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Peter has extensive expertise in financial crime, particularly in cases involving allegations of serious fraud and corruption, and has significant experience in successfully challenging Interpol Red Notices.

Peter has acted for both corporates and individuals in some of the most high-profile financial crime cases of recent years, including the SFO's LIBOR and FX investigations, and is currently acting for a defendant in the landmark SFO prosecution of Barclays and four of its former executives in relation to payments made to Qatar at the height of the financial crisis. He also successfully acted in the FCA investigation in relation to the same events.

Peter also has significant experience in cases involving allegations of corruption, both domestic and international, and currently acts (in international arbitration proceedings and before the European Court of Justice and the European Court of Human rights) for a European multinational and its CEO accused of bribing the Prime Minister of a European state. Exceptionally, this case included the successful lobbying of Interpol for the removal of a Red Notice issued by an EU member state.

In addition, Peter acts for William Browder, the prominent leader of the global 'Justice for Sergei Magnitsky' campaign, who has come under sustained attack as a consequence of his successful advocacy for international sanctions against state actors and others involved in serious human rights abuses, and who has repeatedly been the subject of requests for Interpol Red Notices by the Russian Government. This is one of the few very cases in which Interpol has been persuaded publicly to condemn specific attempts to misuse its systems for political ends.

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His work at Peters & Peters has also included the Metropolitan Police investigations into telephone and computer hacking; private prosecutions; and cases involving competition law, extradition, financial regulation and international money laundering, amongst other specialist areas.

Prior to joining Peters & Peters, his practice at the Independent Bar covered the full range of criminal offences, encompassing fraud, money laundering, regulatory offences and general crime, including drugs, firearms and sexual offences along with offences of serious violence. Peter has been involved in several cases of murder and manslaughter, and has appeared as junior counsel in high-profile cases at the Central Criminal Court.

Whilst at the Bar, Peter also spent periods seconded to both the Revenue and Customs Prosecutions Office and the Crown Prosecution Service, and has experience in prosecuting organised crime (including drug importations and revenue offences) and in managing asset forfeiture (including restraint, confiscation and receiverships).

Peter is the Treasurer of the Criminal Bar Association, and sits on the Police Advisory Board for England and Wales (the statutory body which advises the Home Secretary on policing issues).

Leading Cases

- > Peters & Peters act in successful defence of arbitration claim
- > Firm acts for major UK bank in relation to Libor rate fixing investigations in the UK, EU and US

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