

# **GOODMAN DERRICK LLP**

## **Jonathan Haydn-Williams: Insurance Profile**

Jonathan is a Solicitor and Senior Counsel in the Goodman Derrick Dispute Resolution team. He has 33 years experience of handling a wide range of civil and commercial disputes, including many relating to insurance and reinsurance.

He trained and worked at Allen & Overy and was a partner with Taylor Wessing and then Hextalls for several years, joining Goodman Derrick in 2008. He is qualified as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) and is an accredited mediator (Regent's University, London).



### **Insurance experience**

Jonathan's experience includes:

- The Lloyds' Names litigation of the early 1990s, representing two Names' Action Groups.
- Insurance dispute between US government entity and offshore insurer. New York governing law. Arbitration with seat in London.
- Successful mediation of disputes over joint venture in the London contingency insurance market.
- Resolution of dispute over hurricane damage, involving Caribbean insurers and London reinsurers.
- Representation of Caribbean insurers in cross-jurisdictional claim concerning a yachting accident.
- Professional negligence claims for claimants against insurer backed defendants.
- Acting for claimant in successfully mediated litigation relating to disputed settlement of large water damage claim.
- Extensive advisory work, including as to:
  - terms of cover for libel and publishing insurance
  - IT insurance cover
  - property and product liability
  - events insurance
  - misrepresentation and non-disclosure
  - claims against insurers of insolvent insured parties
  - Insurance Act 2015
  - "Before the Event" insurance policies (as to whether they cover clients' litigious disputes)
  - "After the Event" insurance (advising clients as to the nature of cover, preparing

applications for insurance, advising on terms offered and policy wording, advising clients during the course of litigation and liaising with insurers and brokers).

## Publications

Jonathan writes and speaks on arbitration, insurance and other topics. He recently (July 2016) gave a seminar on arbitration and expert determination to the Association of Partnership Practitioners, the written version of which is available at [www.gdknowledge.co.uk/binding-alternatives-to-litigation/](http://www.gdknowledge.co.uk/binding-alternatives-to-litigation/). His published articles including:

- “*Sulamerica: The Problem of the Proper Law of an Arbitration Agreement*”: Journal of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, concerning a cross-border insurance dispute;
- “Flooded? Hints about making an effective insurance claim” [www.gdknowledge.co.uk/flooded-hints-about-making-an-effective-insurance-claim/](http://www.gdknowledge.co.uk/flooded-hints-about-making-an-effective-insurance-claim/).

## Practice Overview

Jonathan has wide experience of advising on and handling disputes for companies/corporations, partnerships/LLPs, governments, overseas lawyers, SMEs and individuals. As well as contract and other general commercial claims, he has particular experience in the following areas:

- Arbitration (international and UK)
- Banking, investment and finance
- Civil fraud
- Cross-border litigation
- Insolvency
- Insurance
- Media, publishing and intellectual property
- Mediation
- Partnerships and limited liability partnerships (LLPs)
- Professional negligence claims
- Shareholder and other company issues
- Sports sector
- Trusts and probate including offshore.

A full description can be found at [www.gdlaw.co.uk/profiles/jonathan-haydn-williams](http://www.gdlaw.co.uk/profiles/jonathan-haydn-williams)

## Education and Memberships

Cambridge University (MA in Law); Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators;  
Accredited Mediator (Regent’s Univ. London); Association of London Welsh Lawyers;  
Association of Partnership Practitioners; JUSTICE; City of London Club;  
Committee of the Law Society’s Civil Litigation Section.

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