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Peter's practice is mainly focused on Inquests and on work across the broad range of Police law and Public law. Peter also practises in Employment law, where he has the benefit of experience dating back from before he was called to the Bar. Peter regularly appears in hearings in the County Court and the High Court in general civil matters on all tracks.

Peter is security cleared to SC level.

Peter frequently delivers training to clients on all aspects of his practice.

Police Law

Peter's practice is centred on both advising and acting on behalf of police forces. He regularly appears in Inquests as well as in a wide range of County Court and High Court matters, including in relation to ECRCs, claims of unlawful arrest and false imprisonment, assault, negligence, conversion, misfeasance, malicious prosecution, judicial reviews, and human rights claims.

Peter also frequently acts for police forces at misconduct hearings, including the Police Appeals Tribunal.

Peter is regularly instructed to advise or act in matters concerning Legal Professional Privilege or special procedure material. He frequently acts as independent counsel conducting the LPP sift. He also appears in applications under Schedule 1 of PACE and for Production Orders. Peter recently drafted a guidance note for operational officers to brief them on the law around LPP.

Inquests

Peter is regularly instructed to represent the interests of various public bodies, including NHS Trusts and many Police forces, as well as other healthcare providers within prisons, in Inquests, including high-profile cases with the potential to affect organisational reputations. He has considerable experience of multi-week Article 2 Inquests and is frequently entrusted with front-line briefs from parties whom are the main focus of the inquest.

Cases have involved matters including (among others):

- death in prison;
- cases where mental ill-health has been a significant factor;
- high-speed Police pursuit by car,;a fall off a balcony while handcuffed and about to be taken to hospital by Police;
- a death a few hours after release from Police custody;

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- death by pneumonia (contributed to by alcohol abuse) metres away from a Police station;
 - a shooting by gang members in the vicinity of a funeral;
 - a suicide in a children's home, alleged neglect by a hospital;
 - a late-night collision with a car while hitch-hiking home from hospital.

Public / Administrative

Peter frequently represents public bodies in claims for judicial review in a wide range of contexts. Recent instructions have included both paper advocacy and attendance at both permission and substantive hearings, dealing with human rights claims and matters of public importance, from cautions and Police National Computer entries to Police licensing functions.

Having been supervised by Jeremy Johnson QC, and having shadowed Alan Payne, during his pupillage, Peter also maintains his interest in immigration law. He is keen to expand his portfolio in this area.

Employment

Peter has extensive experience in both Employment Tribunal and EAT cases, representing claimants and respondents, including police forces and public bodies, across a broad range of employment law, including all types of discrimination, harassment, victimisation, unfair and constructive dismissal, redundancy, TUPE, employment status issues, breach of contract, holiday pay and wages claims.

Peter has experienced a wide range of cases – from cases heard in private on grounds of national security to an unfair dismissal subsequent to allegations of gross misconduct on social media. Peter has also assisted clients with drafting of employment contracts and policies for staff handbooks.

Licensing

Peter appears, on behalf of Police forces and licensing authorities, before Licensing Sub-committees as well as the Crown Court. Matters he covers relate to firearms, liquor or entertainment licensing. Peter has taken part in the delivery of training on behalf of the Institute of Licensing on the law and practice of licensing hearings.

Peter also appears in Private Hire Vehicle Driver and Operator Licence appeals. He accepts instructions in respect of Hackney Carriage matters.