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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, International & Travel, Industrial Disease, Fraud, Military Claims, Credit Hire, Costs & Litigation Funding

Peter is an experienced courtroom advocate, appearing on a daily basis in trials, interim hearings and applications on behalf of both claimants and defendants. He is also known for his robust and thorough pleadings and provides detailed and tailored advice in writing or in conference on all aspects of claims which fall within his various areas of specialism.

Peter accepts instructions in all of chambers' practice areas but has developed particular expertise in claims arising from road traffic accidents, credit hire, public liability and highways claims, employers' liability and workplace accidents, international and cross-border litigation, military claims and industrial disease.

Peter is regularly instructed to act on behalf of claimants and defendants and is prepared to consider accepting instructions on a CFA basis where appropriate. Peter is happy to attend court in London and further afield, in person or remotely.

Before coming to the Bar, Peter worked in the International Injury department of a well-known specialist injury firm, dealing with catastrophic injuries sustained abroad or involving international elements. This has given Peter additional insight into cross-border litigation and catastrophic injury claims as well as the demands of running a busy caseload within a firm of solicitors, which enables Peter to give meaningful and practical advice on complex claims.

Peter has a postgraduate degree in European Law from the University of Rennes, France and has professional working proficiency in French as well as basic proficiency in German.

Away from Chambers, Peter enjoys classical singing, having previously worked as a cathedral musician, and currently directs an amateur chamber choir. His sporting career, which has included competing at various levels in hockey, mixed netball, shooting and chess, is more noted for its variety than its finesse.

International & Travel

As a result of his previous work within the International & Travel sector, Peter has a great deal of experience in claims brought under the Brussels IA Recast Regulation and claims where the applicable law under Rome II is not English law. He has worked on claims involving accidents in France, Spain, Germany, Greece, Dubai, Bermuda and the United States. He is no stranger to jurisdiction challenges, including Forum Non Conveniens and is well-versed in interpreting expert evidence on foreign law. He has also worked on maritime claims within the Admiralty Court involving the application of the Athens Convention and the 1976 Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims.

Peter has recently been instructed to act in claims involving the Package Travel Regulations, holiday sickness and foreign Road Traffic Accidents, acting for injured claimants as well as tour operators and travel agents.

Peter studied European Union law at a postgraduate level in France, speaks fluent French and is able to work with evidence in other European languages, including German and Spanish.