

Biography



William Peake

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Expertise

Litigation & Insolvency , Restructuring , Distressed Funds

William Peake is the firm's Global Managing Partner. In that role, he chairs our Global Executive Committee driving the firm's overall strategic and cultural agendas.

William is consistently recognised in Legal 500 and Chambers as a leading Cayman Islands litigation partner with over eighteen years' experience. He regularly advises investment vehicles and their liquidators, shareholders, directors and associated individuals in relation to high value complex cross border disputes.

William is the lead partner acting for the official liquidators of a Cayman SPV in relation to the US\$9.2bn Saad litigation. This is the longest running trial and most high value case litigated in the Cayman Islands. William leads the firm's London and Cayman teams working on the case, providing time sensitive advice to the London based office holder.

Recommendations

William is recognised as a leading partner.

Recent testimonials include:

- Harneys is "superbly led by the wonderful William Peake". (2025 guide)
- "Spearheaded by the exceptionally talented and charismatic William Peake. A really international beacon for the firm." (2024 guide)
- "William is clearly committed to excellence in client service. He is extremely responsive while also ensuring that the advice that he and his team give is carefully considered and commercial, as well as being legally sound." (2022 guide)

- Legal 500 UK, 2020 – 2025

William is consistently recognised by Who's Who Legal. He is:

- A Firm Management Thought Leader (2024 guide)
- A GIR - Asset Recovery Thought Leader (2022 – 2024 guides)
- Recommended for his Asset Recovery expertise (2019 – 2024 guides)

- Who's Who Legal, 2019 – 2024

William is recognised for his Contentious Restructuring and Insolvency expertise.

- Chambers and Partners, 2019 – 2025

Bar Admissions

Cayman Islands
2010

Solicitor of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
2008

England and Wales (not practising)
2006

Ireland (not practising)
2005

Education

Trinity College Dublin (LLB)
2000

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Legal 500, 2024