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Call: 2015

Peter joined 5 Essex Court as a third-six pupil in November 2017 after a varied career in law. He qualified as a solicitor in 2010 at Hogan Lovells, practising in litigation and international arbitration. He then worked for the United Nations and 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 been seconded to four police constabularies.

In addition to his domestic work, Peter has a growing practice in international law and Commonwealth human rights litigation. He was recently called to the Bar of the Cayman Islands, where he represented clients in a constitutional challenge. He also advises on human rights issues across the Commonwealth, particularly in Privy Council jurisdictions.

Police Law

Peter regularly appears before the High Court, Crown Court and Magistrates' Court on behalf of police forces and public authorities in civil applications. For example, relating to sexual offending, modern slavery, licensing, disclosure and public interest immunity, and the forfeiture of cash under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. He also defends civil claims brought in the High Court and County Court.

Peter has undertaken secondments to the legal departments of four police constabularies (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.

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 temporary call to the Bar of the Cayman Islands, where he was junior counsel in *Day and Bodden Bush v the Governor*, a same-sex marriage and civil partnership challenge. He was the claimant's international advisor in *Jones v AG Trinidad and Tobago*, the case that decriminalised homosexuality in that jurisdiction.

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.

Peter's previous role as a solicitor included acting for corporates accused of human rights violations. He also worked as a Legal Consultant to the prosecution section in the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, which secured the guilty verdict against the surviving leaders of the Khmer Rouge regime.

Court of Protection

Peter's areas of expertise in Court of Protection include:

- Capacity
- Deprivation of liberty
- Best interests decisions
- Deputyship matters
- Lasting Powers of Attorney and Enduring Powers of Attorney
- Medical treatment
- Welfare matters including contact, residence and care decisions
- Forced marriage
- Safeguarding of vulnerable adults