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Peter joined 5 Essex Court as a third-six pupil in November 2017 after a varied career in law. Peter qualified as a solicitor in 2010, after which he worked as a litigator at Hogan Lovells and then in the NGO sector. Peter transferred to the Bar in 2015. He practises across 5 Essex Court's core areas, representing police forces, and public and local authorities.

Peter has recently returned from an in-house secondment to a police constabulary. In addition to his domestic work, Peter has a growing practice in international law and Commonwealth human rights litigation.

Police Law

Peter regularly appears before the Crown and Magistrates' Courts on behalf of police forces and public authorities in civil applications. For example, relating to domestic violence, sexual offending, dangerous dogs, and forfeiture of cash seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. He has defended civil claims brought in the County Court and has experience representing police forces in applications for disclosure in the High Court.

Peter was seconded to Lancashire Constabulary, where he assisted across the board with day-to-day in-house legal work. He advised the Chief Constable and his officers with legal queries concerning operations, drafted pleadings, and handled disciplinary matters.

Licensing

Peter frequently acts for Transport for London resisting appeals against licensing decisions relating to taxi and private hire licenses. He has also been instructed by police forces in firearms licensing appeals to the Crown Court.

Immigration

During his pupillage, Peter represented individuals in their asylum appeals to the First-tier Tribunal and sought bail for those awaiting appeal.

Human Rights

Peter joined 5 Essex Court with several years' experience of international human rights law. He has a growing Caribbean human rights practice. He was recently part of the legal team that successfully challenged Trinidad and Tobago's laws that criminalise homosexuality, in ***Jones v AG Trinidad and Tobago***. He is currently instructed to represent a couple in a same-sex marriage challenge in a British Overseas Territory.

Peter previously worked for 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, gave written and oral evidence at a UK Parliamentary Inquiry on human rights violations, and advised on mechanisms to enforce international human rights obligations.