

## 3PB Barrister Profile



### Peter Jennings

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#### Academic Qualifications

MA Cantab, LLM London

McMahon Student of St John's College, Cambridge

#### Business & Commercial Law

Peter Jennings has advised on and acted in a wide variety of cases in the corporate and commercial fields and handles cases from all parts of the country and in all courts. Peter is an editor and author of books on damages and civil procedure and has contributed to legal journals. His master's degree is in air law, carriage by sea and marine insurance. He is a member of the Professional Negligence Bar Association.

#### Commercial and business law generally

Peter's experience of commercial and business cases includes the following kinds of work:

- Banking and guarantees
- Agency, from residential estate agents to commission on the purchase of an aircraft
- Carriage of goods
- Sale of goods, ranging from consumer transactions to agricultural equipment
- Work and services, including such areas as domestic interior designers, architects and builders and the development of new dental health products
- Copyright and passing-off
- Business relationships generally, from the development of golf courses in Portugal to the design of private medical insurance policies
- Bankruptcy
- Insurance, including avoidance for non-disclosure
- Mortgages and brokers

#### Corporate matters

Peter has acted as an Inspector for the Department of Trade and Industry in cases under the Financial Services Act. His experience of corporate work includes:

- Company insolvency
- Winding-up on the petition of a contributory
- Partnership matters, from restaurants to veterinary surgeons.

### **Professional negligence in the commercial context**

Peter has a special interest in professional negligence and liability.

He has broad experience of cases involving the negligence of legal practitioners, both in the conduct of litigation and in handling and advising in property and commercial transactions.

He has acted in cases arising out of underlying matters ranging from criminal injury compensation claims to admiralty proceedings. They include commercial matters such as mortgages and the sale of a private company.

Peter has also handled cases involving the negligence of accountants in the context of tax affairs and company accounts, and has acted in cases concerning other professionals such as insurance brokers and stockbrokers.

### **Publications and lectures**

Peter is an editor and author of *Facts and Figures: Professional Negligence Bar Association Tables for the Calculation of Damages*, was for some years an author of the Inns of Court School of Law book on *Civil Procedure* and has contributed to legal journals. He teaches advocacy, ethics and human rights for his Inn of Court, the circuit and the Bar Council. He is a former examiner for the Bar examinations and before coming to the Bar lectured at Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria.

### **Indicative cases**

*Lawrence v European Credit Company v anor* (1992) Times LR 29.6.92 (insolvency)

*Board of Governors of the National Heart and Chest Hospital v Chettle and anor* (1997) CA transcript 23.10.97 (costs)

*Constantinou v Aegon Insurance (UK) Ltd* (1997) CA transcript 19.12.97 (insurance)

*Stalham Engineering v Homer* [2001] EWCA Civ 1586 (sale of goods)

### **Professional Qualifications and Appointments**

- Accredited Mediation Advocate
- Legal Assessor to the General Dental Council
- Legal Assessor to the General Medical Council
- Master of the Bench (Middle Temple)

### **Professional Bodies**

- Criminal Bar Association
- Professional Negligence Bar Association (PNBA)
- Western Circuit