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Overview

James trained with the Firm and qualified as a lawyer in the Dispute Resolution practice in 2008. As a Partner with Higher Rights of Audience, James focuses on international arbitration, including both commercial arbitration and investor state arbitration, as well as commercial litigation and alternative dispute resolution. He has experience of arbitration and litigation predominantly within the energy and infrastructure, retail, telecoms, shipping and sports sectors, including proceedings under the ICSID, ICC, LCIA, DIFC-LCIA, UNCITRAL, LMAA and ADCCAC (Abu Dhabi) arbitration rules. James has most recently worked for: a South Asian state defending a claim by a UAE entity under the UNCITRAL Rules relating to an alumina refining project; a multinational energy company in an arbitration under the ICC Rules relating to forfeiture under a joint operating agreement; a Sudanese oil company seeking compensation for the expropriation of its investments by the Republic of South Sudan in an arbitration under the ICSID Rules; and a South Asian state pursuing and defending claims in the English courts relating to challenges/appeals to an arbitral award worth several billion dollars. James has benefited from secondments based in Moscow and Dubai during his time at the Firm.

Recognition

- *Legal 500*: "New partner James Langley is very good"
- Named a 2019 Acritas Star – independently rated lawyer
- *Chambers 2021*: International Arbitration, Band 5

Insights

- "Termination of intra-EU bilateral investment treaties: the UK – the last safe haven?" Dentons client alert, November 9, 2020
- "Human Rights in Investment Treaty Disputes – What's on the Horizon?" Dentons client alert, November 3, 2020
- "The practical effect of the UK Supreme Court's decision in *Enka v. Chubb*," Dentons client alert, October 29,

2020

- "Advantage Arbitration? Will the new LCIA Rules persuade users that arbitration is preferable to litigation?" Dentons client alert, October 26, 2020
- "When do challenges for serious irregularity in arbitration succeed and what can you do to avoid them?" Dentons client alert, November 14, 2019
- "Peering into the crystal ball: will the popularity of international arbitration be diminished by the 2019 Hague Judgments Convention?" Dentons client alert, October 11, 2019
- "Remodelling bilateral investment treaties: the new Dutch Model BIT and investment treaty protections," Dentons client alert, November 13, 2018
- "Taking up the challenge: claims for serious irregularity under s.68 of the Arbitration Act 1996," Dentons client alert, September 25, 2018
- "Summary procedures in international arbitration – pros and cons," Dentons client alert, April 11, 2017
- "Does the Supreme Court's ruling in *Cavendish* increase the likelihood of JOA forfeiture provisions being enforceable?," *Dentons Global Energy Blog*, June 14, 2016
- "When can a claim be brought despite a contract's unlawful purpose?" Dentons client alert, December 1, 2016
- "Telephone Justice: Are the Actions of Foreign Courts Subject to the Scrutiny of the English Courts in Relation to the Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards?" Dentons client alert, August 8, 2012
- "Venezuela's Exit From ICSID," Dentons client alert, March 6, 2012
- "The End for West Tankers?" Dentons client alert, February 8, 2012
- "Emergency Services – New Arbitral Rules at the Ready," Dentons client alert, January 12, 2012
- "Frustrating Arbitration Agreements - The English Commercial Court Provides a Solution. AKA Commercial Court Allows Enforcement of Declaratory Arbitral Award," Dentons client alert, October 17, 2011
- "New ICC Arbitration Rules are launched," Dentons client alert, September 15, 2011

Activities and Affiliations

Community Involvement and Pro Bono

- PopLaw Legal Advice Clinic, 2006 – 2017
- Whitechapel Mission, 2006 – 2017

Memberships

- Member, LCIA Users' Council

Prior and Present Employment

- Partner, Dentons (May 2019 to date)
- Senior Associate - Commercial Litigation/International Arbitration Group, Dentons (September 2008 to May 2019)
- Trainee Solicitor, Denton Wilde Sapte LLP (September 2006 - 2008)

Areas of focus

Practices

- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- Arbitration
- Commercial Litigation
- Energy Litigation
- Fraud, Corruption and Asset Recovery
- International Commercial Arbitration
- Investment Treaty Arbitration
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Industry sectors

- Construction
- Energy
- Infrastructure and PPP
- Media, Entertainment and Sports
- Oil and Gas
- Sports
- Transportation

Education

- BPP Law School, 2005, Legal Practice Course
- BPP Law School, 2004, Graduate Diploma in Law
- St Anne's College, Oxford University, 2003, BA, Modern History

Admissions and qualifications

- Solicitor, Senior Courts of England and Wales, 2008
- Solicitor Advocate, Higher Courts of England and Wales, Higher Rights of Audience

Languages

- English
- French