



Paul Nathan

Description

Paul is a partner in our Litigation Group. Admitted as a solicitor for over 37 years, he specialises in Private Client and Commercial Litigation/Dispute Resolution, Insolvency, Company/ Commercial advice and drafting of Company/Commercial documents.

In addition to being admitted as a solicitor, Paul held an Insolvency Practitioner's Licence between 1990 and 2013 which enabled him to take appointments as Trustee in Bankruptcy, Liquidator, Receiver and Administrator and to be the Supervisor of Individual and Company Voluntary Arrangements. Paul acted for a major world bank for 12 years and with his team ran over 200 businesses as a going concern, enabling them to be sold fully operational.

In his litigation practice, Paul has acted and advised in high profile cases in respect of Constructive Trusts, Internal Charity disputes, high-value Director and Shareholder disputes, Construction Disputes and Will/Probate disputes and non-medical Professional Negligence. He has acted in cases in all courts up to Court of Appeal, and he often conducts hearings in the County Court, in High Court chambers, closed court and in the Companies Court. Paul also represents clients in Alternative Dispute Resolution; particularly Mediation. Paul's ethos is negotiation to settle wherever possible, and he prides himself in his ability to settle matters at the earliest stage possible, without having to go to trial.

Outside of Law Paul is a professional standard musician playing the guitars, bass and keyboards, writing all of his own material. He regularly trains for fitness and writes and posts articles and videos about cancer recovery and training post-cancer.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Company/Commercial Disputes

Including; Director/Shareholder Disputes, Unfair Prejudice, Breach of Duty etc.

- Professional Negligence

Including; breach of data cases

- Will/Probate Disputes and Contested Powers of Attorney
- Building/Construction Disputes
- Individual and Company Insolvency
- Business Lease Renewals – opposed and unopposed
- Commercial Landlord and Tenant Disputes

including; Forfeiture and Rent Recovery

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Drafting of Company /Commercial agreements

including; Articles of Association, Directors Service Contracts, Shareholders Agreements, Subscription Agreements, Sale and Purchase Agreements, Joint Venture Agreements, Partnership Agreements and Terms and Condition of Business

- Company Restorations for the purpose of recovery of monies
- Insolvency

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Celestial Church Of Christ v Lawson [2017] EWHC 97(Ch) and [2017] WRL(D) 55.** Acting for the Church Charity in respect of the termination of the position of Shepherd (Pastor) of the branch of the Church. The trial lasted 8 days, and the Church was successful. The decision had a major impact in relation to all church parishes in the UK, worldwide and reflected on the church hierarchy in Nigeria. Various other firms have written articles referring to the case.
- **Haghighat v Haghighat.** Acting for a mother against her son for fraudulently acquiring her property and dealing with it during her absence in Iran for 5 years, The claim involved Constructive Trusts. Following an 8 day trial, the property and all rents arising from it were recovered from the son, together with an Indemnity costs order
- Claim by stepdaughter under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents Act 1975 against the wife of the deceased in her capacity as Administratrix and Statutory Beneficiary of the estate on intestacy. The stepdaughter was claiming half of the estate including a share of a Joint Life First Death Policy which was outside of the estate. Settling the claim for less than one-quarter of the amount claimed with the Step-Daughter meeting her costs
- Professional Negligence Claim against a well-known firm of solicitors arising out of internet fraud, leading to a loss of client's proceeds of sale in excess of £450,000. The claim included a counterclaim by the solicitors for a full indemnity from the client. All monies successfully recovered for the client.
- Various Negligence claims against Local Authorities for Breach of Adopters' data in Adoptions leading to significant problems and loss for the Adopters and risk to their and the adopted children's safety. All cases settled prior to trial and not therefore reported. Typical damages recovered in these cases have been between £250,000 and £550,000 together with costs.
- High-value building claims under JCT contracts and similar.

- Dealing with all financial/loan documentation in a £55,000,000 land/property acquisition.
- Acting for Insolvency Practitioners as Liquidators in the recovery of substantial sums from Directors under Sections 212 to 214 Insolvency Act 1986 and acting for Directors subject to such claims