

Paul Burns

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Clerks' Details

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Appointments

- Registered Pupil Supervisor (2008)
- Independent Counsel to Police Misconduct Hearings (2010-2015)
- Non-Executive Director [NHS] (2010-2017)
- Senior Independent Director [NHS] (2012-2017)
- Non-Executive Director at First Ark (Group Board) (2015-2017)
- Junior Counsel to the Crown – Regional Panel A (2015)
- Legally Qualified Chair of Police Misconduct Hearings (2016)
- Chair of the LMH Group (2017)
- Legally Qualified Chair and Legal Assessor to the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service (2017)
- Vice-Chair of Torus 62 Limited (2019)
- Recorder (2019)

Memberships

- Lincoln's Inn
- Northern Circuit
- The Social Housing Law Association
- Northern Administrative Law Association
- National Association of Legally Qualified Chairs
- Member of the Chartered Institute of Housing

Local Government and Social Housing Overview

Paul is independently acclaimed as a leader in the fields of local government law and social housing law and is a favourite with clients. He was appointed Junior Counsel to the Crown by the Attorney General in 2015, and is a member of the Government's 'A' Panel. He continues to be awarded the highest available independent ranking in each of his areas of specialism [Legal 500 2021 and Chambers UK 2021].

Paul is Head of Local Government & Social Housing at Exchange Chambers. He sits as a Recorder (civil) and Legally Qualified Chair at the Medical Practitioners' Tribunal Service and in the Police Misconduct jurisdiction.

Paul advises and represents clients throughout the country and has particular expertise in the following areas of practice:

- Personal injury (RTA, OL, EL and PL cases including particular experience dealing with physical and psychological injuries resulting from poor housing conditions)
- All aspects of housing law and housing management
- Residential landlord and tenant law and its interface with human rights law
- Community safety & anti-social behaviour (including injunctions and possession actions)
- Mental Capacity Act 2005 and Equality Act 2010 issues
- Judicial review and public law challenges
- Disciplinary and regulatory matters concerning police officers and medical professionals
- Governance (including drafting and advising upon policies and procedures)

Paul provides continuing professional development training for local authorities, private registered providers, the police, solicitors and insurers.

Education

- LLB (Hons) University of Liverpool (1997)
- Hardwicke Scholar - The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn (1997)
- Sir Thomas More Scholar - The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn (1997)
- Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law (1998) PGDipLaw (London: 1998)
- Exchange Chambers (1998-date)
- Head of Local Government & Social Housing Department: Exchange Chambers (2010-date)

Beyond the Bar

Paul was a Non-Executive Director at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust between June 2010 and April 2017. He was Chair of the Trust's Remuneration & Nominations Committee between January 2013 and December 2016 and was the Senior Independent Director between April 2012 and April 2017. Paul was a Non-Executive Director on the First Ark Limited Group Board between September 2015 and March 2017. In April 2017 Paul was appointed Chair of The LMH Group. In January 2019 Paul was appointed Vice-Chair of Torus 62 Limited and Chair of its Remuneration & Nominations Committee.