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Areas of expertise

Estate Planning, Wills and Probate >

Family Office >

Legal >

Private Wealth >

Private Wealth and ESG >

Sustainable Investing and ESG >

Trusts Advisory Group >

Channel Islands Local Legal Services

Employee incentives and pensions

Islamic Finance

Local Legal Services

Background and experience

James has extensive experience advising professional trustees, family offices, intermediaries and high-net worth families (both internationally and locally) on all aspects of Jersey trusts, foundations and estate planning together with all related company and commercial law issues.

James frequently advises on the establishment, ongoing operation and restructuring of both private and commercial trusts. He has a particular focus on the drafting of trust instruments, supplemental trust deeds and the establishment and use of private trust companies.

James also advises on regulatory matters involving trust company business and has an interest and experience in Sharia compliant fiduciary structures.

He also advises trustees, employers and other professionals on a wide range of Jersey employee benefit and pension related matters.

In addition, James will consider utilising over 20 years' experience in advising trustees and high-net families on non-contentious trust matters, family governance and avoiding trust disputes to act as a protector on family trusts when requested by Ogier clients to do so.

Industry Focus

- Co-author of "*Guidelines for Jersey Directors*" published by the IoD
- Author of "*Asset protection trusts – why the recent interest?*" published in the 2019 STEP Journal
- Author of "*Avoiding rags to riches in three generations: family governance in the Middle East*" published in the Middle East 2019 report for eprivateclient
- Author of "*Jersey launches international savings plan for overseas employees*", published by

International Investment in 2019

- Author of "*Jersey amends trust law to stay ahead of the competition*", published by Citywealth in 2018
- Author of "*Safe Harbour - whether global political instability is driving new structuring in Jersey*", published in the December 2018 STEP Journal
- Author of "*Demand for bespoke structuring popular amongst ultra-wealthy*", published in 2017 by Campden FB
- Author of "*Bespoke structuring gains momentum*" published by Wealthbriefing in 2017
- Author of "*In the Spotlight: trends within the international private client space*" published by Global Legal Post in 2017
- Author of "*The Beneficial Ownership Register in Jersey Explained*" published by IFC Review
- Author of "*The importance of prudence and trustee investment duties*" published in The Journal of International Tax, Trust and Corporate Planning
- A speaker at the Anti-Money Laundering, Financial Crime and Sanctions Conference in May 2016 with James focusing on the impact of sanctions on private wealth structures
- A panellist at the "*Jersey Finance Annual Private Client Conference*" on "*plotting a route*" in May 2015 with James focusing on Jersey's core strengths in private client structuring
- A judge for the WealthBriefing Awards in 2014, 2015 and 2016
- Co-author of article "*The Middle East: Bespoke Structuring on the rise*" published in eprivateclient December 2015

The leading directories recognise James' expertise, and clients have described him as "a top notch lawyer with an excellent grasp of cross-border issues" and that "he provides coherent, competent, concise and clear advice on what can be extremely technical issues". James is recognised as a leading individual in the latest editions of Legal 500 and Chambers. Private Client Practitioner has recognised James in their 50 Most Influential list.

Before joining Ogier in May 2017 James was a partner in the trusts group of another law firm in Jersey specialising in international private client work.

James is an English Solicitor, an Advocate of the Royal Court of Jersey, and a member of The Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP).

Admitted in:

2002 - Jersey

1997 - England and Wales

Examples of work

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1 February 2022

Ogier advises Canadian family office on establishing investment vehicle to hold private equity asset

James Campbell

Team: Emily Haithwaite, Richard Laignel

📍 Jersey

Deal

24 January 2022

Cross-serviceline Ogier team advises on the establishment of multiple private funds

James Campbell

Team: Katrina Edge, Emily Haithwaite, Katherine Neal, Katie Baxter

📍 Jersey

Deal

3 June 2021

Ogier advises UK-based family office on discretionary investment platform

Raulin Amy

Team: James Campbell, Emily Haithwaite

📍 Jersey

Deal

28 June 2010

Multiple Legal teams at Ogier advise Waitrose on entry into Channel Islands

Chris Renouf

Team: Jonathan Hughes, Catherine Moore, James Campbell, Josephine Howe, Matt Guthrie

📍 Guernsey, Jersey

Deal

News and insights

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29 January 2024 | 1 min read

Spotlight on 17 experts by Private Client Global Elite illustrates Ogier's breadth of expertise

News

19 January 2024 | 8 min read

Private Trust Companies, Single Family Offices and Governance Entities – Registering for AML supervision under Jersey's proceeds of crime legislation

James Campbell

Team: Emily Haithwaite, Josephine Howe, Matthew Shaxson, George Yates

📍 Jersey

Insight

16 January 2024 | 1 min read

Private Client recognises James Campbell in 50 Most Influential list for sixth consecutive year

News

28 November 2023 | 9 min read

The Middle East: current trends driving advice and structuring

James Campbell

Team: David Welford

📍 Dubai, Jersey

Insight

16 November 2023 | 1 min read

Natalia Fortuna and James Fox recognised as Citywealth Future Leaders 2023

Natalia Fortuna

Team: James Fox, James Campbell

📍 Jersey

News

2 November 2023 | 4 min read

Clarity for trustees around corporate trustee mergers: the Jersey perspective

Stephen Lord

Team: James Campbell, Raulin Amy

📍 Jersey

Insight

20 October 2023 | 2 min read

Top tier rankings across the board for Ogier in Jersey in new Chambers UK guide

News

4 October 2023 | 2 min read

Outstanding recognition for Ogier's top tier Jersey teams in Legal 500 UK 2024

News

24 July 2023 | 3 min read

"Go-to firm" Ogier stays on top in Chambers High Net Worth Guide for Cayman, Guernsey, and Jersey

Matt Guthrie

Team: Rachael Reynolds KC, Anthony Partridge, Gavin Ferguson, Catherine Moore, Chris Hards, James Campbell, and 2 more

📍 Cayman Islands, Guernsey, Jersey

News

Recognition

"A good leader, nurtures the practice and is commercial and explains issues to clients in a clear and helpful manner"

Legal 500 UK, 2023

"James is a good lawyer, practical and commercial"

Chambers High Net Worth, 2023

"Client-friendly, super responsive private client expert on the island"

Chambers High Net Worth Guide, 2022

"James is very technical but he also has good people skills"

Chambers High Net Worth, 2023

"James is very approachable and able. His practice is global"

Chambers High Net Worth, 2023

"Always makes himself available and articulates sometimes difficult concepts in terms that are understandable to trustees and beneficiaries alike. He accepts fair challenge and will produce precedent and learned thinking to underpin his advice"

Legal 500 UK, 2023

"Leading Individual"

Legal 500 UK, 2023

"Vast amount of knowledge and technical ability"

Chambers High Net Worth Guide, 2022

"Very astute"

Chambers High Net Worth Guide, 2022

"A pure joy to work with. He is one of the stand-out private client lawyers on the island"

Legal 500 UK, 2022

"Very helpful and is one of the thought leaders in trust law"

Chambers UK, 2022

"James Campbell is a highly respected lawyer in Jersey with a good understanding of the Middle East"

Chambers UK, 2022

"He is very approachable, collaborative and commercial. He provides well-

balanced advice and guides clients seamlessly through tricky situations"

Legal 500 UK, 2022

"An absolute star – very knowledgeable and easy to work with on a variety of estate planning affairs"

Legal 500 UK, 2021