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Lord (Peter) Goldsmith QC, PC joined Debevoise and Plimpton LLP as European Chair of Litigation in September 2007. He is based in the London office. Lord Goldsmith served as the UK's Attorney General from 2001-2007, prior to which he was in private practice as one of the leading barristers in London.

Lord Goldsmith practised from Fountain Court Chambers from 1972-2001, specialising principally in commercial, corporate and international litigation and appellate work. During this time he was ranked by Chambers UK 2000-01 as being in the top tier of leading silks in London for international arbitration and commercial litigation. He became Queen's Counsel in 1987 at the early age of 37 and has judicial experience as a Crown Court Recorder and a Deputy High Court Judge. Consistently acknowledged for his prominence, *American Lawyer* states that '[he has] the advocacy skills of one of the finest barristers of his generation.'

Lord Goldsmith was appointed Attorney General in 2001, acting as chief legal adviser to the government on matters of domestic, European and international law. He represented the government in numerous cases in UK and international courts.

He has appeared in many cases in the House of Lords, the Privy Council and the Court of Appeal as well as international and European courts and in the courts of a number of other jurisdictions. Significant work includes leading cases on auditors' liability; insurance and takeover; banking, company and arbitration; insolvency litigation; revenue cases; public law and public international law; and arbitration.

Appointments include Chairman of the Bar of England & Wales (1995); Chairman of the Financial Reporting Review Panel (1997-2000); co-Chairman of the IBA's Human Rights Institute (1998-2001); elected to membership of the American Law Institute (1997); and made a member of the Paris Bar (1997). He was a Council Member of the International Bar Association (IBA) and the Union Internationale des Avocats. Lord Goldsmith was made a Life Peer in 1999 and Privy Counsellor in 2001. In 1996 he founded the Bar of England and Wales' Pro Bono Unit, of which he is now President. He is a Bencher of Gray's Inn.

He was a graduate in law from Cambridge University with double first class honours and a Master's from University College London. He was admitted to the Bar of England and Wales in 1972 and admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales in August 2008.