

**Peter Rees**  
**Shell (Royal Dutch Shell plc)**



**Title:** Legal Director

**Responsibilities**

- Legal Services
- Intellectual Property Services
- Compliance

Peter Rees QC was appointed Legal Director of Royal Dutch Shell plc on January 1, 2011. In this post he has ultimate responsibility for the Shell global legal function and advises the Shell group management on all legal matters of group-wide importance. The Shell legal function comprises some 1,000 staff, of which around 700 are lawyers or intellectual property professionals. The Shell legal function includes the ethics and compliance office.

As Legal Director, Peter is also a member of the Executive Committee.

Peter started his legal career in 1979 at the international law firm Norton Rose. He became a partner in 1987 and Head of Dispute Resolution and a member of the Executive Committee in 1997. In 2006 he joined Debevoise & Plimpton as a partner in its London office. In 2009 Peter was appointed Queen's Counsel. He attended Downing College, Cambridge University where he took his law degree. He also has an MBA from Nottingham Trent University. Peter is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Chartered Arbitrator, and an accredited adjudicator and mediator.

Peter is a former Chair of three organizations: the International Construction Projects Committee of the International Bar Association; the Technology and Construction Solicitors' Association; and the Board of Management of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is a member of the Council of the International Chamber of Commerce UK and of the European User's Council of the London Court of International Arbitration.