



Year of Call

2017

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Practice Profile

Paul transferred to the Scottish Bar in July 2017.

He is an English-qualified barrister and now an associate (door) tenant at Doughty Street Chambers, London, where he continues practice mainly in the fields of public law and criminal law.

He worked for ten years (2005-2016) as a lawyer in the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. In that period, he worked on cases which touched on virtually every area of human rights law in the United Kingdom. The subject matter of the cases ranged across commercial law, counter-terrorism measures, criminal law, family law, and immigration and asylum law. Selected cases include the Al-Khawaja and Tahery, Munjaz, Othman (abu Qatada), NA, and Vinter and others judgments.

Upon returning to Scotland from Strasbourg, Paul spent six months working in the Litigation Division of the Scottish Government Legal Directorate gaining first-hand experience of public-law litigation in Scotland.

He also has strong interest and expertise in forensic science and medicine: he is the author (with Helen Whitwell, Katy Thorne, and Sacha Kolar) of the sixth edition of Mason's Forensic Medicine for Lawyers.

Paul speaks fluent French, Italian and Spanish, and has beginner's Russian and Bulgarian. He is able to accept instructions in cases which require consideration of documents drafted in these languages. Other, more exotic languages have thus far eluded him.

Education & Professional Career to Date

Called to the Bar, 2017

Litigation Division, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Nov 2016-April 2017

Lawyer, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg, 2005 - 2016

Associate/Door Tenant, Doughty Street Chambers, London, 2013-date

PhD in Law, European University Institute, Florence

LLB (First class Honours) University of Glasgow

Appointments

- Member of the European Committee, Lincoln's Inn
- International Society for the Reform of the Criminal Law Young Criminal Justice Professional (2015)

Areas of Practice

- Commercial
- Crime
- Employment, Discrimination and Harassment
- Family
- Public Law

Publications & Seminars

Books:

Mason's Forensic Medicine for Lawyers (6th edition), Bloomsbury Professional, 2015 (co-authored with Helen Whitwell, Katy Thorne and Sacha Kolar)

Harris, O'Boyle and Warwick, Law of the European Convention on Human Rights (contributing author to 2nd and 3rd editions and the forthcoming 4th edition)

Selected articles:

The UK and the European Courts: Has the Incoming Tide Become All Washed up? [2016] E.H.R.L.R. 283

Implementing English votes for English laws--an EVEL task? Lexis PSL, 30 October 2015

Review of A. Arlidge & I. Judge "Magna Carta Uncovered" [2015] E.H.R.L.R. 327

Recent lectures:

"L'influence de la common law sur la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme", L'cole nationale de la magistrature, Paris, 15 March 2016

Additional Information

Fluent French, Spanish & Italian

Beginner's Russian & Bulgarian

Regular participant in Council of Europe/UN training seminars for judges, prosecutors and practitioners, principally in the fields of counter-terrorism, immigration and criminal law.