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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

Insurance and Reinsurance

Geoffrey takes on free-standing insurance disputes, while at the same time dealing regularly with the insurance issues that arise in conjunction with personal injury and property damage claims on which he is instructed.

Cases of note:

- *Komives v Hick Lane Bedding* [2022] I.C.R. 588 [2022] I.C.R. 588 Labour trafficking claim against employer's liability insurer. Insurer's policy avoidance upheld.
- Sahota v Ergo Versicherung (2021 Commercial Court) Claim under fire insurance policy. Avoidance based on non-disclosure in relation to user and non-compliance with planning notices, etc. Settled in run-up to trial.
- *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).
- French v Groupama Insurance [2011] EWCA Civ 1119 Claim under proper insurance policy in respect of subsidence damage. Consideration of a pre-litigation costs-inclusive offer made by insurers.

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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