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## Qualifications and Appointments

- First Class degree in Law, Downing College, Cambridge
- LLM, Harvard Law School

*“An absolutely outstanding advocate, who fights cases with passion.”*

The Legal 500, 2016

## Memberships

- Association of Pension Lawyers
- Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists

## Practice Overview

Paul has a litigation and advisory practice concentrating on financial and private client disputes, most notably pensions, financial services and trusts. A substantial proportion of Paul's practice also involves advising on and acting in liability and negligence disputes involving professionals.

As well as representing some of the highest profile pension schemes in the UK and several major life insurers, Paul acts regularly for The Pensions Regulator. He has been heavily involved in advising on, and appearing in cases relating to, various provisions of the Pensions Act 2004, and also has extensive experience of advising and litigating on various public sector and industry-wide pension schemes.

Paul has advised the Royal Bank of Scotland in connection with its successful recovery of pension benefits from Sir Fred Goodwin. He has also advised the Department of Work and Pensions on the age discrimination regulations, and has recently advised the senior UK judiciary on the effect of the reforms to public sector pensions on the judicial pension schemes.

Paul regularly acts in contentious private and commercial trust disputes both in the UK and overseas, particularly Jersey and the Caribbean, involving disputes concerning the role of protectors, claims by beneficiaries and the role and duties of trustees. Paul acted in an aspect of the heavily-contested trust litigation involving proceedings in Switzerland, Liechtenstein and the UK worth over £75 million, which led to a Court of Appeal decision on an important point of procedure: *Labrousche v Frey* [2012] 1 WLR 3160.

Paul has recently appeared in an international arbitration in Bermuda relating to a claim for breach of warranty in a share sale agreement involving a multinational telecommunications company.

Paul is regularly recommended in the legal directories. Chambers & Partners, 2015 states that **"he has boundless energy, shows inventiveness and has an engaging courtroom manner"** and The Legal 500, 2015 describes him as being **"thoughtful, methodical and well prepared."** Chambers & Partners, 2016 describe him as an outstanding silk with great expertise across the whole gamut of pensions and financial services law. He is experienced in handling litigation relating to the Pensions Act 2004, and acts for both insurers and industry regulators. **"Very bright and tenacious, he is prepared to give robust advice and will argue his corner forcefully, making him a good choice for adversarial pensions disputes."** A dynamic and well-respected silk with significant experience in financial services law and professional liability. He is **"a passionate and tenacious advocate with terrific experience."**



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## **International Arbitration**

Paul has appeared in international arbitrations, most recently a UNICITRAL arbitration in Bermuda concerning a breach of warranty claim in a share sale agreement involving a major multinational telecommunications company. The case involved extensive cross-examination of factual and expert witnesses.

Paul's work in this area has also involved a number of international commercial and private trust disputes of a highly confidential nature.