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James is a Counsel in the International Arbitration Group in the London office. He has conducted arbitrations under a wide range of institutional rules and at various seats, in a wide range of industry sectors including oil and gas, electricity, banking, insurance, aerospace, telecoms and steel. He acts in both commercial and investor-state cases. He is a Solicitor Advocate and has appeared as an advocate in cases worth up to \$1 billion. He has a Diploma in International Arbitration with Distinction from Queen Mary College, University of London.

James also has broad experience of litigation in England and a number of other jurisdictions around the world, including litigation relating to arbitration proceedings and several trials.

James sits on the CPR Y-ADR Steering Committee and is a former Co-Chair of the Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG) of the LCIA. He has been Lawyer of the Week in The Times and was a judicial assistant to Lord Justice Kennedy in the English Court of Appeal.

Market Recognition

Recognised among the top 10 "*most highly regarded individuals*" among non-partners globally in Who's Who Legal's Arbitration Future Leaders 2017, which says: "*James is 'a quality guy: excellent all round, highly visible on the circuit and very well respected.'*"

"*Excellent critical thinker' James Freeman is particularly adept at disputes involving financial instruments as well as those arising in the energy sector.*" Observers say: "*Freeman has excellent instincts for what the client needs and exceeds client expectations.*" Chambers 2016

"*An excellent advocate*" and an "*energy specialist*". Legal 500 2015

Legal qualifications

- Counsel, 2015
- Admitted as solicitor, England and Wales, 2004

Academic qualifications

- BA (Hons), First Class, Ancient & Modern History, New College Oxford University, 1998
- Post Graduate Diploma in Law, Distinction, City University London, 2000
- LPC, Commendation, The College Of Law, London, 2001
- Diploma in International Arbitration, Distinction, Queen Mary College, University of London, 2010

Publications

- Chapter on "Practical aspects of price reviews" in "The Law and Business of LNG" (2nd edition, forthcoming)

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- Chapter on "Practical issues specific to arbitration concerning financial products" in "International Financial Disputes - Arbitration and Mediation" (OUP, 2015)
- "The use of arbitration in the financial services industry" in Business Law International (December, 2014)
- "Arbitration in international banking and finance : recent developments" in Practical Law (2012)
- "Should parties specify the law applicable to their arbitration agreements" in Practical Law (January 2014)
- "Guidelines on Party Representation in International Arbitration" (International Arbitration Law Review, 2013)
- "Demystifying the use of arbitration clauses in international finance documents" (Butterworths Journal of International Banking and Financial Law, 2012)
- "Ethical issues for counsel in international arbitration" (Practical Law, 2012)

Professional memberships

- Steering Committee member of CPR Y-ADR
- Former Co-Chair of the LCIA Young International Arbitration Group
- ICC Young Arbitrators Forum

Languages

- English, (Level 1 - Fluent/Bilingual)
- French, (Level 4 - Can participate in business meetings/review simple documents)