

Biography



James Smith

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Expertise

Investment Funds , Banking & Finance , Corporate , Fund Formation , Fund Services

James Smith is a partner and head of our Cayman transactional team.

James regularly advises on all aspects of the set-up, operation and closure of investment funds including matters related to corporate governance, regulatory compliance and the automatic exchange of tax information. He also has a particular focus on LatAm projects and is specifically experienced in helping Brazil-based managers with their offshore fund structures.

James joined us as a senior associate in 2019 having previously worked as an investment funds specialist at another Cayman Islands law firm. Prior to moving to Cayman, he worked in the Corporate department of Eversheds Sutherland LLP where he focused primarily on private equity work and high value and complex corporate and M&A transactions.

Recommendations

James is recognised as a "next generation partner" in the Cayman Islands Investment Funds rankings. Clients note that he is a "fantastic partner whom we had great experience with. He's knowledgeable, responsive and has a deep understanding of the firm's capabilities so he can refer to others in their area of specialities."

- Legal 500, 2024-2025

James is recognised for his expertise in Cayman Islands Investment Funds.

- Chambers and Partners, 2024

James is ranked as "highly regarded".

- IFLR1000, 2023

James is ranked as a "rising star".

- IFLR1000, 2020 - 2022

Bar Admissions

Cayman Islands
2014

England and Wales (not practising)
2009

Education

Cardiff University (LPC)
2007

Cardiff University (LLB)
2006