

## PAUL CHAISTY QC

Year of call: 1982

Clerked by: Gary Young

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Banking & Finance   Commercial Litigation   Company  
Insolvency   International & Offshore   Partnership   Private Client,  
Trusts and Probate   Professional Negligence   Real Estate  
Litigation   Sport



## Private Client, Trusts and Probate

In the area of wills and trusts, Paul has extensive experience in disputes both domestic and international between trustees and beneficiaries, the appointment, removal and replacement of trustees and executors and the administration of trusts and estates. He also has experience in acting for and against trust corporations both in the Courts of England and Wales and in advising in offshore jurisdictions.

Paul undertakes all aspects of drafting, advisory and litigation work in the following areas:

- Wills, probate and administration
- Issues involving the validity of wills and trusts, construction and rectification claims
- Duties of Executors, Administrators and Trustees
- Breach of trust claims
- Inheritance Act claims
- Related professional negligence

### Profile

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A leading specialist in chancery and commercial dispute resolution with emphasis on general commercial litigation, business law/disputes, insolvency, partnership disputes ( with emphasis on professional partnerships) and civil fraud. Has appeared at all levels Supreme Court/Privy Council and regularly appears in the Court of Appeal and High Court and in arbitrations. Also regularly appears in the Courts of the BVI at first instance and appellate levels. Very highly regarded for expertise and skills as a trial litigator with a considerable reputation for powers of cross examination, speed of thought and command of detail and overall tactical and strategic advice. Also a full member of Serle Court, Lincoln's Inn.

**Year of Silk:** 2001

### Areas of Expertise

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## Memberships

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COMBAR, Chancery Bar Association, NCCBA and Northern Chancery Bar Association

## Appointments

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Deputy High Court Judge authorised to sit in Chancery and Queen's Bench Division and Mercantile Court. Called to the Bar in the BVI and on ad hoc basis in the Bahamas. Qualified mediator.

## Qualifications

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LLB ( first class), BCL

## Recommendations

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### Chambers UK

Listed as one of only 21 QCs as a "star at the bar" Chambers Directory 2015, 2016 and 2017.

*"His advice is hugely commercial and user-friendly, and his advocacy style remains as strong and aggressive as anyone in the business." "He is one of the most tenacious advocates and an excellent cross-examiner. His commercial insight is invaluable when developing strategies on commercial disputes." Chambers UK 2020*

*"He is a very sound lawyer and very good in court." Chambers UK 2020*

*"He is very bright and a robust advocate in court." Chambers UK 2020*

*"A highly skilled and tenacious barrister." Chambers UK 2020*

*"He is very senior and experienced practitioner. He is very, very good and talented." "He is punchy in court and achieves great results for his clients." Chambers UK 2020*

*"He's a real fighter, but he's also very commercial and doesn't only consider the academic points of law. He's very good with clients." Chambers UK 2020*

*"He has a brilliant mind and is devastating in cross-examinations." Chambers UK 2020*

*"He is succinct and sharp." "He offers insightful and thorough advice on complex issues." - Chambers UK 2018*

*"He is my kind of silk. He has the virtue of concision, gets right to the point and has a good element of the terrier in him. He will persist hard and sometimes meets opponents who will freeze in his presence." "He is very confident and very eloquent." - Chambers UK 2018*

*"Well-regarded commercial and chancery practitioner with particular experience of unfair prejudice actions. Called to the Bars of the British Virgin Islands and the Bahamas." - Chambers UK 2018*

*"Our go-to Manchester silk for partnership or anything of that type; incredibly strong, works really well as part of a team and talks the language of commercial lawyers and their clients." - Chambers UK 2018*

*"He is superb at trial and has devastating cross-examination skills." - Chambers UK 2018*

*"Very tenacious and excellent in cross-examination." "He has a very strong reputation on the circuit." - Chambers UK 2018*

*"He provides solid insolvency advice and is impressive in conference." - Chambers UK 2018*

*"His advocacy skills are second to none. He is incredibly quick and methodical. He cuts through and is able to get to the core of the issues quickly." - Chambers UK 2017*

*"He has a rare ability that combines great intellect with commercial acumen." "He is seriously good: he gets to the crux of things very, very quickly, he is very sharp in court and he can be ferocious when he needs to be." - Chambers UK 2017*

*"A great advocate, who is good on paper, very thorough and excellent in every respect." "Determined, dogged and ferocious in cross-examination." - Chambers UK 2017*

*"He's just world-class and somebody I'd like to have for every single trial. He is so tenacious and on the ball - he never leaves a stone unturned." "He's fantastic, a great advocate, very thorough and great on paper. Excellent in every respect." - Chambers UK 2017*

*"He is very good in court and is an excellent orator." "He is fantastic - very thorough, and his written work is also excellent." - Chambers UK 2017*

*"He is excellent in conference, incredibly tenacious and strategic on his feet. He is able to put across very complex issues well and his work on paper is first rate." - Chambers UK 2016*

*"His skills and strengths are in cross-examination." - Chambers UK 2016*

*"A formidable opponent." - Chambers UK 2016*

"He's very easy to get on with. He's extremely well prepared, and has a good commercial eye for where you and the client want to be. He's also punctual." - Chambers UK 2016

"He is really good on complex, high-value cases - he looks at a case and grasps the issues really quickly." - Chambers UK 2016

"superb at trial, with devastating cross-examination skills" - Chambers UK 2016

"devastating in cross examination"

"intellectually brilliant a ferocious advocate"

"the complete package"

"top-class, commercial and pragmatic and tactically very astute"

"a very tough advocate yet sympathetic with the client and very user friendly"

"a fantastic advocate and a lethal cross examiner"

"an unbelievably effective advocate"

### **The Legal 500**

'A fiery advocate.' - Legal 500 2018

'Incisive, assured and commanding.' - Legal 500 2018

'He has an excellent ability to bring round a judge.' - Legal 500 2017

'He has an innate understanding of what and how much to say.' - Legal 500 2017

