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Practice areas

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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 700 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.

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

Having conducted many informal negotiations and settlement arrangements as part of his practice, Paul has always recognised the benefits that can result from resolving disputes, rather than pursuing matters to a hearing. He is now a trained mediator and able to assist parties in resolving or reducing their disputes at an earlier stage in the process, thus helping to save the time, money and stress of legal proceedings.

Having lived on a narrowboat on the waterways of London, one aspect of property law that 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 moorings, boat ownership disputes, licensing and boat seizure, or property disputes that involve the waterways.

Business



Paul has acted as Junior Counsel in a number of High Court commercial chancery disputes, in addition to which he is himself developing a growing High Court practice. This includes work on injunctions relating to restrictive covenants in employment contracts and committal proceedings resulting out of breaches of injunctions.

Property & private client



Paul has a busy practice across these areas of work. In respect of private client work, Paul represents many clients on a direct public access basis. His instructions directly from members of the public are always increasing, as more and more people find this to be a valuable way of obtaining high quality representation at a reasonable cost. Direct access clients appreciate being approachable and explaining legal jargon, whilst also fighting hard for them and their case.

As part of his property practice, Paul advises and appears in court on all aspects of landlord and tenant law, as well as property, easements and boundary disputes.

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Employment



Paul is experienced across all areas of employment law and regularly appears and advises for both Respondents and Claimants in employment Tribunals across the country. Although he is skilled in conducting all aspects of a tribunal claim, he particularly excels in conducting the well-honed cross-examination that often makes or breaks a claim.

Public and regulatory



Paul has experience in regulatory tribunals and has undertaken work in both the disciplinary tribunal of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales and the Certification Office for Trade Unions and Employers' Associations

Regulatory information

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