

Paul Tonkin

Partner
London

Biography

A Partner in Hogan Lovells' leading Real Estate Disputes Team, Paul Tonkin focuses on development disputes. He guides clients through the contentious aspects of large development schemes and has extensive experience of obtaining vacant possession of development sites, often in the most time-pressured and sensitive of situations. Paul is also one of very few lawyers who fully understand the complex area of rights of light and is regularly instructed to advise on rights of light issues on high profile development schemes in central London and beyond.

Paul is also recognized for his broad knowledge in rent review and is regularly approached by both landlords and occupiers to advise on complex rent reviews. He is a member of ARBRIX and has been described as "best in class" for rent review.

Representative experience

Acting for The Crown Estate on all contentious aspects of its landmark St James's Market Development, including securing possession for over 100 tenants.

Acting for a large utilities provider in obtaining an emergency injunction to enable police to remove environmental protestors from a power station.

Successfully acting for a major international developer



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Languages

English

Practices

Real Estate

Industries

Real Estate

Private Capital

Areas of focus

Real Estate Development

Real Estate Investment

in a three week trial relating to adverse possession and ancient mooring rights over the River Thames.

Acting for a major bank in multi-million pound professional negligence proceedings against a firm of values, including representation at a successful mediation.

Acting for a major international developer in court proceedings successfully contesting a refusal of consent under a restrictive covenant which would have otherwise prevented a multi-million pound luxury residential development.

Acting for an international media group on resolving contentious issues in connection with its relocation to a landmark London building.

Acting for a Sovereign Wealth fund on a joint venture dispute concerning one of London's most prestigious redevelopments.

Advising Ballymore Group on rights of light issues across its London development portfolio.

Awards and rankings

- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2019-2020
- Star Associate, Real Estate Litigation, *Chambers UK*, 2014
- Real Estate Litigation, *Legal 500*, 2011-2013

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - UK Fire Safety: Who's picking up the bill on cladding?
- News
 - UK COVID-19 rent arrears: Courts provide clarity in a series of important cases
- News

Real Estate Litigation and Disputes

Education and admissions

Education

LL.B. (Hons First Class), University of Bristol

Memberships

Property Litigation Association
RICS Dilapidations Forum
RICS Telecoms Forum

Accolades

Chambers UK Star Associate

Legal 500 - 2015-2018

"Next Generation Lawyer"

Legal 500 - 2018

"Rising Star"

Expert Guides 2015 - 2018

- UK commercial landlords and tenants:
Government says your views will shape the road out of Covid-19
- News
 - Taxes for towers - righting the wrongs of the past?
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Supreme Court ruling in restrictive covenant case: ignore covenants at your own risk *Keeping It Real Estate*
- Webinar
 - UK COVID-19 webinar: Q&A for landlords and tenants