



HH Peter Clark

Year of Call: 1970

His Honour Peter Clark re-joined Devereux in 2019 as part of the arbitration and mediation team following a significant judicial career.

He is not accepting appointments during lockdown.

In normal circumstances, he accept appointments as both a mediator and arbitrator in matters involving employment, personal injury and common law. He is also able to conduct investigations within organisations, either independently or acting as part of a team. Peter will draw on his extensive experience, both at the Bar and as a Judge, in seeking to resolve disputes outside the formal court and tribunal structure.

Peter first joined Devereux Chambers in 1971. He built up a specialist employment practice from the outset and over the next 25 years until his appointment in October 1995 as a circuit judge, assigned principally to the EAT. Over 20 years in the EAT placed Peter at the heart of the development of employment law in England and Wales. His influence is difficult to overstate, having heard more than 2,700 cases in the EAT.

His judgments have been cited in the Supreme Court in *Autoclenz Ltd v Belcher*, *Bates van Winkelhof v Clyde & Co LLP* and *Hartley v King Edward VI College*.

Peter was the saviour of the '*range of reasonable responses*' and Burchell test, refusing to follow other EAT authority. His approach in *Beedell v West Ferry Printers* was famously approved by the Court of Appeal in *Foley v Post Office*.

He was a founder member of ELBA in 1994.

Peter sat as a deputy HCJ from 2000 and in 2004-5 was temporarily seconded as the Designated Civil Judge at Lincoln. He was appointed a Senior Circuit Judge, EAT, in 2006.

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Investigations

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Appointments

2012 - Elected as a Bencher of Gray's Inn

2005 - Appointed a Senior Circuit Judge

1995 - Appointed as a (temporary) Judge to the Employment Appeal Tribunal

1995 - Appointed as a Circuit Judge

1994 - Appointed as a Recorder

1991 - Appointed as an Assistant Recorder

1970 - Called to the Bar