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Year of call: **2008**
Degree: **MA (Cantab); LLB (first class)**

Peter is a senior junior practising in commercial law, with a particular emphasis on commercial fraud. He has particular expertise in fraud claims with an insolvency or company law element, as well as insolvency and company law claims more generally (including unfair prejudice petitions). He is also an experienced practitioner in commercial arbitration.

Peter has been ranked in Chambers UK, Chambers Global and Legal 500 (tier 1 for civil fraud) for many years. Recent comments include:

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- "He is very respectful, well prepared, calm and persuasive."- Chambers & Partners, 2026
- "Peter is great to work with - responsive, intelligent and user-friendly."- Legal 500, 2025
- "He is excellent in all regards; he picks up on strategy and key points in every little detail. "- Chambers & Partners, 2025

Recent cases include:

- Devas v India. Acting for the Republic of India in an arbitration claim relating to a $1bn investor-State arbitration.
- His Excellency Sheikh Khalid Bin Ahmed Al Hamed and others v His Excellency Sheikh Hamed Bin Ahmed Al Hamed and another. Acting for members of the extended royal family of Abu Dhabi in the enforcement of a UAE judgment for approximately £95 million.
- Magomedov v TPG and others. Acting for the one of the defendants to a $14 billion fraud claim.
- Skatteforvaltningen (the Danish Customs and Tax Administration) v Solo Capital Partners LLP (in Special Administration) and ors. Acted for one of the defendants to a $1.5 billion fraud claim.

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- Arcelormittal USA LLC v Ruia and others. Acted for one of the world's largest steel companies in a $1.5bn conspiracy claim arising out of a Minnesota iron ore pellet agreement.
- Suppipat v Narongdej and others. Acted for the Claimant in a $1-2bn fraud claim relating to the sale of a wind energy business in Thailand.

EXPERIENCE

Civil Fraud, Asset Recovery & Injunctive Relief

Peter has wide experience of high value commercial fraud claims, injunctive relief, and associated enforcement issues. Many of his cases have cross-border elements, and often involve related insolvency and other proceedings in other jurisdictions. He has wide experience of obtaining and resisting freezing orders, proprietary injunctions, Norwich Pharmacal/Bankers Trust orders, and search orders.

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Cases

Ndungu v SPG Limited and others
[2025] EWHC 3039 (Ch)
Acting for an online gaming business in its successful defence of a claim under section 563 of the Companies Act 2006 for breach of statutory pre-emption provisions.

Eraaya Lifespaces Limited v Elara Capital plc
[2025] EWHC 1506 (Comm)
Acting for an Indian e-commerce company in a $40 million dispute arising out of a bond issue.

Magomedov v TPG and others
[2025] EWHC 59 (Comm)
Acting for a defendant in his successful jurisdiction challenge to a $14 billion fraud claim.

His Excellency Sheikh Khalid Bin Ahmed Al Hamed and ors v His Excellency Sheikh Hamed Bin Ahmed Al Hamed and ors
[2024] EWHC 2448 (Comm)
Acting for members of the extended royal family of Abu Dhabi in proceedings for the enforcement of a c.£95 million UAE judgment.

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Magomedov v TPG and others

[2024] EWHC 1205 (Comm)

Acting for one of the defendants in a claim alleging a $14 billion fraud. Claims in conspiracy; freezing orders; jurisdiction challenges.

Chowgule & Company Private Limited and another v Shirke and others

Commercial Court, 2023

Acting for one of the Defendants to an alleged $130 million shipping fraud.

Skatteforvaltningen (the Danish Customs and Tax Administration) v Solo Capital Partners LLP (in Special Administration) and ors

Commercial Court, 2023

Acting for one of the defendants in this claim relating to an alleged US$1.5bn fraud.

Goyal v BGF Investment Management Limited and others

[2023] EWHC 1180 (Comm)

Dispute arising out of the sale of a technology business with claims in deceit and unlawful means conspiracy.

Arcelormittal North America Holdings LLC v Ruia and others

[2022] EWHC 1378 (Comm)

Successful resistance of strike out and summary judgment application in proceedings alleging a $1.5bn unlawful means conspiracy.

Morjaria and others v Mirza and others

Chancery Division, 2022

Joint venture dispute with related unfair prejudice and insolvency proceedings in Jersey.

Suppipat & ors v Narongdej & ors

[2021] EWHC 3259 (Comm)

US$1-2 billion claim alleging a conspiracy to deprive a Thai entrepreneur of a majority interest in the leading renewable energy company in Thailand. The claim involved 17 defendants, parallel ICC arbitrations and ancillary proceedings in the BVI, Belize, Hong Kong and Singapore.

ArcelorMittal USA LLC v Ruia and others

[2020] EWHC 3349 (Comm)

Conspiracy proceedings for in excess of $1.5 billion arising out of a North American mining contract. Related proceedings in the Cayman Islands, Mauritius and New York.

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Arcelormittal USA LLC v Ruia and others

[2020] EWHC 740 (Comm)

Acting for ArcelorMittal in this $1.5bn conspiracy claim arising out of an iron ore contract in Minnesota. Related proceedings in the Cayman Islands.

EM Solar Limited

Queen's Bench Division, 2019

Claim for injunctive relief and Bankers' Trust relief in relation to a company trading in solar panels.

Reignwood Group v Ni

Commercial Court, 2017-2018

Acting for the Reignwood Group in this joint venture dispute governed (in part) by Chinese law. Related proceedings in Luxembourg and the US.

Guralp Systems Ltd and others v Guralp

Commercial Court, 2015-2018

Acted for the defendant in a claim relating to alleged bribery of a foreign public official. Parallel investigation by the Serious Fraud Office.

Property Professionals + Limited v Jackson

2015-2018

£20m + claim by liquidators arising out of an alleged unlawful return of capital, including claims in conspiracy and deceit.

Sabbagh v Khoury and ors

[2017] EWCA Civ 1120

Acted for the successful appellant in this US$600 million claim relating to one of the world’s largest private construction and infrastructure companies.

CWY International Construction Company Ltd v Bilson

Queen's Bench Division, 2017

Proceedings to recover monies fraudulently procured by a solicitor.

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Commercial

Peter's commercial practice takes in a wide variety of disputes including claims for and against financial institutions, joint venture disputes, professional negligence claims, company law claims, jurisdiction disputes, oil and gas disputes, and a range of general commercial and contractual claims. He is frequently instructed in very high value claims as part of a counsel team, and also has considerable advocacy experience as sole counsel.

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The Republic of India v CC/Devas (Mauritius) Ltd

[2026] EWHC 156 (Comm)

Acting for the Republic of India in successfully resisting the determination of an application under section 45 of the Arbitration Act 1996 on the basis of preliminary issues.

Ndungu v SPG Limited and others

[2025] EWHC 3039 (Ch)

Acting for an online gaming business in its successful defence of a claim under section 563 of the Companies Act 2006 for breach of statutory pre-emption provisions.

The Republic of India v CC/Devas (Mauritius) Ltd (in administration) and other companies (CC/Devas (Mauritius) Ltd and other companies, intervening)

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Szafnauer v AMR GP Limited

King's Bench Division, 2024

Acting for a Formula 1 team principal in proceedings alleging constructive dismissal and unlawful deprivation of shareholdings.

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[2024] EWHC 1205 (Comm)

Acting for one of the defendants in a claim alleging a $14 billion fraud. Claims in conspiracy; freezing orders; jurisdiction challenges.

Wintermute Trading Limited v Terraform Labs Pte Limited

[2024] EWHC 141 (KB)

Acting for the successful appellant in proceedings relating to a claim brought under the Evidence (Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) Act 1975.

Chowgule & Company Private Limited and another v Shirke and others

Commercial Court, 2023

Acting for one of the Defendants to an alleged $130 million shipping fraud.

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The Football Association Premier League Limited v PPLive Sports International Limited

[2022] EWHC 38 (Comm)

Dispute arising out of a $701 million contract for broadcasting rights in Mainland China and Macau. Successfully obtained summary judgment for the Premier League for over $200 million.

Barings (UK) Limited and others v Galapagos S.A.

[2022] EWHC 1633 (Ch)

Insolvency proceedings arising out of a €1bn debt restructuring

Morjaria and others v Mirza and others

Chancery Division, 2022

Joint venture dispute with related unfair prejudice and insolvency proceedings in Jersey.

Galapagos Bidco SARL v Kebekus & Ors

Chancery Division, 2022

Acting for a Luxembourg finance company in a dispute arising out of a €1bn debt restructuring.

Suppipat & ors v Narongdej & ors

[2021] EWHC 3259 (Comm)

US$1-2 billion claim alleging a conspiracy to deprive a Thai entrepreneur of a majority interest in the leading renewable energy company in Thailand. The claim involved 17 defendants, parallel ICC arbitrations and ancillary proceedings in the BVI, Belize, Hong Kong and Singapore.

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[2020] EWHC 3349 (Comm)

Conspiracy proceedings for in excess of $1.5 billion arising out of a North American mining contract. Related proceedings in the Cayman Islands, Mauritius and New York.

Industrial and Commercial Bank of China v Ambani

[2020] EWHC 272 (Comm)

Proceedings under a personal guarantee for a sum of $657 million.

Arcelormittal USA LLC v Ruia and others

[2020] EWHC 740 (Comm)

Acting for ArcelorMittal in this $1.5bn conspiracy claim arising out of an iron ore contract in Minnesota. Related proceedings in the Cayman Islands.

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AIG Financial Products Corp Inc v Gruber and others

[2020] EWCA Civ 31

Acting for the successful appellant (AIG Financial Products Corp) in proceedings brought by 23 former employees for deferred remuneration in excess of $100 million.

W Nagel (a firm) v Pluczenik Diamond Company N.V. and others

[2019] EWHC 3126 (QB)

Proceedings under CPR 71.

Industrial and Commercial Bank of China v Ambani

[2019] EWHC 3436 (Comm)

$657 million claim under a personal guarantee; summary judgment; conditional orders.

Gruber and another v AIG Management France, SA and another

[2019] EWHC 1676 (Comm)

Quantum proceedings following judgment on liability in a claim arising out of the $85 billion bail-out of AIG by the US Federal Reserve in 2008.

Reignwood Group v Ni

Commercial Court, 2017-2018

Acting for the Reignwood Group in this joint venture dispute governed (in part) by Chinese law. Related proceedings in Luxembourg and the US.

Pluczenik Diamond Company N.V. v Nagel

[2018] EWCA Civ 2640

Appeal in relation to the applicability of the Commercial Agents Regulations and assessment of damages for loss of profits.

Re Idverde

Chancery Division, 2018

Dispute under a Share Purchase Agreement raising pensions/actuarial issues in relation to a defined benefit scheme.

Naibu v Daniel Stewart and another

Chancery Division, 2018

£195 million claim arising out of the listing on AIM of a Chinese shoe and leisurewear manufacturer.

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Gruber and others v AIG Inc and others

[2018] EWHC 3030 (Comm)

Acted for various companies in the AIG Group in this $100 million claim by former banker employees.

Guralp Systems Ltd and others v Guralp

Commercial Court, 2015-2018

Acted for the defendant in a claim relating to alleged bribery of a foreign public official. Parallel investigation by the Serious Fraud Office.

Fannigan Holdings Limited v Doherty

[2017] BPIR 980

Acting for the successful appellant in relation to a £2 million statutory demand. Issues as to the definition of a debt at common law and the meaning of a debt for a liquidated sum under the Insolvency Act 1986.

Nagel v Pluczenik Diamond Company N.V.

[2017] EWHC 1750 (Comm); [2017] EWHC 2104 (Comm)

Acting for a De Beers Sightholder in a claim under the Commercial Agents Regulations 1993 and at common law.

CWY International Construction Company Ltd v Bilson

Queen's Bench Division, 2017

Proceedings to recover monies fraudulently procured by a solicitor.

Sabbagh v Khoury and ors

[2017] EWCA Civ 1120

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Agents' Mutual Limited v Moginie James Limited

[2016] EWHC 3384 (Ch)

Commercial and competition law claims relating to an online property portal.

Orb a.r.l. v Ruhan and others

Commercial Court, 2016

Multi-party litigation arising out of an alleged property joint venture.

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Antigua Power Company Limited v The Attorney General of Antigua and Barbuda and others

2015, High Court of Antigua

Proceedings relating to the Antigua electricity supply.

Rosserlane Consultants Ltd v Credit Suisse International

[2015] EWHC 384 (Ch)

Dispute arising out of the sale of the largest onshore oil and gas field in Azerbaijan.

FBME Bank Ltd v Elwes

[2012] EWHC 2209 (QB)

Acted for a Cypriot bank in a claim under personal guarantees.

Company

Peter has wide experience of company law disputes, including unfair prejudice petitions and derivative claims. Many of his company law claims have an international or cross-border element. He also has wide experience of arbitrating company law issues, and of seeking and resisting associated injunctive relief.

Cases

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[2020] EWHC 3349 (Comm)

Conspiracy proceedings for in excess of $1.5 billion arising out of a North American mining contract. Related proceedings in the Cayman Islands, Mauritius and New York.

Doherty v Fannigan Holdings Limited

[2018] EWCA Civ 1615

Court of Appeal decision in relation to whether a claim for a sum due under a Share Purchase Agreement was a liquidated debt.

Arbitration

Peter has extensive experience of arbitrations under LCIA, SIAC, ICC, SCMA and UNCITRAL rules, and related Court applications.

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Acting for the Republic of India in an arbitration claim relating to a Bilateral Investment Treaty arbitration

Confidential

UNCITRAL rules, 2025

BIT dispute for over $1 billion.

Confidential

LCIA, 2023

Dispute in relation to an oil and gas joint venture in Yemen

Confidential

LCIA, 2022

Dispute relating to a litigation funding agreement. With Lord Pannick KC.

Confidential

SCMA, 2020

A $10 million dispute arising out of a steel contract.

Confidential

SIAC, 2020

Delhi-seated arbitration concerning pre-emption rights.

Confidential

ICC, 2019

$1bn dispute relating to share subscription agreements.

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Confidential
LCIA, 2019-2020

€100m dispute between shareholders of a mining company in Sub-Saharan Africa, and a claim against its director and shareholder under a guarantee.

Confidential
LCIA, 2015

An LCIA arbitration arising out of the breakdown in the relationship between a Cayman-based carried interest partner and a U.S. based placement agency.

Confidential
LCIA, 2015

A dispute in relation to a Costa Rican joint venture.

Confidential
UNCITRAL rules, 2013-2014

A $400 million oil and gas dispute against an African State.

Confidential
ICC, 2012

A claim by investors arising out of the Madoff fraud.

Claim to set aside enforcement of arbitration award
Commercial Court, 2012

A claim seeking to set aside enforcement of a Slovakian arbitration award.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Education
MA (Cantab); LLB (first class)

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Prizes & Scholarships

- Buchanan Prize, Lincoln's Inn
- Eastham Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
- Lincoln's Inn Mooting Competition, winner
- Mansfield Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
- Hardwicke Entrance Award, Lincoln's Inn

Memberships

- COMBAR
- Chancery Bar Association
- Commercial Fraud Lawyers Association
- LCIA

Selected earlier reported cases

Civil Fraud, Asset Recovery & Injunctive Relief

- JSC BTA Bank v Ablyazov and others
- Jenington and others v Assaubayev and others
- Cadogan Petroleum plc v Tolley and others
- Royal Westminster Investments SA v Nilon Limited

Restructuring & Insolvency

- Official Receiver v Negus

Arbitration

- A dispute relating to a satellite supply contract
- A claim by a telecommunications operator arising out of a construction contract in Kuwait
- A claim by an Indian real estate management company with connected proceedings in Singapore, Mauritius and India

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