



## 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

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- "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

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

## Qualifications

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### Education

- MA in Law, Cambridge, 1980.

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