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Peter is a senior associate in the litigation and arbitration team.

He has experience with general commercial disputes and complex insolvencies. Most of these involve multiple jurisdictions, including the major offshore jurisdictions of Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands. Peter's experience also includes public law matters (including judicial review), professional negligence and regulatory inquiries.

Peter firmly believes that to deliver the best outcomes for clients he must seek to understand the big picture opportunities and risks that can arise for clients in complex, domestic or multi-jurisdictional disputes. To complement his legal background, he took a career break obtaining a Master's degree in International Relations, which focused on sustainability, political risk and cyber security. These concepts are increasingly fundamental for clients and their interests, particularly given the UK's intended economic pivot away from Europe in order to develop and build relationships with Indo-Pacific markets and elsewhere. This inevitably will have multiple impacts including economic, political and environmental, with new regulatory landscapes emerging that alter how clients evaluate opportunities both within the UK and between the UK and other regions of the world. One likely consequence is that the resolution of disputes may encounter new international dynamics as the UK changes its focus and Peter has a particular interest in such developments.

Track record

Litigation arising out of liquidation's

Represented the liquidators of the second-largest of the "feeder funds" which channelled billions of US dollars into Bernard L Madoff Investment Securities LLC. Litigation arising out of the liquidations included: (i) audit negligence; (ii) claims in unjust enrichment and contract/tort against the management of the companies; and (iii) the delivery up of documents from third parties.

Insolvent businesses

Advising administrators and liquidators on their appointments over insolvent businesses in the retail, technology and commodities sectors, among others.

Purported fraud

Advising on a multi-million dollar purported fraud concerning a London based property financier and a member of royalty from the Middle East.

Multi-million euro dispute

Representing clients in a multi-million euro dispute involving a German entrepreneur and securities in a well-known fashion brand.

Fédération Internationale de L'Automobile

Representing parties in various matters before the Fédération Internationale de L'Automobile, including the 2007 Formula 1 "sypgate" and the 2009 "crashgate" scandals.

External publications

Contributed to several legal texts, including Sweet & Maxwell's Administrative Law and Procedure and Probate Disputes and Remedies.

Admissions

England and Wales, 2004

British Virgin Islands, 2009

Northern Ireland, 2017

Education

University of Manchester, BA (Hons) Government and Law (2002)

King's College London, MA International Relations (2018)

Languages

English

Memberships

Chatham House (The Royal Institute of International Affairs)

Law Society

Key dates

Year joined: 2018

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