

PAUL CHAISTY KC | MANCHESTER, LEEDS & BIRMINGHAM

Year of call: 1982

Clerked by: Gary Young Harry Young

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:



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

Significant Reported Cases

- *Shua v Camp and Furnace* 2020 EWHC 687. Successfully acted in trial in respect of intellectual property, contract and company claims.
- *The Hut Group Limited* 2020 EWHC 5. Substantial shareholder/unfair prejudice action.
- *Swiss Arbitration* 2020. Acted in 2 week arbitration in Switzerland claims in respect of Joint Venture Agreement in relation to international sales business and acting on related litigation in BVI.
- *Hong Kong Arbitration* 2020. Acted in respect of multi million shareholder dispute in relation to property in China.
- *Pag Asset Preservation* 2019 EWHC 2890. Public interest winding up petition, appeal to Court of Appeal pending.
- *Perry v Neupert* 2019 EWHC 52, 2018 EWHC 2019. Multi layered litigation in UK, BVI and Cayman islands in respect of estate and trust claims.
- *Renaissance v Comodo* 2019 BVI. Acted in 3 week trial in BVI respect of claims to shares in software company and rectification of share register and substantial interim applications and Court of Appeal.
- *Bank of Asia* 2019. Acted in trial and Court of Appeal in respect of claims to shareholding and damages for breach of contract.
- *Kwok v Juan* 2018. Acted in 6 weeks trial and numerous interim applications in BVI and St Lucia. Appeal to Privy Council pending.
- *Company v Company* 2017 EWHC 2319. Freezing injunction application in support of international arbitration.
- *Bony v Kakou* 2017 EWHC 2146. Arbitration and related procedures in respect of premier league footballer and agent agreements.
- *Halsall v Champion* 2017 EWHC 1079. Professional Negligence Claims in respect of advice in relation to tax avoidance schemes.
- *Ming* 2017. Trial and Court of Appeal in BVI in respect of unfair prejudice and shareholder disputes. Appeal to Privy Council pending.
- *Bhullar v Bhullar* 2017 EWHC 407. Derivatives claims and allegations of breach of fiduciary duty.
- *Polypearl v Building Research* 2016 7 WLUC 781. Breach of confidentiality, contract and unfair terms.

Profile

Paul is a leading specialist in chancery and commercial litigation across all fields especially commercial disputes, corporate shareholder actions, civil fraud, partnership, banking, sports law and domestic and international arbitrations. Appears at all levels including Supreme Court/Privy Council, Court of Appeal, High Court and domestic and international arbitrations and is regularly instructed in litigation abroad including in the BVI, Cayman Islands, Singapore (where he is a registered overseas lawyer), the Isle of Man and in the Bahamas on an ad hoc basis.

A specialist trial lawyer with a strong reputation for tactical advice and ruthless cross-examination Paul regularly acts in connection with freezing injunctions, provisional liquidators and associated interim applications. Rated as "Star of the Bar" since 2015. Deputy High Court Judge in Chancery Division and QBD. Also a full member of Serle Court, Lincoln's Inn.

Year of Silk: 2001

Areas of Expertise

Banking & Finance

Commercial Litigation

Company

Insolvency

International & Offshore

Partnership

Private Client, Trusts and Probate

Professional Negligence

Real Estate Litigation

Sport

Memberships

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

Appointments

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

LLB (first class), BCL

Recommendations

Chambers UK 2023

"Paul is one of the most formidable advocates that I've ever seen. Once he gets his teeth into something, he never lets go. He's incredibly pragmatic and approachable, and clients love him."

"Paul is a demon cross-examiner and a thorough barrister."

"Paul is a very impressive barrister who is immensely prepared."

"Paul Chaisty KC is absolutely brilliant advising in conference and as an advocate. He is able to adapt to court procedures all over the world."

Legal 500 2023

"Paul is the best trial lawyer. He brings a superb balance of strategic and commercial thinking with the need to prepare for trial from the outset. He is a first-rate exponent of the art of cross-examination, and usually leaves the opposing witness wishing they had not given a witness statement in the first place."

"Paul is direct and succinct, a very cogent cross examiner and very attentive to client needs in any one scenario. He is a good listener and he is always pitched against leading silks in London and always delivers."

"Paul is the best commercial silk in the north of England. He has a great analytical mind and is a ferocious advocate."

Chambers UK 2022

"He is one of the best silks we have ever worked with - at trial, for advisory work and drafting. He is very quick and succinct and is one of those people judges love. He is really effective and never labours points; he knows exactly what to say and what not to."

Legal 500 2022

"Very capable, he is clear in his advice to the clients. He is very robust and formidable in court."

"Paul is a superb trial counsel, his cross-examination is razor-sharp and on point. Always my trial counsel of choice."

"Paul is obviously very bright, but cross-examination and court skills are his forte. Paul recently won a major victory after a three week trial, attributable almost entirely to cross-examination skills. Paul demonstrates tenacity and strategy."

"Paul is a superb trial counsel; his cross examination is razor sharp and on point. Always my trial Leading Counsel of choice."

Chambers UK 2021

"A great tactician. He has seen it all."

"A very strong advocate."

"His drafting skills are excellent, his conferences with clients are well managed, and his advice is clear." "He is relentless, outstandingly good in cross-examination and tremendously prepared."

"In my view, the best trial lawyer in the country." "He is very well regarded in this field."

"Excellent technically, and as a strategist, his advocacy is confident and succinct. He does not waste time and is businesslike but thorough."

"He knows the law back to front." "He is accessible, he picks up the issues very quickly and he explains them really well to both qualified solicitors and non-qualified clients."

"If he says what he thinks the law is, then you know he's got it right." "Good on his feet and a good advocate. It comes naturally to him."

"He is very tenacious, well-prepared and hard-working, and turns things around quickly." "He is excellent in court."

Legal 500 2020

"He is a formidable trial Counsel, without doubt, my number 1 choice. He crafts his submissions so deftly, never wasting his words with the rhetoric and posturing that so many Counsel feel is necessary which is why he constantly holds the Judge's his attention whilst on his feet."

"He is a very impressive silk."

"On the detail, a fantastic and robust advocate and superb in conference. You want him on your side."

"An excellent silk."

