

Paul Fradley

Called to the Bar 2019

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Paul joined South Square as a tenant in October 2020.

Paul accepts instructions in all of Chambers' core areas of practice, including corporate insolvency and restructuring, bankruptcy, banking and finance, offshore and fund litigation, commercial litigation and arbitration, company law, and trusts.

As a pupil, Paul assisted with a number of insolvency and commercial matters. These include the administration of Thomas Cook, a transaction at an undervalue claim in *Re Hirji*, a claim for wrongful trading (*Manolete v Ellis*), and litigation on the ISDA Master Agreement arising out of the administration of Lehman Brothers. Paul worked on a number of offshore matters including advising on privilege issues in Cayman proceedings and security enforcement in the BVI. Paul also has experience on claims involving conflict of laws issues and permission to serve out.

Paul undertakes drafting and advisory work in Chambers' areas of practice. As a pupil, Paul drafted pleadings in a number of matters including a complex conspiracy, misrepresentation and asset tracing claim. He advised on drafted advice on points including the beneficial entitlement to funds held by an insolvent company, the validity of an appointment of administrators, a proposed unfair harm application against administrators, the impact of a corporate restructuring on various security rights and a dispute about the identity of a contractual counterparty.

Before joining South Square, Paul tutored Undergraduates in the Law of Trusts at both St Anne's and University Colleges, Oxford between 2018 and 2019. During the Bar Course he was awarded the Norman Tapp Memorial Prize for Advocacy by Gray's Inn.

Paul graduated with a First Class degree in Jurisprudence from the University of Oxford, ranking second in his year and winning six University prizes. He subsequently completed the Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) at the University of Oxford, in receipt of a number of scholarships, and graduated with a Distinction. He was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn as a recipient of the Inn's most prestigious scholarships for both the Bar Course and Pupillage (the Bedingfield and Reid Scholarships).

Insolvency and Restructuring

- ***Manolete v Ellis*** [2020] EWHC 1764: trial of claims for wrongful trading, breach of directors' duties, preferences and transactions at an undervalue (assisting Adam Al-Attar).
- ***Crumpler v Candey; Re Peak Hotels and Resorts*** [2019] EWHC 3558 (Ch): valuation of solicitors services for the purposes of section 245 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (assisting Stephen Robins).
- ***Leeds v Beauty Wholesale Ltd; Re Hirji*** [2020] EWHC 175 (Ch): trial of a transaction at an undervalue claim in a bankruptcy (assisting Marcus Haywood).
- ***Colt Technology Services v SG Global Group*** [2020] EWHC 1417 (Ch): application for an

injunction to restrain the presentation of a winding-up petition raising the scope of the *Ralli Bros* principle (assisting William Willson).

- Advising on grounds to resist the sanction of a scheme of arrangement in ***Re Sunbird Business Services Ltd*** [2020] EWHC 2493 (Ch) (assisting Henry Phillips).
 - Research note on class composition and fairness in relation to a proposed scheme of arrangement (assisting Stephen Robins).
 - Drafting skeleton argument in relation to an unfair harm application brought against administrators (assisting Marcus Haywood).
 - Research note on the interaction between the rights of a secured creditor and a CVA / IVA (assisting Henry Phillips)
 - Advising on potential claims for transactions at an undervalue and/or preferences (assisting Matthew Abraham).
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Banking and Finance

- Advising on the impact of a corporate restructuring on various security rights (assisting Alexander Riddiford).
 - Drafted application to remove administrators on the grounds of failing to get FCA consent and subsequent winding-up petition (assisting Alexander Riddiford).
 - Assisting with litigation on the event of default provisions in the ISDA Master Agreement (assisting Henry Phillips).
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Commercial Litigation & Arbitration

- ***Abbi v Slade*** [2019] EWCA Civ 2175: construction of a promise to pay someone else's bills as a guarantee or primary obligation (assisting Stephen Robins).
 - ***The World LLC v Dalal*** [2019] EWHC 2993 (Ch): application to set aside a freezing injunction involving material non-disclosure and the fraud exception to the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments at common law (assisting Stephen Robins).
 - ***Protasov v Derev*** [2020] EWHC 2884 (Ch): application to discharge a Passport Order granted in support of a freezing and asset disclosure order (assisting William Willson).
 - Advising on the identity of the correct contractual counterparty and various conflict of laws issues (assisting William Willson).
 - Drafted skeleton argument for application for permission to serve out and serve by alternative means a number of claims against various defendants involving fraud and asset tracing (assisting Stephen Robins).
 - Drafted skeleton argument for application to join parties to proceedings and to resist application for stay for arbitration (assisting Stephen Robins).
 - Research note on professional misconduct allegations brought against an accountant (assisting Matthew Abraham).
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Offshore

- Advising on privilege and confidentiality issues arising in Cayman proceedings (assisting Alexander Riddiford).
 - Research note on security enforcement in the BVI (assisting William Willson).
 - Drafted pleadings in a complex conspiracy, misrepresentation and asset tracing claim (assisting Adam Al-Attar).
 - Advising on contribution claims in the context of offshore proceedings and a Cayman liquidation (assisting Henry Phillips).
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Company Law

- Advising on the validity of security rights raising issues of corporate governance and directors' duties (assisting Daniel Bayfield QC).
 - Advising on potential directors' disqualification proceedings (assisting William Willson).
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Civil Fraud

- Drafted pleadings in a complex conspiracy, misrepresentation and asset tracing claim (assisting Adam Al-Attar).
 - Drafted skeleton argument for application for permission to serve out and serve by alternative means a number of claims against various defendants involving fraud and asset tracing (assisting Stephen Robins).
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Trusts and Property

- Advising on beneficial entitlement to various funds held by an insolvent company (assisting Stephen Robins).
 - Drafted pleadings in a negligent misstatement claim brought by trustees of a family trust (assisting Adam Al-Attar).
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Career

2020 - Tenancy at South Square

2019 - Pupillage at South Square

2018 - Tutor to undergraduates in the Law of Trusts at both St Anne's and University Colleges, University of Oxford

Education and Qualifications

2019 - Called to the Bar of England and Wales

2018-2019 - BPP, Bar Professional Training Course

2017-2018 - Bachelor of Civil Law, Brasenose College, University of Oxford, Distinction

2014-2017 - BA in Jurisprudence, Brasenose College, University of Oxford, First Class (ranked second in year)

Scholarships and Prizes

2020 - Reid Scholarship (Gray's Inn)

2019 - Norman Tapp Memorial Prize for Advocacy (Gray's Inn)

2018 - Bedingfield Scholarship (Gray's Inn)

2018 - Residential Scholarship (Gray's Inn)

2018 - Excellence Award (BPP)

2017 - Barry Nicholas Scholarship for the BCL (Brasenose College)

2017 - College Law Scholarship for the BCL (Brasenose College)

2017 - One Essex Court Scholarship for the BCL (Brasenose College)

2017 - Wronker Prize (Proxime) (University of Oxford)

2017- Gibbs Prize (Proxime) (University of Oxford)

2017- 5 Stone Building Prize for Trusts (University of Oxford)

2017 - Littleton Chambers Prize in Labour Law (University of Oxford)

2017 - Law Faculty Prize for Personal Property (University of Oxford)

2017 - College Prize for Finals (Brasenose College)

2015 - Open Exhibition (Brasenose College)