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Paul Stafford's experience covers a broad range of chancery litigation, advisory work and arbitration with a commercial emphasis and a strong background in construction and property. His practice includes corporate law and insolvency, the regulation, negligence and dishonesty of professionals (especially solicitors), partnership, trusts and real property.

He was educated at Whitgift Trinity School and Christ Church, Oxford, where he won the University Arnold Historical Essay Prize and took a First in Modern History. He was then a Senior Scholar at St Antony's College and Junior Research Fellow and Lecturer at Christ Church, where he completed a doctorate on the origins of World War Two. He was called to the Bar in 1987, was a scholar of Gray's Inn and a winner of the Karmel (Chancery) Prize. After pupillage in building and civil engineering chambers, he came to ten old square.

He has significant experience of working for government in heavy litigation, both as an advocate and on an advisory basis. For three years he acted as counsel to the Attorney-General of the Falkland Islands, and has appeared in the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal of the Falkland Islands. He has also acted for HM Revenue and Customs on matters involving VAT carousel fraud. More recently, his practice has extended into public and financial services law and he has obtained successful judgments on behalf of clients in judicial review proceedings against the Law Society and the Financial Ombudsman Service.

Since 2003 he has sat regularly on the Appeals Committee, the Disciplinary Committee, and the Admissions and Licensing Committee of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. He is a member of the Chancery Bar Association.

**Paul's notable cases include:**

- *Inverugie Investments Ltd v Hackett* [1995] 1 WLR 713, PC (Measure of damages for trespass to commercial property)
- *Saigol v Cranley Mansion Ltd (No.2)* [1996] EGCS 81, CA (cause of action assignment by co-defendant)
- *Clive Brooks & Co Ltd v Baynard* [1998] TLR 269, CA (cause of action assignment by insolvent construction company in breach of security for costs order)
- *Fairview New Homes plc v Government Row Residents Association Ltd* [1998] EGCS 92, Scott V-C (developers and user of private right of way)
- *Saigol v Cranley Mansion Ltd (No.3)* [2000] 72 Con LR 54, CA (effect on claimant's damages of compromised claim against another defendant)
- *Mortgage Express Ltd v Newman (No.1)* [2000] PNLR 298 (Ch D) (SIF disclaiming liability on ground of dishonesty); [2001] PNLR 5, CA
- *Mortgage Express Ltd v Newman (No.2)* [2001] Lloyds LR (PN) 669 (Ch D)
- *White v Office for Supervision of Solicitors* [2001] EWHC (Admin) 1149, Lightman J (solicitor and OSS finding of inadequate professional service)
- *Attorney-General for the Falkland Islands v Gordon Forbes Construction (Falklands) Ltd* [2003] BLR 280 (FI Supreme Court) (meaning of clause 53 of FIDIC Conditions of Contract for Works of Civil Engineering Construction)
- *Garrison Investment Analysis Ltd v Financial Ombudsman Service Ltd* [2006] All ER (D) 110; [2006] EWHC (Admin) 2466, Sullivan J (independent financial adviser required to make recompense by Financial Services Ombudsman)