

DR PETER FIELDS

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2014



Peter is a pupil at 7BR and is now on his feet practising as a Second Six Pupil Barrister. He has been supervised by Jeffrey Jupp (Employment, Commercial Litigation and Regulatory and Professional Discipline) and is currently supervised by Luke Blackburn (serious crime and fraud).

Peter is happy to receive instructions in all areas of Chambers' work. 7BR has rapidly adopted new technology to allow them to continue to provide a full range of services via Teams, Lifesize, Skype for Business, and Zoom. Peter is an advanced user of these technologies and fully equipped to provide services in this new "isolated" environment. He is happy to be instructed to attend remote hearings using any technology and is able to contribute where the use of advanced settings (such as document sharing, whiteboard, etc.) may assist.

Peter has an unusual pre-pupillage background, which may prove to be beneficial for his professional and lay clients. He has a distinctive ability to understand and analyse company accounts and financial information as well as complex business structures. This allows him to make a valuable contribution to disputes involving consideration of financial information and cross-examination of experts; valuation of companies and any financial wrongdoing. His skills are particularly valuable in such matters, as shareholder disputes, company law, breaches of contract, where calculation of losses is complex or in dispute, wrongful trading, insolvency, civil and criminal fraud, banking and finance matters, and investment disputes. His wide experience of business negotiations, coupled with his experience of mediation, places him in a strong position for being involved in all forms of ADR.

In line with Chambers' multi-disciplinary practice with complementary criminal and civil expertise, Peter's prior commercial experience and skills also allow him to make a valuable contribution to cases, which require awareness of civil and criminal remedies/practice. He can assist in complex international and financial fraud, concealment of evidence, and money laundering matters, being led by one or more of the Chambers' senior members. If a matter is one that he can be instructed on his own, his prior business experience and well-developed professional skills serve to provide confidence and reassurance to clients in both criminal and civil matters.

Prior to joining the Bar, Peter started his career with a PhD in chemical engineering and spent 15 years in the

chemical industry in a variety of roles in research, production, sales and business management. He then led a management buyout and implemented a buy-and-build strategy to create a leading European specialty chemical producer. He continued with investing and building a diverse range of successful companies working as a Chairman, entrepreneur, investor and non-executive director in the chemicals, logistics, food, consumer and legal sectors. Whilst working in business, he gained practical experience of a range of legal activities in a variety of areas including employment, dispute resolution, commercial litigation, company law, M&A, banking, and regulatory.

In addition to his BSc and PhD in chemical engineering, Peter has a first-class degree in psychology alongside a first-class LLB, a distinction in his LLM, and a Very Competent in his BPTC. He also completed his Legal Practice Course (LPC) and has an enhanced awareness of how solicitors and firms operate and the challenges they face. This unusual combination of technical and legal training, coupled with business experience and psychology, enable him to develop a deeper understanding of clients' needs and the legal and practical solutions that can be offered to resolve legal issues successfully.