

Paul Michael

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Education: BSc (Hons)

Birmingham University

I specialise in Wills Probate and Land Issues including house ownership and cohabitation disputes. I also deal with general chancery matters and Bankruptcy. Paul is a specialist Landlord and Tenant barrister.

Paul is an experienced barrister, He is a member of ILF who are a leading chambers within Landlord and Tenant law, ranked as a Tier 1 and Band 1 chambers in Social Housing in the Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners rankings respectively.

Paul is an accomplished court advocate, having successfully acted as sole counsel at High Court appellate level. In 2024, Paul also successfully acted as counsel in the Court of Appeal in Rahimi v City of Westminster [2024] EWCA 73, one of the leading cases on the issue of the surrender of a joint tenancy by operation of law and the circumstances in which the Court can infer a new tenancy by conduct.

Paul is also known for his expertise in disrepair proceedings and regularly provides training on the subject at the Five Paper Spring Housing Conference. Paul is also able to advise on the implications of the Renters' Rights Act 2025, and the abolition of section 21 no fault evictions, from May 2026.

Area of Law

Wills and Probate

Challenging and Defending Wills, Estates, Removing Executors and Trustees, Interpretation of Wills, Inheritance (Family) claims

Housing and Social Welfare

Landlord and Tenant

Property

Paul has a particular interest in cohabitee disputes and applications under the Trust of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996 (“TOTALA”). Daniel accepts instructions in matters concerning:

- Applications under section 14 TOLATA
- Implied, Constructive and Resulting Trusts
- Proprietary estoppel