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Executive summary

James is a partner in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Group at Gardiner Roberts whose practice focuses primarily on commercial litigation and professional liability.

James also advises clients on employment disputes, property damage, product liability, and personal injury claims. He brings a practical and strategic approach to a wide range of contentious matters.

James regularly acts as counsel before the Superior Court of Justice. He also appears before the Court of Appeal of Ontario, the Divisional Court of Ontario, the Federal Court of Canada, the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario and the Landlord & Tenant Board.

In 2008 James became a solicitor through the Law Society of Ireland. He apprenticed and practiced at a prominent commercial law firm in Dublin.

James completed the National Committee on Accreditation process of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada before he was called to the Bar of Ontario in 2012. Before joining Gardiner Roberts, he practiced for several years at a leading insurance defense firm in Toronto.

In 2018 James was admitted as a solicitor in England & Wales.

EDUCATION

Trinity College Dublin, MA

BAR ADMISSION

Admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in Ireland, 2008

Admitted to the Bar of Ontario, 2012

Admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in England and Wales, 2018

Expertise

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Representative work

- *Melville-Laborde v. 3455 Glen Erin Apartments Inc.*, 2017 ONSC 6004 (CanLII)
- *Glegg v. Glass*, 2019 ONSC 6623 (CanLII)
- *Glegg v. Glass*, 2020 ONCA 833 (CanLII)
- *Vastis v. Kommatas*, 2022 ONSC 1366 (CanLII)

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- *Vastis v. Kommatas*, 2024 ONSC 4759 (CanLII)
- *Moranis v. Toronto Real Estate Board*, 2025 ONSC 216 (CanLII)
- *Dale v. Toronto Real Estate Board*, 2026 ONCA 252 (CanLII)

Insights

Blogs

When enough is enough: Request for liquidator to conduct claims process denied on basis of issue estoppel (*Vastis v. Kommatas*)

3 February 2025

Security for costs victories

19 August 2024

Memberships and recognition

Professional memberships

- Member of the Advocates' Society, the Canadian Bar Association and the Ontario Bar Association.
- Member of CONSULEGIS, an international network of independent law firms.

Community engagement

- James volunteers with the Ireland Fund of Canada

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