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Harry Peto is building a busy practice across all of Chambers' core areas, with a particular focus on personal injury, credit hire, public law and inquiries.

Harry takes an interest in employment law and contributes monthly to the Employment Brief Update newsletter. He is eager to develop this practice area whether through pro bono work or otherwise.

Harry undertakes pro bono work for Bail for Immigration Detainees.

Expertise

Personal Injury

Harry is regularly instructed in Fast Track trials, CCMCs, applications, small claims and stage 3 hearings in personal injury and credit hire matters, including cases involving allegations of fundamental dishonesty. He acts for both claimants and defendants. Harry also maintains a written practice, drafting pleadings and providing both formal and informal advice on liability and quantum in a variety of personal injury cases, including accidents at work, occupier's liability, and road traffic cases. He has advised on and successfully negotiated settlement in multi-track cases.

As a pupil, Harry contributed to Chambers' response to a Law Commission consultation on the law of driverless vehicles. He spent 1 year contributing to the Personal Injury Brief Update newsletter, writing on personal injury, civil procedure, and costs.

Public Law

Harry undertook his second six months of pupillage in 2020 under the supervision of Nicholas Chapman. In that time, he assisted in drafting pleadings and advices in highly sensitive public law and immigration cases at the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court levels. These often involved complex points of procedure, statute and case law, as well as broad-brush arguments regarding public law principles.



Harry is on the Government Legal Department's junior junior scheme and has been instructed numerous times by the GLD, including advising and drafting pleadings in an involved unlawful detention claim brought against the Ministry of Justice.

Inquiries

Harry is eager to develop his experience of public inquiries. He is currently undertaking work for the Brook House Inquiry, which concerns allegations of misconduct and mismanagement by the Home Office and G4S in an immigration detention centre.

Motor Insurance Fraud

Harry is well-equipped to handle cases involving allegations of dishonesty, both for claimants and defendants. He has experience in advising clients in conference as to the prospects of such findings being made.

Credit Hire

Harry is familiar with the relevant authorities on the common issues raised in credit hire cases. He appears frequently on behalf of claimants and defendants in fast-track trials.

Insurance

Harry has undertaken work for a legal insurance firm, which involved providing advices in very short timeframes on the prospects of success in a wide variety of claims, the areas of law including contracts, professional negligence, trusts, land, construction, commercial fraud, nuisance, and professional ethics.

Extradition & Interpol

Harry undertook paperwork in extradition law as a pupil and has appeared in the Westminster Magistrates' Court in procedural hearings and bail applications.

Appointments

- Independent Office for Police Conduct Panel of Counsel

Awards



- Exhibition Award, Inner Temple (2018)
- Exhibition Scholarship, Inner Temple (2017)
- Thirkill Award, Clare College (2015)
- Foundation Scholarship, Clare College (2014)

Education

- BPTC (Outstanding), City University
- GDL (Commendation), City University
- MPhil Political Thought & Intellectual History, Clare College, University of Cambridge
- BA (Hons) Politics, Psychology & Sociology (First Class, Second Year; Declared Deserving of Honours, Third Year), Clare College, University of Cambridge

Memberships

- Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)
- Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA)