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Geoffrey Brown is recommended in the Property Damage section of Chambers & Partners (London, Band 1) 2018, also ranked in Personal Injury section (Band 2).

*"... known for being "ferociously clever" and for his measured approach to proceedings ..."* Chambers & Partners 2018

*"Very good on the technical stuff. His calibre is that of a QC. His response times are swift, his analysis sharp, and he has sound instinct for commercial resolutions. He deserves respect for his insight personability and grounded perspective on things."* Chambers & Partners 2018

*"Truly excellent." "Very measured and persuasive." He is very calm and collected, and takes the stress out of litigation."* Chambers & Partners 2018

*"He is very approachable and he delivers a good service. He's not pompous and speaks to you as an equal."*

*"Extremely bright, he is able to deal with large amounts of paperwork and complex issues in a short period of time."* Chambers & Partners 2015

*"He is commanding. What comes over is that he is smooth and unflappable. If you put him before an insurer client they calm down very quickly."* Chambers & Partners 2015

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## CASES

### CIVIL LIABILITY

#### **Al Iqra v DSG [2019] EWHC 429 (QB)**

Product Liability – household fan heater with an unidentified defect that led to a fire. Trial of liability.

#### **Jockey Club v Willmott Dixon [2016] 4WLR 43**

Wind damage to Duchess Stand at Royal Ascot. Part 36 Offer, Indemnity costs

#### **Cartwright v Surrey County Council (2013/2014), Guildford MC**

Highway Authority duties – Highways Act s.56 proceedings in relation to alleged drainage deficiencies

**Duggan v JD Wetherspoon (2013/2014) King's Lynn DR**

Nuisance – long running dispute between adjacent pub owners in relation to withdrawal of support, damp ingress, damages and costs

**Maritsave v NFU Insurance [2011] EWHC 1660 (QB)**

Fire Insurance. Trial of dispute in relation to alleged breach of warranty (security precautions for unoccupied property).

**French v Groupama Insurance [2011] EWCA Civ 1119**

Costs – CA decision on costs consequences of a pre-litigation offer made to a litigant in person of a costs-inclusive figure which had not been stated to be without prejudice save as to costs.

**French v Groupama Insurance [2010] EWHC 2829 (QB)**

Insurance – trial of issues as to whether an insurer had entered into agreement with claimant to repair her flat (following subsidence damage) and which party had repudiated any such agreement (following dispute with contractors and alleged denial of access).

**Sika Ltd v UNUM Ltd [2009] EWHC 169 (QB)**

Health insurance. Trial dispute as to whether a partner in city law firm was incapacitated for the purposes of a group permanent health insurance policy.

**Lifely v Lifely [2008] EWCA Civ 904 CA**

Dairy farming partnership dispute. Successful appeal to Court of Appeal for retrial on grounds of new evidence; Court of Appeal entertaining oral evidence and cross-examination to determine status of the new evidence. Successful retrial.

**Shepherd & Neame and others v EDF [2008] EWHC 123 (TCC)**

Fire damage. Claim arising out of electrical fire in Canterbury city centre, settled in course of trial. Ruling on use of expert evidence.

**Gayner v Southend and Howland TCC April 2008**

Landslip damage. Claim for property damage and business losses arising from landslip of cliff owned by local authority following ineffective stabilisation scheme drawn up by geotechnical engineers, discontinued in course of trial.

PERSONAL INJURY ETC

**Mann v Armac (2019) Middlesbrough CC**

Employer's liability claim. Fundamental dishonesty. Claim dismissed following a five day trial.

**O'Callahan v Idexx (2014) Manchester CC**

Employer's liability claim re allegedly unsuitable seat in company car.

**Tarkpessi v Norfolk County Council (2013) Cambridge CC**

Stress claim by teacher.

**Hickman v London Central Bus Co [2013] EWHC 1703 (QB)**

RTA. Bus/pedestrian. Issues as to liability and contributory negligence.

**Steadman v London United Buses [2011] EWHC 2136 (QB)**

RTA. Bus/car. Issue as to whether accident arose through motorist deliberately causing bus driver to brake.

**Dalton v Nottinghamshire County Council [2011] EWCA Civ 776**

Highway authority liability – tripping accident. Issue as to whether Judge misdirected himself in presuming breach of duty for post-accident actions of highway authority in carrying out repair.

**Re Bryant (2011) Winchester**

High profile inquest re role of probation services in relation to sex offender released on licence.

**R v Holmes Place and Thyssen Krupp (2010)**

High profile health and safety proceedings arising from a life fatality.

**Abdallah v Trustees of Walduck Settlement (2010) Reading CC**

Fatal accident claim / Human rights. Issues as to status of surviving partner of the same sex relationship (whether the same as that of surviving partner of opposite sex relationship) and whether he qualified as a dependant.

**Merlie v General Dental Council & Ors [2009] EWHC 1165 (QB)**

Successful strike out of claim against GDC for psychiatric injury alleged to have been caused by failure to investigate a complaint.

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## MEMBERSHIPS

- Commercial Bar Association.
- Professional Negligence Bar Association.
- Personal Injuries Bar Association.

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## QUALIFICATIONS

ICSL: 1980-1981

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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## LECTURES

Geoffrey has given talks on a variety of subjects, including escape of water claims and applicable law / jurisdiction.

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