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- Chambers & Partners

Peter is currently taking a break from practice.

Peter Morcos has a practice that encompasses all areas of commercial dispute resolution, with a particular focus on commercial litigation and arbitration, professional liability, insurance, and construction.

Peter has appeared before the High Court, the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court. He has also acted in arbitrations under a range of domestic and international institutions.

Peter is ranked in Chambers and Partners as an "*up-and-coming junior*" with a "*broadly commercial practice*", and is described as a "*a hard worker who is highly intelligent*", with "*the ability to get to grips quickly with highly complex matters*". Clients in the legal directories have also commented that "*his drafting skills demonstrate a keen eye for detail*" and that Peter gives "*clear, considered and strategic advice. He gets straight to the nub of the issue and is very hard working and responsive.*"

Before becoming a barrister, Peter received a BA in Law with First Class Honours and a BCL with Distinction from Lincoln College, Oxford where he won prizes at an undergraduate and graduate level. Peter has also attained an LLM with Distinction from the University of Pennsylvania, where he was a Dean's Scholar and a Withers Scholar. After his legal education, Peter received the Oxford Pro Bono Publico scholarship for his work at the AIRE Centre, assisting in interventions before the ECJ and the ECtHR. He also served as a tutor and examiner in tort at King's College, London.

Peter has a good understanding of conversational Arabic.

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Areas of Expertise

Professional Liability

Peter has experience of a wide range of professional liability disputes, and he acts for both claimants and defendants. His recent instructions include:

Cases

- **Harlequin Property v Wilkins Kennedy**
Acting for a firm of accountants in a professional negligence claim stated to be worth in excess of \$60million, led by Justin Fenwick QC.
- **Dalamd Ltd v Butterworth Ltd**
Sole counsel acting for the claimant against an insurance broker in a Commercial Court claim worth in excess of £2million.
- **Rosbotham v Harvey**
Sole counsel in a multi-track trial for a successful defendant solicitor in a claim arising out of the conduct of an underlying criminal matter.
- **Secondment – Auditor’s Claim**
Working as part of a team at a top city law firm on a major auditor’s negligence claim with a stated value of over £50 million.
- **Marrache v Baker Tilly**
Acting for defendant accountants in a fraud and negligence claim stated to be worth £30 million arising out of the liquidation of a firm, led by Graeme McPherson QC.
- **Mortgage Fraud Claim against Solicitors**
Sole counsel advising a solicitors firm on issues of professional negligence, breach of trust and breach of warranty of authority in relation to a claim arising out of an alleged mortgage fraud.
- **Claim against Tax Consultant**
Sole counsel acting for a former client of a tax consultant in a dispute in relation to tax mitigation strategies.
- **Claim against Architect**
Sole counsel for a defendant architect in a case involving a duty to advise on planning permission.
- **Claim against Surveyor**
Sole counsel acting for a defendant surveyor in litigation concerning an alleged overvaluation.

Auditors and Accountants

Peter has particular expertise in cases against auditors and accountants. He is comfortable dealing with technical issues, and has completed a course in financial accounting at Wharton Business School. His recent instructions include:

Cases

- **Secondment – Auditor’s Claim**
Working as part of a team at a top city law firm on a major auditor’s negligence claim with a stated value of over £50 million, raising issues in relation to impairment of assets, future cash flows, EBIDTA, breach of banking covenants and the detection of fraud.
- **Marrache v Baker Tilly**
Acting for defendant auditors in a fraud, breach of fiduciary duty and negligence claim stated to be worth £30 million arising out of the liquidation of a law firm based in Gibraltar.
- **Harlequin Property v Wilkins Kennedy**
Acting for a firm of auditors in a professional negligence claim stated to be worth in excess of \$60million, defending allegations of negligence and breach of fiduciary duty.
- **Sey Exclusive v Chapman**
Sole counsel acting for a defendant auditor in relation to a claim brought by a former client involving allegations in relation to



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bookkeeping, reconciliations and tax treatment.

- **Claim against Tax Advisor**

Sole counsel acting for a claimant firm of tax accountants in a potential contribution claim against a law firm involving allegations as to the interpretation of tax legislation as it applied to the affairs of a former mutual client.

- **Claim against Tax Consultant**

Acting for a former client of a tax consultant in a claim concerning the treatment of of unclaimed capital allowances.

Qualifications & Memberships

BA, University of Oxford (First Class Honours); BCL, University of Oxford (Distinction); LLM, University of Pennsylvania (Distinction); BPTC (Outstanding).

Peter is a member of COMBAR, BILA, PNBA, TECBAR, SCL and the London Common Law and Commercial Bar Association.

Insights

GDPR and Insurance: who picks up the tab when things go wrong?

8 May 2018

Notwithstanding assurances from the Information Commissioner that they “prefer the carrot to the stick” the fact remains that the ICO will have the power under Article 83(4) the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”) to levy fines of up to €10million or 2% of annual global turnover on data controllers. Alison Padfield QC, Clare Dixon and Peter Morcos consider which aspects of GDPR compliance are likely to be insurable and/or insured, focussing in particular upon: (a) the insurability (or otherwise) of fines; (b) new potential liabilities under the GDPR; and (c) the potential pitfalls of assuming that cyber insurance will cover all civil liabilities under GDPR.

8th Edition of Jackson and Powell on Professional Liability

11 January 2017

Editor