



Geoffrey Brown

Year of call: 1981

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Geoffrey deals with relatively technical and complex cases, primarily in the fields of injury, damage, insurance and commercial work centred on claims for business losses of one form or another.

Areas of expertise

Personal Injury

Property Damage

Insurance and Reinsurance

Property Damage

Geoffrey has many years' experience of cases arising from damage by fire, flood and other perils in the civil liability context. This spans a wide range of liability claims, including professional (and contractors') liability and product liability, claims arising from construction projects and claims against energy companies. It also covers a wide range of associated insurance issues and disputes, including in relation to alleged fraud, policy avoidance, breach of warranty and coverage.

Cases of note:

- ***Rushbond plc v JS Design Partnership* [2021] EWCA Civ 1889** - Professional liability claim against architects in relation to security of a building during an inspection visit – issue as to whether any relevant duty of care imposed.
- ***Al Iqra v DSG* [2019] EWHC 429 (QB)** - Product liability claim against suppliers of a fan heater in respect of fire attributed to an unidentified defect therein.
- ***Maritsave v NFU Insurance* [2011] EWHC 1660** - Claim under insurance policy arising from fire damage to building – issue in regard to alleged breach of warranty (in relation to security precautions for unoccupied property).
- ***Shepherd & Neame v EDF* [2008] EWHC 123** - Claim against energy company in respect of fire damage to buildings attributed to loose wiring.

- *Jockey Club v Willmott Dixon* [2016] 4 WLR 43 - Claim for wind damage to new stand at Royal Ascot. Consideration of issues in regard to Part 36 offer and indemnity costs.

Recommendations

- "His technical understanding is very impressive." Chambers and Partners, 2022
- "A very effective advocate." Chambers and Partners, 2022
- "He is a good, solid senior junior who can be relied upon to deliver great results on every occasion."
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Memberships

- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Professional Negligence Bar Association
- Commercial Bar Association
- London Common Law and Commercial Bar Association

Qualifications

Education

- MA in Law, Cambridge, 1980.

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