* instructions from claimants who are otherwise unable to afford legal representation.



Jamie is a technical master and a go-to junior for difficult cases.

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Dare International Ltd v Soliman & Hikmet

[2025] EWHC 227 (KB)

Jamie acted (with Paul Goulding KC, Christian Davies, and Aliya al-Yassin) for the claimant energy derivatives trading company, against two of its former senior traders who had resigned to join a competitor.

Guy Carpenter and Company Limited & ors v Howden Group Holdings Limited & ors

(with David Craig KC, Michael Lee, and Craig Rajgopaul) – reinsurance industry “team move” litigation involving allegations of conspiracy.

Alesco Risk Management Services Limited & Ors v Bishopsgate Insurance Brokers Limited & Ors

[2019] EWHC 2839 (QB)

(with David Craig KC and Amy Rogers) – insurance industry “team move” litigation involving allegations of dishonesty and conspiracy to injure.

JLT Specialty Ltd & Ors v Gordon & Ors

(with Gavin Mansfield KC) – insurance industry “team move” litigation.

Willis v JLT and others

(with Gavin Mansfield KC and Amy Rogers) – insurance industry “team move” litigation.

Potensis Ltd v Bennett

(sole counsel) – procured an injunction and favourable costs order in the QBD against a real estate employee acting in breach of his post-termination restrictions.

Vanden Recycling Ltd v Kras Recycling BV and others

[2015] EWHC 3616 (QB); [2017] EWCA Civ 534

(led by Jonathan Cohen KC) – employee competition litigation in the QBD and Court of Appeal.

Mele v Angela Mortimer Plc & Ors

multi-week whistleblowing and discrimination litigation. Jamie acted for the Claimant, a senior executive.

Bleasdale v Quest Fund Placement Limited

bonus claim in the private equity industry.

Moving Brands Ltd v Heintz & Läckö

[2023] EAT 34

on the law of privilege

Cowie v Vesuvius Plc

multi-week whistleblowing and age discrimination litigation. Jamie acted successfully for the successful Claimant, a senior executive.

Confidential

a whistleblowing unfair dismissal claim involving allegations of child abuse.

Partnership & LLP disputes

Jamie has a particular interest in Partnership and LLP disputes, where his crossover experience as a High Court commercial and employment litigator (above) serves him as a versatile advocate and advisor.

Achievements

News, Articles & Publications

The Digital Republic: On Freedom and Democracy in the 21st Century (Bloomsbury, 2022)

Future Politics: Living Together in a World Transformed by Tech (Oxford University Press, 2018).

Jamie is the co-author of two chapters in *International Employment Disputes* (Eds. Oudkerk and Rogers, Sweet & Maxwell, 2019)

Jamie has recently contributed articles to the *New York Times*, *The Times*, *Wired*, *Fast Company*, the *New Statesman*, and elsewhere.

Education & Awards

Education

- MA Oxon, History & Politics, Magdalen College, University of Oxford (top 1st in university year) (2010)
- Oxford University William Gladstone Memorial Prize (2010)
- Oxford University Gibbs Book Prize (2010)
- Magdalen College Atkinson Prize (2010)
- Oxford Union Edward Tomlinson Memorial Prize (2009-2010)
- Magdalen College Angus McIntyre Prize (2009)
- Magdalen College Demyship (scholarship) (2009)
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- First Class (Distinction), Preliminary Examinations (2008)
- Gray's Inn James Hunt Advocacy prize (2014)
- Gray's Inn Arden Scholarship (2014)
- Gray's Inn Bedingfield Scholarship (2013)
- Gray's Inn David Karmel Entrance Award (2012)

Other

About Jamie

Jamie's interests outside the law include politics, history, golf, coffee, and his miniature dachshund. His first book was an academic monograph called *Karl Marx and British Intellectuals in the 1930s* (Burford: Davenant Press, 2011). As a youngster he was captain of the England Schools Debating Team and, at one stage, ranked the best individual debater in the world.

In 2011 Jamie studied Kung Fu with Shaolin monks in a mountainous region of eastern China – an experience from which he is still recovering.

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Jamie is an exceptional barrister. He has a knack for cutting through complexity to simplify things and make a point far more persuasive than many of his peers. He is always responsive. His advocacy is also superb.

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Charming, articulate, will get stuck into anything, and is very good indeed with clients. He has remarkable breadth of experience for one so junior - and a prize winning author has particular expertise on the intersection between employment law and technology, meaning that he is perfectly placed to usher in the brave new world of technology in the workplace.

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Fantastically responsive and involved", "incredibly insightful" and "a real pleasure to work with"

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Undoubtedly a star of the future

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Very energetic, extremely intelligent and responsive

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Very bright and hard-working

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An excellent mind

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