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Paul advises alternative investment managers, private equity funds, credit funds and major creditors on cross-border restructuring, insolvency, and complex financing matters. His practice spans some of the most challenging points in a company's lifecycle, from financial distress and formal insolvency processes to new financings and fund-level facilities.

In restructuring and insolvency mandates, Paul represents buyers of distressed assets, including purchasers in pre-pack administrations, and advises creditors and alternative capital providers on their debt investments. Paul also acts for officeholders — including administrators and liquidators — on formal insolvency processes and asset sales.

Paul's cross-border capabilities include advising on U.S. Chapter 11 proceedings and overseas company insolvencies with English law dimensions and financings involving U.S. borrowers and European lenders. His clients in this area include European family offices, U.S. alternative capital providers and multi-strategy European private equity funds.

Paul's finance experience covers acquisition finance, fund finance facilities, project finance structures, secured bond issuances, and multi-layered financings involving media, digital assets and other specialist sectors.

Select Experience

Restructuring & Insolvency

- Advising the joint administrators of Inland Homes, a U.K. housebuilder and developer, in connection with the sale of developments and steps to maximize recoveries across the group.
- Advising the joint administrators of certain property companies within the MFS Group in connection with their appointment and ongoing responsibilities.

Education

- BPP Law School (Postgraduate Diploma in Law, 2004)
- University of Oxford, Balliol College (B.A., Modern History, 2001)
 - (Hons.)

Bar Admissions

- England & Wales

- Advised the liquidators on a complex insolvency process involving a group of international entertainment companies.
- Advised the English subsidiary of Airspan Networks, a large U.S. telecommunications company, in connection with a prepackaged Chapter 11 plan of reorganization.

Professional Affiliations

- Member of IBA and INSOL International

Additional Information

Select Writings

- Author, *Private financial markets: tacking into strong headwinds* (October 2022)
- Author, *Re-packing UK pre-packs: 5 key effects on creditors and other stakeholders*, Collateral (June 2021)
- Co-author, *Directors of cash-squeezed and distressed companies – 5 liability points to note*, Collateral (May 2020)
- Author, *The Intercreditor Agreement – protecting mezzanine value in sticky situations*, Collateral (November 2019)
- Co-author, *Creditors – Getting a Seat at the Negotiating Table*, MJ Hudson – Research and Practical Guide (June 2019)
- Co-author, *Acquiring Distressed Assets - Top Tips for Buyers*, MJ Hudson - On Target (January 2018)

Insights

May 8, 2026

Redemption Survives Default: Commercial Court Restricts Lenders' Enforcement of Pledged Shares

November 12, 2025

Intercreditor Agreements – Getting Your Priorities Right