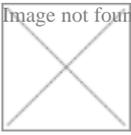


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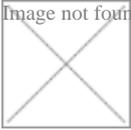


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Peter practises across 5 Essex Court’s core areas, representing police forces, public authorities, companies and individuals. He transferred to the Bar in 2015, taking tenancy at 5 Essex Court in 2018. Peter qualified as a solicitor in 2010, practising litigation and international arbitration at Hogan Lovells. He also has extensive experience working in the United Nations and NGO sectors.

In addition to his English practice, Peter has a growing practice in international law and Commonwealth human rights litigation, particularly in Privy Council jurisdictions. His recent judgments include *Day and Bodden Bush v the Attorney General of the Cayman Islands* in both the Grand Court and the Court of Appeal.

Peter has been called to the Bar of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and has been granted *ad hoc* rights of audience in the Cayman Islands.

Peter is a member of the Attorney General's C Panel of Counsel.

Police Law

Peter regularly appears before the High Court, Crown Courts and Magistrates' Courts on behalf of police forces and public authorities in civil applications, for example relating to sexual offending, modern slavery, and the forfeiture of cash under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.

He has defended civil claims in the County Court and High Court for wrongful arrest, false imprisonment, assault/battery, personal injury, malicious prosecution, misfeasance in public office and alleged breaches of the Human Rights Act 1998, the Equality Act 2010, and the Data Protection Acts 1998 and 2018.

Peter advises and represents police forces in judicial review proceedings. He also regularly appears in the Family Court and Court of Protection on behalf of police forces seeking or resisting the disclosure of information. He also represents police forces in the Family Court on applications for Forced Marriage Protection Orders relating both to capacity and coercion.

He regularly represents police forces in Inquests, and Appropriate Authorities in police misconduct proceedings. He regularly drafts Regulation 21 notices, and advises on misconduct investigations and hearings.

Peter has undertaken secondments to the legal departments of four police forces (Greater Manchester, Lancashire, West Midlands and Staffordshire, and Devon and Cornwall and Dorset), where he worked alongside in-house lawyers and responded to the day-to-day legal queries of officers from Chief Constables to PCs.

Human Rights

Peter joined 5 Essex Court with several years' experience of human rights law in the domestic courts, foreign common law courts, and at the regional and international levels.

He is junior counsel in *Day and Bodden Bush v the Attorney General of the Cayman Islands*, a same-sex marriage and civil partnership challenge. He is junior counsel in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in a challenge to decriminalise homosexuality. He was the claimant's international advisor in *Jones v the Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago*, the case that decriminalised homosexuality in that jurisdiction. He has also advised potential *amici curiae* on comparative law in an appeal to the US Supreme Court.

Peter previously worked as a Legal Consultant to a London-based NGO that brought strategic human rights litigation. There, he assisted claimants in domestic litigation in Commonwealth countries, produced policy documents for use by UK Government departments and EU Institutions, and advised on mechanisms to enforce international human rights obligations. He also worked as a Legal Consultant to the prosecution section of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, which secured the guilty verdict against the surviving leaders of the Khmer Rouge regime.

His previous role as a solicitor included acting for corporates accused of human rights violations.

Peter has delivered talks and seminars on human rights issues in various forums, including at the UK Parliament, to EU Institutions, and at schools and universities. He has published extensively in academic journals on human rights and international law.

Inquests

Peter acts in sensitive and high-profile inquests including Article 2 inquests. His recent coronial work includes acting for police forces in inquests arising from a police pursuit, a collision with a police car, and a murder.

Public Inquiries

Peter acts on behalf of and advises public bodies and private companies in Public Inquiries. He has advised on the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse and is presently junior counsel for a core participant in the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.

Data Protection & Information Law

Peter has an interest in Data Protection and Information Law and is available to instruct in the following matters:

- The Data Protection Acts 1998 and 2018, the Law Enforcement Directive, and the General Data Protection Regulation, including in relation to data breaches;
- Civil claims concerning misuse of private information, breach of Articles 8 and 10 ECHR, confidentiality, or defamation;
- The Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 and the Investigatory Powers Act 2016, in the Investigatory Powers Tribunal and elsewhere;
- The Freedom of Information Act 2000 and challenges to decisions by public authorities or the Information Commissioner;
- Public law challenges to the lawfulness of systems for collection, retention or deletion of information, or individual decisions about the handling of information;
- Claims of unauthorised access to or use of information relating to employment;
- Disclosure of information between related sets of proceedings, and issues relating to Closed Material Procedures, Public Interest Immunity and Legal Professional Privilege.