

Geraint Jones Q.C., M.C.I.Arb., M.A. (Cantab).

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Professional Career.

Barrister : 1976 to date.

Queen's Counsel (Q.C.) : 2001

Public Appointments :

Recorder (Civil & Crime).

Pt. Time Judge : Tax Tribunal.

Pt. Time Judge : Immigration Tribunal.

Statutory Reviewer of Decisions by the Director of Fair
Access, (Dept. of Education and Skills)

Arbitrator for the Motor Insurers' Bureau.

Sporting Appointments:

Arbitrator : International Court of Arbitration for Sport,
Switzerland.

Member : Judicial Panel of the International Rugby Board.

Chairman of the Disciplinary Appeal Tribunal of the British
Parachuting Association.

Ad hoc Arbitrator at the Commonwealth Games 2014.

Areas of Practice : Chancery work: real property, mortgages, trusts,
company, insolvency and partnership litigation.
Commercial disputes: contract, transport & travel law,
banking, insurance & product liability. Commercial fraud.

Professional negligence & sports law. Freezing & search orders

Public law (inc. misfeasance in public office). Judicial review.
Arbitrations in commercial and real property matters.
Public law and Administrative court work – at first instance,
Court of Appeal & Supreme Court level.

Publications.

Contributor to : Service Charges and Management : Law and Practice (1st ed, 2006)
Sweet & Maxwell.

General.

As a junior counsel, I was counsel of choice for the Solicitor's Indemnity Fund in South Wales and have extensive experience in professional negligence issues, especially relating to property and conveyancing matters.

I am regularly involved in commercial litigation involving banking, insurance, carriage of goods, commercial leases, and more general contract disputes. Recently as leading I have acted in multi million pound litigation (successfully) defending allegations of commercial fraud arising from the collapse of the Versailles Group. I have recently completed a long running group litigation case involving (about 100) leaseholders in disputes with their landlord; a case of factual and substantial legal complexity.

I have extensive experience of human rights and discrimination issues.

Commercial.

Whilst not having worked in the financial sector, I have considerable financial acumen and willingness to question and challenge large corporate (or mutual) bodies for the benefit of clients and/or contributors.

Professional Negligence.

As junior counsel Geraint was counsel of choice for the Solicitors' Indemnity Fund for Wales and the West 1986 – 2001, averaging 2 – 3 new instructions per week from Morgan Cole and conducting on average 10 – 12 professional negligence trials each year (with an 80%+ success rate).

Most of Geraint's professional negligence work was related to commercial, property and trusts/wills transactions (under the broad Chancery work heading). It did not include professional negligence arising from family or criminal litigation.

Since the demise of the S. I. F. Geraint has quantitatively undertaken less professional negligence work, but is currently Leading Counsel in a £20m+ group action against a well-known bank dealing with issues of mis-selling and negligence by bank officials.

Summary : Geraint Jones Q. C. has pursued a substantial chancery, commercial and professional negligence practice over many years and has specialised in these fields for some 25 years or more. His experience in criminal matters comes mainly from sitting as a Recorder in the Crown Court.

Reported decisions include :

Ford v GKR Construction (2000) 1 WLR 1097.

Havenledge v Graeme John & Ptnrs (2001) PNLR.

White v Chubb (2002) 1 P&CR Digest 22.

UCB v Williams (2002) 2 P&CR Digest 33 (C/A : BCCI v Aboody not followed on causation in actual undue influence cases).

Alpha Lettings Ltd v Neptune Research & Development Inc (2003) EWCA Civ 704 (period of notice to terminate an exclusive distributorship agreement).

Richardson v Howie (2004) EWCA Civ 1127 (aggravated damages for assault abolished).

HSS Hire Services PLC v BMB Builders Merchants Ltd (2005) EWCA Civ 627 (costs to be reserved until damages assessed where there was a split trial and a payment in had been made).

Clowes Developments Ltd v Walters (2005) 17 EG 123 (adverse possession).

Mercantile & Credit plc v Marks (2005) Ch 81, (2004) 3 WLR 489 (sub-charges)

Nelson v Clearsprings Management Ltd (2007) 1 WLR 962

Awoyomi v Radford (2007) EWHC 1671 (retrospectivity of *Hall v Simons*).

Greening & Sykes Ltd v Nelson & Hanley The Times 22/1/08 (status of intervening bare trustee).

Carter v Cole (2009) 33 E.G. 66 (derogation from grant).
Goldberg v Foster Squires [2010] EWHC 450 - partners liable for fraud of a partner.
R v H.M.R.C. ex parte Eastenders Cash & Carry Ltd (2011) 1 WLR 488.
Eastenders Cash & Carry Ltd v H.M.R.C. (2011) UKFTT 25 (TC).
Eastenders plc v H.M.R.C. [2012] 1 WLR 1494 (statutory construction CEMA'79).
Brendan Barnes (B.D.O.) v Eastenders plc v C.P.S. [2013] 1 WLR 1494
Brendan Barnes (B.D.O.) v Eastenders plc v C.P.S. [2014] UKSC 26.
Romasave (property Services) Ltd v HMRC [2015] STC 1
County Leasing Management Ltd v Hawkes [2016] BCC 102.

Experience :

- Formerly junior counsel of choice for Solicitors' Indemnity Fund for South Wales area (real property/conveyancing matters).
- Advisory and advocacy work for The Environment Agency & Dept the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.
- Advisory and advocacy work for Sony (U.K.) Ltd ; Texaco plc ; Associated British Ports ; Templar Properties Ltd ; Eagle Star (Axa) ; Land Authority for Wales.
- Advisory and advocacy work for numerous local authorities.
- Litigation relating to all aspects of real property disputes, mortgages and trusts.
- Advising upon & drafting standard contractual conditions for trade association members.
- Leading counsel in multi-million pound commercial fraud case arising from the collapse of the Versailles Group.

Education : Jesus College, Cambridge.

Awards : M.A. (Cantab).

Middle Temple : Harmsworth Scholar.

Associations : Chancery Bar Association.

Professional Negligence Bar Association.

Date of Birth : 5th April 1953.