

## **Paul Tonkin**

Partner  
London

### **Biography**

A Partner in Hogan Lovells' leading Real Estate Disputes Team, Paul Tonkin focuses on development disputes. He guides clients through the contentious aspects of large development schemes and has extensive experience of obtaining vacant possession of development sites, often in the most time-pressured and sensitive of situations. Paul is also one of very few lawyers who fully understand the complex area of rights of light and is regularly instructed to advise on rights of light issues on high profile development schemes in central London and beyond.

Paul is also recognized for his broad knowledge in rent review and is regularly approached by both landlords and occupiers to advise on complex rent reviews. He is a member of ARBRIX and has been described as "best in class" for rent review.

### **Representative experience**

Acting for The Crown Estate on all contentious aspects of its landmark St James's Market Development, including securing possession for over 100 tenants.

Acting for a large utilities provider in obtaining an emergency injunction to enable police to remove environmental protestors from a power station.

Successfully acting for a major international developer in a three week trial relating to adverse possession and ancient mooring rights over the River Thames.

Acting for a major bank in multi-million pound



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### **Languages**

English

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### **Practices**

Real Estate

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### **Industries**

Real Estate  
Private Capital

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### **Areas of focus**

Real Estate Development  
Real Estate Investment  
Real Estate Litigation and Disputes

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professional negligence proceedings against a firm of values, including representation at a successful mediation.

Acting for a major international developer in court proceedings successfully contesting a refusal of consent under a restrictive covenant which would have otherwise prevented a multi-million pound luxury residential development.

Acting for an international media group on resolving contentious issues in connection with its relocation to a landmark London building.

Acting for a Sovereign Wealth fund on a joint venture dispute concerning one of London's most prestigious redevelopments.

Advising Ballymore Group on rights of light issues across its London development portfolio.

## Awards and rankings

- Star Associate, *Chambers UK*, 2015-2018
- Leading Individual, *Chambers UK*, 2019-2023
- Next Generation, *Legal 500*, 2017-2023

## Latest thinking and events

- News
  - Later Living - perspectives from the UK and Europe
- News
  - UK Building Safety Act: new changes from an unlikely source
- News
  - Later Living: Perspectives from the UK and Europe - what are the key "need to knows" for investors in this sector?
- Insights and Analysis
  - In the light of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry's final report, is the UK Building Safety Act 2022 fit for purpose?
- ■ Later Living: Perspectives from the UK and

## Education and admissions

### Education

LL.B. (Hons First Class),  
University of Bristol

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### Memberships

Property Litigation Association  
RICS Dilapidations Forum  
RICS Telecoms Forum

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### Accolades

'His attention to detail, expertise in complex matters and ability to resolve challenging issues impress us greatly and we could not be more pleased to be working with him.'

*Client testimonial, Chambers UK*  
2021

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'Paul Tonkin is excellent and gives user-friendly, effective advice. He is available at short notice and is great value.'

*Client testimonial, Legal 500 UK*  
2023

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## Europe Webinar

- News

- UK: Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill
  - what to expect