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A flexible and practically-minded practitioner, Piers Digby has a broad chancery and commercial practice and accepts instructions across all of Chambers' core areas of work, with a particular focus on insolvency, private client, and commercial disputes.

Piers has experience of working with regulatory matters within the General Counsel's Division of the Financial Conduct Authority, and has experience of appellate matters arising from County Court claims.

Before becoming a tenant at Chambers, Piers read law at Hughes Hall, University of Cambridge, attaining a first-class LLM focused on international commercial litigation and trusts, complete with the EM Burnett Prize for performance in finals. Before that, he read law at City Law School, passing his GDL with distinction.

COMMERCIAL

Piers has been instructed in a variety of commercial disputes, particularly relating to insurance, warranties, misrepresentation, and mistake. Piers has both provided advice on the merits and likely quantum in such cases, and represented parties at trial.

During pupillage, Piers followed members of Chambers on a wide range of commercial matters, including:

- Claims involving breach of fiduciary duty, breach of directors' duties, and directors' qualification proceedings
- Disputes between HMRC and taxpayers
- Disputes between shareholders

BANKING AND REGULATORY

Piers has considerable experience in defending lenders in consumer credit matters. This has covered credit card agreements, mortgages, and fixed-sum loan agreements, and has deal with the nature of unfairness, standard tests or assumptions of unfairness in case law, whether a given agreement is a regulated agreement, and the appropriate quantum.

Piers has been on secondment with the Financial Conduct Authority's General Counsel's Division, providing general regulatory advice and interpretation on the

Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 to assist the work of the Financial Conduct Authority, and has been involved with large-scale disclosure and preparatory work for the Financial Conduct Authority's Enforcement Division.

INSOLVENCY AND COMPANY

Piers has appeared in the High Court and County Court on bankruptcy and winding-up petitions and other related matters, including:

- Applications for the extension of administrations
- Applications to rectify the Companies House register
- Applications for an interim injunction against the presentation of a bankruptcy petition

PRIVATE CLIENT

Piers has a broad range of experience with wills, trusts, and estates matters, including:

- Advice on the prospects of success, likely quantum, and generally in Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975 claims and Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996 claims
- Claims for breach of trust arising from monies due under a will
- Advice on the replacement of the administrator of an estate
- Drafting of the various statements of case associated with the above claims
- Advising on the directions to be given to expert witnesses on the needs of parties as a part of determining reasonable provision

PROPERTY

Piers has appeared in possession hearings and claims for arrears of rent and service charge, and the drafting of statements of case in such matters. Piers has successfully represented a claimant in an appeal from a County Court decision on the proper meaning of a contractual clause for costs.

QUALIFICATIONS

- 2019 - 2020: LLM at Hughes Hall, University of Cambridge (first class)
- 2018 - 2019: BPTC/LLM at City Law School, University of London
- 2017 - 2018: GDL at City Law School, University of London (with distinction)
- 2012 - 2016: BA in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics at Balliol College, University of Oxford (2:1)

PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2020: The EM Burnett Prize, awarded by Hughes Hall for performance in final examinations.
- 2018: The Richard Yorke Award, awarded by Gray's Inn for potential as an advocate

MEMBERSHIPS

The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn

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