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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.

Credit Hire and RTA

Peter is regularly instructed in claims for vehicle damage and credit hire charges. Peter is an expert when it comes to liability disputes and often achieves the impossible, winning cases thought by instructing solicitors to be unwinnable. Peter's ability to understand accident mechanics enables him to forensically deconstruct and explain accidents in court even where limited objective evidence is available. During pupillage, Peter worked under supervision on a high value multi-track claim involving a multi-vehicle multi-collision motorway pile-up in which a total dismissal against the Second Defendant was ultimately secured.

Peter is particularly well-suited to credit hire claims involving difficult quantum arguments and is well-versed in all of the relevant case law. He provides sensible and sound advice from the outset of instructions in order to ensure that claims

are resolved on the best possible terms or, failing that, routinely achieves the best possible outcome at trial. For example, Peter recently secured the dismissal of a high value credit hire claim on the basis of misrepresentation.