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Areas of Practice

- Property
- Employment
- Personal Injury
- Commercial and Chancery

Profile

Qualifications

MA Hons (Cantab)

BA Hons in Law (University of Cambridge) (First Class)

Queen Mother Scholarship (Middle Temple)

Wilson Butler and De Montmorency prizes for Law (Peterhouse, University of Cambridge)

Senior Scholarship of Peterhouse, University of Cambridge.

Experience & Expertise

Paul graduated from Peterhouse College, University of Cambridge with a First Class degree in law. He then worked for the Law Commission before being called to the bar in 2009.

During his time at Ely Place Chambers, he has conducted over 500 hearings in courts and tribunals across the country. These appearances have given him much experience in advocacy, cross-examination and legal argument, in the context of a wide variety of judges, clients and opponents. He is now putting these experiences to use in his growing High Court and multitrack practice. During his time at the bar, Paul has also gained significant experience of mediation and negotiation, both in a formal setting and as part of his work attending hearings for clients. He also has significant experience of conducting conferences with clients and solicitors and is skilled at understanding what a client seeks to

achieve from the litigation process and how best to deliver this. Utilising his significant litigation experience, Paul has also been contracted by a legal expenses insurer to provide opinions on prospects of success in cases covering all his practice areas.

Paul has a broad practice across many areas of Chambers' work. This includes property and commercial, personal injury, employment and general common law work. He acts for both claimants and defendants and in both an advisory and a representative capacity. Paul frequently appears in fast track trials and regularly deals with disposal hearings, case management conferences and applications. He also has a growing experience of multitrack and High Court proceedings. Paul provides written advice on liability, quantum, procedure and complex legal issues, as well as drafting statements of case.

Having lived on a narrowboat on the waterways of London, Paul has a keen interest in the law of inland waterways and boats. He is therefore developing a growing practice in this area and is keen to provide advice and advocacy in matters such as boat ownership disputes, licensing and boat seizure, or property disputes that involve the waterways.

Paul is qualified to accept cases on a Direct Access basis. He is keen to advise, assist and represent people who wish to directly instruct a barrister without recourse to a solicitor.

Current & Recent Work

Conducting a 14 day 'union victimisation' case at the Central London Employment Tribunal, involving a radical trade union in high profile dispute relating to pay, conditions and outsourcing.

Advising and drafting in relation to a substantial claim in occupiers' liability against the Canal & River Trust resulting from a narrowboat sinking in a lock.

Appearing in the Employment Appeal Tribunal in a case involving the interpretation of the time limit provision for submitting an appeal.

A case involving a previously undecided point of statutory interpretation arising from the Housing Act 2004 and a landlord's failure to properly protect a deposit.

A technical costs case in which he persuaded the court to grant a 'Bullock & Sanderson' order in favour of his client.

A multitrack case involving potential fraud arising from a road traffic accident.

