



Geoffrey Brown

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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

Personal Injury

Geoffrey has many years' experience across a wide range of personal injury litigation. This extends to employer's, public, products and motor liabilities, as well as accidents abroad. Areas of particular interest include construction and transport industry accidents (highways/rail industry), stress claims and (latterly) labour trafficking. He deals with a full gamut of credibility and honesty issues (up to and including fundamental dishonesty). Often, there are overlapping issues with insurance coverage. Brain injuries or pain states are a common feature, while he also deals with the more serious orthopaedic injuries (including amputation).

Cases of note:

- ***Czernuska v King* [2023] 4 WLR 26** - Sports Injury. Liability for catastrophic injury arising from tackle in women's rugby match.
- ***Jenkinson v Hertfordshire CC* [2023] EWHC 872 (KB)** - Tort. Test for and application of novus actus (in context of alleged supervening negligence in hospital treatment).
- ***Jennings v Otis and Bristol CC* [2023] EWHC 2039 (KB)** - Procedure. Power to order Further Information and unilateral disclosure of witness statements.
- ***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 avoidance upheld.

- ***Morrow v Shrewsbury Rugby Club* [2020] EWHC 379 (QB)** - Brain injury claim. Issues in regard to whether complaints in fact down to brain injury, role of treating neuropsychologist, exaggeration of symptoms. Also, consideration of role of intermediary.
- ***Kasabaqi v Westway Community Transport* [2021] EWHC 3614 (QB)** - Amputation claim. Alleged non-cooperation in regard to examination by defendant's medical expert.
- ***Aspen Insurance v Mann* (QBD, Middlesbrough, 4 September 2020)** - Committal to prison for fundamental dishonesty at personal injury trial (in relation to accident circumstances and impact of injury).
- ***Dalton v Nottinghamshire CC* [2011] EWCA Civ 776** - Highway authority liability. Relevance of its post-accident actions to consideration of breach.

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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