Peter Saville

Year of Call: 2020



Practice Summary

Peter has a breadth of experience and regularly appears unled in the High Court and County Court in litigation connected to company, insolvency, property, trust and charity matters.

Recent instructions have seen him act for and advise companies, directors, local authorities, charities and individuals.

Peter is regularly instructed “off panel” to undertake advisory and trial work for the Government Legal Department and is a member of the Attorney General’s “Junior Junior” Panel of Counsel.

His extensive advocacy experience means he is often instructed in matters in advance of his year of call. Peter’s thorough approach and command of the papers makes him an adaptable junior who is increasingly instructed on advisory matters. He is comfortable working at the intersection of specialisms and has extensive experience advising institutions and working with their legal teams.

Peter is a former churchwarden in the Diocese of London and regularly accepts instructions in Ecclesiastical Law. He is regularly instructed as Proctor on behalf of the Representative Body of the Church in Wales. In 2025 Peter acted as Proctor in the Disciplinary Proceedings regarding the Reverend Ryan Forey, a rare prosecution for trustee misconduct and secession in the Ecclesiastical Courts. Peter also has experience advising parties in making or opposing faculty petitions in the Church of England.

Whilst studying Peter won the Middle Temple's Rosamund Smith Mooting Competition in 2020 and led the second-place team in BPP University's 'Advocate of the Year Competition'. He brings both a keen intellect and a practical understanding of advocacy to his work.

Charities

He advises charities and unincorporated societies on:

· Interpretation of founding articles and governing documents;

· Charities Legislation;

· Altering articles – including contentious and non-contentious variations.

His recent charity work includes:

· Acting in litigation on behalf of an unincorporated society in the interpretation of its trust deeds in ongoing High Court proceedings due to be heard in the Business and Property Courts in 2026.

· Successfully removing a national charity as a party to proceedings under the Public Trustee Act 1906 in an action for Rylands and Fletcher nuisance

· Advising a national charity on the construction of trust documents in respect of land and application to the Charity Commission for a Cy-près scheme.

Chancery

Peter regularly advises and acts on behalf of individuals and organisations in traditional chancery matters. He accepts instructions in all areas of traditional chancery work such as:

· Trustee appointment and removal;

· The administration of estates;

· Advising on litigation or administration as a result of incapacity;

· Wills and Probate work

· Claims for provision under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975.

Company

Peter acts on behalf of companies and their directors in litigation and in anticipation of litigation. Peter is able to advise on company law and the duties of directors, and on corporate debt recovery and enforcement.

He also acts on behalf of companies in the Insolvency and Companies Court and has experience representing their interests in winding up petitions, rescission hearings and validation order applications.

Peter accepts instructions in:

· Contractual disputes;

· Director’s duties and liabilities;

· Allegations of breach of fiduciary duties;

· Corporate Finance disputes;

· Data Protection Act litigation on behalf of Companies and institutions;

· Enforcement in the High Court and county court.

Peter recently represented the director of a company in a construction dispute being sued in person after the company's liquidation.

Financial Services and Regulation

Peter has acted on behalf of Regulators and on behalf of individuals in investigations and litigation concerning the provision of Financial Services.

Recent experience includes:

· Applying FSMA 2000 in the context of broader civil fraud litigation on behalf of an individual concerned with endorsing crypto currency trading;

· Advising the Office for Financial Sanctions Implementation (HM Treasury) in an investigation regarding breach of the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 by an international bank.

· Secondment to an FCA to advise on an investigation into the mis-selling of microbonds following the London Capital Finance Litigation.

Court of Protection

Peter appears in the Court of Protection and has previously been instructed by the Office of the Public Guardian. Peter welcomes instruction in Property and Financial Affairs matters.

Ecclesiastical Law

Peter has developed a busy Ecclesiastical practice and has experience of Clergy Discipline and Faculty work. He is regularly instructed to act as the Proctor in the Church in Wales the role's requirement of case preparation and presentation means Peter has a unique perspective in the strategic approach to Ecclesiastical Discipline cases.

Recent instructions include:

· *In the Matter of the Reverend Ryan Forey* (2025) – A rare prosecution of Trustee misconduct and secession in the ecclesiastical courts. Peter acted as the Proctor throughout proceedings. The case has been reported on the Law and Religion Blog and the judgment has been published: https://lawandreligionuk.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/250825-Ryan-Forey-Determination.pdf

· *In the Matter of JB* (2024) – Acting as Proctor in a contested penalty hearing within the Church in Wales.

· Advising a statutory consultee in a faculty petition against the removal of pews from a historic parish church.

Education

- First Class, BA History, University College, Oxford University.
- GDL, BPP Law School.
- BPTC, BPP Law School.

Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Ecclesiastical Law Society
- Afilliate Member - Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP)

Areas of Expertise

- Commercial
- Chancery
- Property
- Professional Discipline And Regulatory
- Investigations And Resolutions