

Biography



William Peake

Global Managing Partner | London

📞 +44 20 3752 3622

✉️ william.peake@harneys.com

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 for his Contentious Restructuring and Insolvency expertise.

Recent testimonials include:

- "He's an excellent lawyer and a super-smart operator."
- "He is a well-respected and well-known Cayman lawyer." (2023 guide)
- "He is brilliant - he has fabulous interpersonal skills and is a great team player." "He's very commercial in his views, anticipates the direction of a matter, makes very sensible commercial suggestions and provides sound legal advice." (2022 guide)
- "He is very client-focussed and very responsive." (2021 guide)

- Chambers and Partners, 2019 - 2024

William is recognised as a leading individual.

Recent testimonials include:

- "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 – 2024

William is recognised as a global leader in the Asset Recovery guide.

- Who's Who Legal, 2019 – 2023

William is currently recognised as a Thought Leader in the GIR - Asset Recovery guide.

- Who's Who Legal, 2022 - 2023

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

"Spearheaded by the exceptionally talented and charismatic William Peake. A really international beacon for the firm."

Legal 500, 2024