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Paul Wright

YEAR OF CALL: 1990

Extremely helpful and approachable" "He's terrific"

Chambers & Partners 2025 and Legal 500 2025

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Practice Overview

Paul Wright acts as an advocate, arbitrator, expert witness and an expert in expert determinations

Paul has a broad-based practice, involving all the main areas of commercial work and administrative law. He is regularly involved in international commercial arbitrations, including under the LCIA and ICC rules, as advocate and arbitrator.

Paul has considerable experience of advising on the implications of the sanctions legislation in the UK and the UK's overseas territories. His cases include advising various English and EU companies on the sanctions implications for proposed SPAs, advising on the sanctions implications for a company's Russian subsidiaries, advising an investor on the effect of sanctions on a proposed receivables purchase agreement, and advising various English and EU companies on the implications for divestment of their Russian assets. He has also advised a number of solicitors firms on the effects of sanctions on aspects of their practices.

Given his extensive and varied experience, he is highly sought after for his advocacy and case management expertise in both the High Court and Arbitration forums, often acting along with lawyers from other jurisdictions for international clients. He has been instructed by Austrian lawyers as the lead advocate in a heavy LCIA arbitration acting for insurers, which involved cross examining experts on complicated technical matters and which has been commended as being "stylish and effective". He has also worked with Canadian lawyers in a heavy ICC arbitration for a large Chinese company.

He has recently acted for insurers on English law questions relating to claims in the Swiss courts and has a strong background in Insurance matters generally, both advisory and litigious.

He has significant experience in civil fraud and asset tracing which have involved High Court

litigation as sole counsel. Paul also has experience of anti-suit injunctions, both in relation to arbitrations and court proceedings.

Paul has considerable experience of acting in proceedings in many jurisdictions, including Jersey, the Bahamas, Switzerland and the Isle of Man. In particular he has been heavily involved in enforcement actions in offshore jurisdictions against trusts set up by judgment debtors.

He also has experience in Russian-related litigation, including fraud claims. Furthermore, Paul has acted in three high-profile cases before the European Court of Human Rights in claims brought by Yukos, Georgia and Ukraine.

He has advised on and acted in relation to a number of banking and financial services matters, including advising on securitisation schemes and private equity disputes so is well placed to handle disputes involving complex financial instruments.

Paul also has considerable expertise in large-scale IT cases, acting for a number of large corporate clients.

Commercial

Some notable cases:

- *OWH SE i.L. (in liquidation) v RTI Limited (in liquidation) and United Company Rusal, IPJSC*.
- ICC Arbitration (2021) Acting for Defendant in 3-week commercial dispute.
- *Nigerian AGIP Exploration Ltd v GEC Petroleum Development Co Ltd* [2021] EWHC 1412 (Comm)
- LCIA Arbitration (2020): 15 day Arbitration acting for insurers in a commercial dispute.
- *JSC Bank of Moscow v Kekhman* [2015] EWHC 3073 (Comm)
- *Re SMP Trustees* [2012] EWHC 772 (Ch) and [2013] EWHC 3678 (Ch)
- *Georgia v Russia* (II) (case no. 38263/08), (European Court of Human Rights. Whether the court should admit the inter-state complaint made by Georgia against Russia arising out of the military conflict in 2008.
- *OAO Neftyanaya Kompaniya Yukos v Russia* (14902/04) (European Court of Human Rights), a US$98bn claim brought by Yukos in the ECHR.
- *R. (on the application of Reckless) v Kent Police Authority* (Court of Appeal)
- *Yugraneft v Abramovich* (Commercial Court)
- *Grupo Torras v Sheikh Fahad and Ors* (Commercial Court) and (Court of Appeal).

Jurisdictional disputes. A leading case on the Brussels Convention.

- *Grupo Torras S.A. v. Al-Sabah*, (Commercial Court). A 4-month civil trial involving over 50 Defendants. The sums claimed were in excess of US$450 million.
- *Grupo Torras v Khaled Al-Sabah and Folchi* (Court of Appeal). A leading case on dishonest assistance.
- *In the Matter of the Esteem Settlement* (Royal Court of Jersey). The case involved tracing, proprietary claims, Pauline claims (the Jersey equivalent of S423 of the UK Insolvency Act 1986) and restitution.
- *Grupo Torras v Khaled Al-Sabah* (QBD). Conditional fee agreements.
- *In the Matter of the Esteem Settlement* (Jersey Royal Court). This is a leading case on the ability of a judgment creditor to enforce his judgment debt against a trust set up by the judgment debtor prior to his frauds. The judgment considers questions of sham, lifting the veil and remedial constructive trust.
- *Sarrio v KIA* (House of Lords). A leading case on the Judgment Regulation.
- *GMA v Storebrand* (Commercial Court) Insurance dispute.
- *Grovewood Holdings v James Capel* (Chancery Division). Acted as junior counsel for the Defendants at the trial. The Case concerned a claim of professional negligence against the financial advisers to a takeover.

- *Salvage Association v Cap Financial Services*. Software development dispute; the trial lasted 3 months.
- *Patel v Bank of India* (Commercial Court), margin trading case.
- *Leeds Cricket Football and Athletic Co Ltd v Craven Gilpin* (QBD). Acted for the Claimants in one of the few cases in which an interlocutory injunction has been granted to prevent the wrongful termination of a joint venture.

Qualifications & Further Information

Qualifications and prizes

LLB Law - Class 1 (top of year)

Inner Temple - Major Scholar

Pegasus Scholarship - Inner Temple

Seminars

He has spoken at seminars on a number of topics, including trust busting, gross negligence in commercial contracts, civil fraud claims, tracing, IT disputes, the Data Protection Act and the Financial Services Act.

Further information

Languages: Spanish

Directory Quotes

- "Paul Wright is a very good lawyer." (Chambers and Partners 2026, Sanctions)
- "Paul is very responsive and strong on knotty sanctions compliance issues. He is very cogent in writing." (Chambers and Partners 2026, Sanctions)
- "Deep knowledge of sanctions and export controls. Pragmatic approach and open minded on commercial solutions. A pleasure to deal with." (Legal 500 2026, Sanctions)
- "Paul is brilliant at the technical commercial and corporate advice relating to compliance. He's very good at dissecting corporate documents and putting them in simple terms. He's terrific." (Chambers & Partners 2025, Sanctions)
- "Paul Wright is excellent at the commercial corporate aspects of sanctions law." (Chambers & Partners 2025, Sanctions)
- "Extremely helpful and approachable - solicitors are pleased with the quality of the work he does for them." (Legal 500 2025, Sanctions)
- "applies a thoroughness to his cases that wins the support of market authorities" (Chambers & Partners)
- "always approachable," "a shrewd judge of legal issues" "makes himself available despite a heavy workload" (Chambers & Partners)