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## **Background and experience**

James is the principal architect of Ogier's Cayman funds practice and has operated in this market since 1991, forging strong links with managers and with funds partners at leading law firms in key onshore financial centres. He has acted in respect of establishing and structuring:

- Open ended funds (including hedge)
- Closed ended funds (including private equity, infrastructure, real estate, venture capital, publically listed and trade funds)
- Hybrid funds, funds of one and managed accounts

- Special strategy funds (including credit funds,)
- Fund managers and sponsors (including profit sharing between principals employee incentive schemes, carried interest and joint venture arrangements)

He also regularly advises on:

- prospective investors, including LPs on proposed investments in investment funds (including due diligence and legal opinions)
- on seed deals and strategic investor relations (including side letters)
- investment funds on downstream investments
- on fund re-domiciliation (into and out of the jurisdiction)
- operators on corporate governance, fiduciary and regulatory matters
- other service providers to investment funds fund managers and other service providers on contractual, regulatory, licensing requirements, outsourcing and cross border provision of financial services
- on liquidity concerns, restructuring, funds and termination alternatives

James has extensive experience in all types of general corporate law including the laws relating to large infrastructure projects in the Cayman Islands.

James is prominent in the Cayman Islands community and previously held a number of senior positions including:

- President of the Caymanian Bar Association
- Council member of the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange
- Chairman of the Cayman Islands Special Economic Zone Authority
- Chairman of the Health Appeals Tribunal

He is a member of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple of England and Wales as well as a Notary Public in the Cayman Islands.

James joined Ogier's Cayman office in 1991 and became a Partner in 1998. James has previously also worked in Ogier's Hong Kong office. He received his Bachelor of Law, with Honours, from the University of London in 1990.

James has also been recognised in the Banking, Finance and Transactional Law Expert Guides, 2017 and 2018, as an Expert in Investment Funds.

## Admitted in:

1992 - Cayman Islands

1991 - England and Wales (non-practising)

James is a Registered Foreign Lawyer regulated by the Law Society of Hong Kong

## Examples of work


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### Cayman Islands Private Fund FAR: filing date extended

James Bergstrom

Team: Kate Hodson , Tim Cone, Angus Davison, Bradley Kruger, Joanne Huckle, Nick Rogers, and 4 more

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2 August 2019

### Ogier advises in sale of Comfort Suites Hotel & Resort in Grand Cayman

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Team: Cynthia Anandajayasekeram

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## News and insights

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### Martin Byers and Chris Wall promoted to partner in Cayman Islands

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### Ogier appoints funds specialist Guy Dominy as chief commercial officer (US)

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## Director registration and licensing in the Cayman Islands

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## Praise for Ogier's "client-centric" Cayman team in Chambers Global 2024

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## Pending changes to the Cayman Islands Beneficial Ownership Transparency Regime

Joanne Huckle

Team: Martin Byers, Megan McIuskie, James Bergstrom, Tim Cone, Bradley Kruger, Nick Rogers, and 7 more

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## Cayman Islands removed from EU AML List

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## Focus on fraud and asset tracing: tips for dealing with allegations of fraud

Nour Khaleq

Team: Rachael Reynolds KC, Joanne Huckle, James Bergstrom, Nick Rogers, Justin Savage, Giorgio Subiotto, and 2 more

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## Renewal or Surrender of Cayman Islands Director Registration: Action required

Ridhiima Kapoor

Team: Corinne Cellier, James Bergstrom, Tim Cone, Angus Davison, Joanne Huckle, Bradley Kruger, and 8 more

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## Why do you need to protect the name of your fund as a trade mark?

Sophie Peat

Team: James Bergstrom, Emily Haithwaite, Tim Clipstone, Niamh Lalor, Sophie Reguengo, Bryon Rees

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## Recognition

"He is very knowledgeable on Cayman law."

Chambers Global, 2024

"James offers deep experience and terrific service with respect to a variety of Cayman fund types"

Chambers Global, 2023

"James is a high-quality lawyer with tremendous experience and the ability to instil confidence in clients"

Chambers Global, 2023

"James and his team are responsive, efficient and flexible"

Chambers Global, 2022

"Leading individual"

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2024

"James has a deep understanding of Cayman law and is generous in detailing

**the legal nuances of our decisions"**

Chambers Global, 2022

**"Has a deep understanding of Cayman law"**

Chambers Global, 2022

**"Leading Individual"**

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2023

**"Highly regarded"**

IFLR1000, 2023

**"Leading Individual"**

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2022

**"Provides excellent legal analysis, is commercial and looks for the best practical solution"**

Chambers Global, 2021

**"Leading Individual"**

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2021

**"Brings a wide breadth of experience to the table and offers solutions that are commercial and practical"**

Chambers Global, 2020

**"Leading individual"**

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2020

**"Highly regarded"**

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**"Recommended"**

Who's Who Legal Private Funds 2019