



Peter Knox QC

Year of Call: 1983

Year of Silk: 2006

Peter Knox QC is a very experienced advocate in Commercial, Chancery, Professional Negligence, Property, and Constitutional and Administrative Law.

After being made head of chambers in June 2013 Peter has continued to have a strong presence in all these practice areas in the High Court (Chancery Division, Queens Bench Division & Commercial Court), the Court of Appeal and the Privy Council, in which he has many reported cases.

In particular, he appeared in two leading cases in these fields over the last few years, the Supreme Court's decision in *Holland v. HMRC* [2010] 1 WLR 2793 (about *de facto* directors and corporate directors), and the Privy Council's decision in *Paponette v. Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago* [2012] 1 AC 1 (legitimate expectations in public law).

He is recommended by the **Legal 500, 2015**, in the "*Commercial litigation, Leading Silks category*", which comments that "*He can find a number of ways to achieve the resolution of a difficult case*"; and in the Civil Liberties and Human Rights, category where he is described as "*A leader in human rights issues arising in the Privy Council*".

He is also recommended in **Chambers & Partners 2015**, in the *Public and Administrative Law category*, which comments that: '*He really put the hours in and knows the case inside out. He is an advocate who is always polite but extremely effective*'; and that '*His advocacy has a raconteur-like quality.*'

COMMERCIAL/CHANCERY

Peter specialises in commercial litigation in both the Chancery Division and the Commercial Court, including in particular banking disputes involving guarantees, mortgages or swaps,

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distributorship and agency disputes, property disputes, civil fraud and professional negligence claims.

Recent reported decisions include:-

[Hall v. Maritek Bahamas Ltd](#) [2015] UKPC 23

[JMMB Merchant Bank Ltd v. Real Estate Board](#) [2015] UKPC 16

Adams and others v. Atlas International [2015] LTL 27.7.15

[Magnic Ltd v Ul-Hassan & Anor](#) [2015] EWCA Civ 224

[Hilton v D IV LLP & Ors](#) [2015] EWHC 2 (Ch)

[Salford Estates \(No.2\) Ltd v Altomart Ltd](#) [2014] EWCA Civ 1575

[Altomart Limited v Salford Estates \(No. 2\) Ltd \(Rev 1\)](#) [2014] EWCA Civ 1408

[Blue Index Ltd, Re](#) [2014] EWHC 2680 (Ch)

[Jamaican Redevelopment Foundation Inc. v. Real Estate Board](#) [2014] UKPC 28

[Beacon Insurance Co Ltd v. Maharaj Bookstore Ltd](#) [2014] UKPC 21

[Morris v Blackpool Borough Council & Anor](#) [2014] EWCA Civ 1384

[Lupofresh Ltd v. Sapporo Breweries Ltd](#) [2013] EWCA Civ 948 (later permission was granted to appeal to the Supreme Court, but the case then settled).

PUBLIC, ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Peter undertakes large amounts of public law work, in particular in the Privy Council.

He specialises in a broad range of appellate work there, in particular contract and constitutional law cases, and pro bono cases in capital appeals. He has acted for most of the



Governments in the Caribbean on many high profile cases, and has advised on the drafting of a considerable amount of legislation.

Recent cases are:-

[Steve Ferguson v. Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago](#) [2016] UKPC 2

[Alleyn and others v The Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago](#) [2015] UKPC 3

[Brantley and others v Constituency Boundaries Commission and others](#) [2015] UKPC 21

[Annissa Webster and others v The Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago](#) [2015] UKPC 10

[Bimini Blue Coalition Ltd v. Prime Minister of the Bahamas](#) [2014] UKPC 23

[Attorney General v. HMB Holdings Ltd](#) [2014] UKPC 5

MEMBERSHIPS

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QUALIFICATIONS

British Italian Law Association MA (Classics) (First Class)

Wadham College, Oxford