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Peter Smith joined Outer Temple Chambers in April 2020 as a door tenant. He will be accepting work through Outer Temple Chambers alongside his role as a Senior Associate at Charles Russell Speechlys in Dubai, UAE.

He is recommended as a 'Rising Star' in the Legal 500 2020 (Dispute Resolution: Arbitration and International Litigation: Tier 1) and as "notable" in the Legal 500 2019.

Peter was called to the English Bar in 2008 and is a Part II-registered practitioner in the Dubai International Financial Centre Courts, a Dubai Legal Affairs Department Legal Consultant, a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a registered practitioner with rights of audience in the Astana International Finance Centre Courts and the Astana International Arbitration Centre.

Peter is a barrister with experience of a wide range of commercial disputes including banking and finance, employment, technology and construction, real estate and professional negligence (acting for both claimants and defendants, including professional indemnity insurers). He has an extensive knowledge of cross-jurisdictional media law including defamation (both libel and slander), malicious falsehood, data protection and media regulation.

He also has experience of:

- Arbitration proceedings under LCIA/DIFC-LCIA, DIAC and ICC arbitration rules
- Litigation in the UAE Courts and under UAE law
- Legislative drafting
- ADR
- Costs disputes

Peter is based in Dubai and Abu Dhabi and regularly travels across the region.

Areas of Expertise

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Work in the Middle East

Peter's recent DIFC & ADGM litigation experience includes:

(1) Orion Holdings Overseas Limited (2) Orion Global Financial Services LLC (3) Orion Capital Limited (all in liquidation) v (1) Mohammed Abu Al Haj (2) Nidal Abdel Khaleq Abu Al Haj (3) Privatbank IHAG Zurich AG [2015] CFI-033 (jurisdiction; permission to appeal)

Mashreq Al Islami Finance Company PJSC (formerly Al Badr Islamic Finance Company PJSC) v Babar Rehman [2017] CFI-016 (breach of Ijarah residential property agreement)

Tavira Securities Limited v (1) Re Point Ventures FZCO (2) Jai Narain Gupta (3) Mayank Kumar (4) Saroj Gupta [2017] CFI-026 (breach of contract; jurisdiction)

Sunteck Lifestyles Limited v (1) Al Tamimi and Company Limited (2) Grand Valley General Trading LLC [2017] CFI-048 (interim injunction)

GlobeMed Gulf Healthcare Solutions LLC v Oman Insurance Company PSC [2017] CFI-015 (ongoing)

Associa MENA Owners Association Services v IT-UP-02 Index Tower Residential Body Corporate [2017] SCT-355

(1) Vinod Sharma (2) Avalon Global Education Services Limited (3) Avalon Heights World Private School LLC v Sheikh Khaled Saeed Rashid Humaid Al Nuaimi [2018] CFI-022 (interim injunction)

Memberships

- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- MA, Cambridge University
- MPhil, Cambridge University
- Dip. Law, City University

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