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## Profile: Overview

An experienced Chancery practitioner, highly recommended as an advocate in a survey by *The Lawyer* magazine, who appears regularly in all courts up to the level of the Privy Council, Piers draws consistent plaudits from clients for his advocacy, effective team-based management of litigation, and the clarity and insight of his advice.

## Experience and Expertise

Piers Feltham has a broad Chancery and commercial practice in which he has developed particular expertise in his specialist fields and the law of estoppel as editor of the most recent edition of *Spencer Bower on Estoppel by Representation*. In addition to litigation his practice includes advice and drafting in relation to domestic and overseas trusts and property.

He recently appeared successfully for the claimants against the estate of Jimmy Savile in the much publicised hearings before Sales J and the Court of Appeal as to its administration, and was responsible for trust and property law and wayleave damages in the team that reached the landmark settlement for the Bodo community with Shell in the Bonny-Bomu oil pipeline litigation.

## Cases and Work of Note

Piers has appeared in the following reported cases of note:

- *Blades v Isaac* [2016] WTLR 589
- *Re LM* [2015] EW COP 91
- *Re Savile* [2014] EWCA Civ 1632
- *Re Huntley* [2014] WTLR 745
- *Re Savile* [2014] WTLR 637
- *Re East Grinstead Working Men's Club* [2011] WTLR 975 (Charity; Trusts)
- *Connell v Findlay* [2008] UKPC 44 (Privy Council; Trusts)
- *Indicii Salus Ltd v Chandrasekaran* [2008] EWCA Civ 67 (Pro bono; Anton Piller)
- *Colonial Fire & General Ins Co Ltd v Harry* [2006] UKPC 53 (Privy Council; Insurance)
- *Moore's (Wallisdown) Ltd v Pensions Ombudsman* [2002] 1 WLR 1649 (Pensions)
- *Re W* [2000] Ch 372 Court of Protection (Enduring Power of Attorney)
- *Gardener v Lewis* [1998] 1 WLR 1535 Privy Council (Conveyancing)
- *Lloyd's Bank v Hawkins* [1998] 3 EGLR 109 (Mortgage)
- *Cork v Cork* [1997] 1 EGLR 5 (Landlord and tenant; Joint ownership)
- *Pereira v Beanlands* [1996] 3 AER 528 (Proprietary estoppel; Procedural default)
- *Jawara v Gambia Airways* [1992] EGCS 54 Privy Council (Agency)
- *Lake v Lake* [1989] STC 865 (Inheritance tax: Deeds of variation)

## Recommendations

Piers' recent directory entries include the following commendations:

- "Extremely thorough and technically superb." "He is very intelligent and constructive in his approach." "Very measured and good at identifying the risks in a case." (Trusts: Chambers UK 2018)
- "A very laid-back advocate who knows his way around this area of law." (Court of Protection: Property & Affairs, Chambers UK 2018)
- "His written work shows immense clarity of thought, and he provides advice in a way that is ideal for the client." "He is very forthright and has a really brilliant mind." (Chancery: traditional, Chambers UK 2018)

- "He is highly rated for his intelligence and ability to think outside the box." (Private Client: Trusts and Probate The Legal 500, 2017)
- "Highly recommended for his intelligence, advocacy and sense of humour." (Court of Protection, The Legal 500, 2017)
- "He is highly recommended for his advocacy skills and reading the room." (Charities, The Legal 500, 2017)
- "He has good experience, is sensible, and will always try and help people." (Court of Protection (Property and Affairs), Chambers UK, 2017)
- "He is outstanding, just outstanding. He is at the top of his game and very clever. He provides sound, strategic advice in a timely manner." (Chancery: Traditional, Chambers UK, 2017)
- "He has a very good mind and always gives a first-class technical opinion." (Charities, The Legal 500, 2016)
- "He is phenomenally hard- working, legally creative, but also generally very approachable and unstuffy." (Chancery: Traditional UK section, Chambers HNW, 2016)
- "Highly skilled and knowledgeable in Court of Protection matters, he has an invaluable ability to keep clients focused." "He's very pragmatic, decisive and a good all-rounder." (Traditional Chancery, Chambers Guide, 2015)
- "He's very creative and empathetic in his approach. He is well regarded in the Court of Protection as he's completely on top of his papers, has a great intellect, and always delivers." "He's always prepared to go the extra mile, is very proactive and is a real team player." (Court of Protection: Chambers Guide, 2015)
- "A tenacious litigator with an excellent client manner." (Private Client, Trusts and Probate, The Legal 500, 2014)
- "Piers Feltham has been active on property disputes, issues regarding wills and estates, and taxation matters. He also is frequently instructed on proprietary estoppel cases. One client describes him as 'an invaluable advocate who provides advice that is beyond great'." (Traditional Chancery: Chambers Guide, 2013)
- "Piers Feltham gives 'excellent, calm and well-measured advice'. His Court of Protection work is situated within a broader chancery practice that has a definite property bent. In addition to litigation, he also frequently advises deputies and trustees on Court of Protection matters." (Court of Protection, Chambers Guide, 2013)
- "The 'calm and thoughtful' Piers Feltham impresses by being 'cerebral and practical at the same time' He has a number of Privy Council appearances under his belt and is universally respected as being a very able property, contentious probates and estates barrister." (Traditional Chancery, Chambers Guide, 2012)
- "'A clear, incisive thinker,' Piers Feltham is a man who has established himself as one of the barristers who is most popular with the Office of the Official Solicitor. He has the ear of leading judges, and counsel who have crossed swords with him speak of him as 'always a very pleasant opponent'." (Court of Protection section, Chambers Guide, 2012)
- "Piers Feltham has 'an exceptional knowledge of all Chancery matters and is a go-to counsel for complex probate disputes'." (Private Client, The Legal 500, 2012)
- "...an efficient operator who 'doesn't get needlessly caught up in over-lawyering an issue.' He has an especially strong grasp of trust and property law." (Traditional Chancery, Chambers Guide, 2011)
- "Piers Feltham's broad practice encompasses insolvency, partnership and charities cases, and he is also recommended for his expertise in property litigation and general trusts work." (Traditional Chancery, Chambers Guide, 2010)
- "Strong on property litigation and general trusts work, Piers Feltham has a broad practice that also takes in insolvency, partnership and charities cases. 'A consummate all-rounder,' he acted in Colonial Fire & General Insurance Co v Harry, and has more recently successfully tackled cases in both the Court of Appeal and the Privy Council." (Traditional Chancery, Chambers Guide, 2009)

## Publications

Spencer Bower on Estoppel by Representation 4th ed (2004).

## Seminars

Piers delivers lectures, webinars and seminars for Lexis Nexis webinars, CLT conferences

and a number of solicitors' in house programmes on subjects including estoppel, trusts and the Court of Protection.

## Qualifications

Piers won the George Long Prize for Jurisprudence at Cambridge University and was Uthwatt scholar of Gray's Inn.

## Memberships

Piers is a member of the Chancery Bar Association; the Society of Trusts and Estates Practitioners (STEP); the Association of Trust and Probate Specialists (ACTAPS) and the Charity Law Association.

Piers was for 10 years an honorary scientific fellow of the Zoological Society of London and a trustee of Alone In London, a charity for homeless young people, and, for 5 years, a trustee of The Mausolea and Monuments Charitable Trust. He is presently a trustee of the Ceasefire Centre for Civilian Rights and Vice-Chairman of The Fitzrovia Community Centre.

## Other Details

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