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Anthony Jones has a broad practice in commercial law, professional liability, international arbitration, public international law, and human rights. Anthony has extensive experience before domestic and international tribunals, with current and recent cases before the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, the European Court of Human Rights, the EU Courts, and ICSID arbitral tribunals, as well as in a range of offshore jurisdictions (Antigua, Barbados, the Isle of Man, and St Vincent and the Grenadines).

In recent years, Anthony has acted in a number of important cases, led and unled, including:

- ***Financial Conduct Authority v MS Amlin and others*** (2020) – currently acting for Royal & Sun Alliance in the Commercial Court in the high-profile litigation regarding business interruption insurance responses to the Covid-19 pandemic
- ***Re Edwardian Group Ltd*** [2018] EWHC 1715 (Ch) – acted for the successful minority shareholder in a £140 million seven-week unfair prejudice petition regarding one of the UK’s largest hotel groups
- ***Khanty-Mansiysk Recoveries Ltd v Forsters LLP*** [2018] EWCA Civ 89 and [2016] EWHC 522 (Comm) – acted for the successful defendant to a £75 million claim arising out of investments in Russia (one of *The Lawyer’s* Top 20 Cases)
- ***BPE Solicitors v Hughes-Holland*** [2017] 2 WLR 1029 (UKSC) – part of the successful appellant’s team in this ground-breaking Supreme Court case concerning the SAAMCo approach to the scope of professional duties
- ***R (Campaign Against Arms Trade) v Secretary of State for International Trade*** [2019] 1 WLR 5765 (CA) and [2017] EWHC 1754 (Admin) – acted at first instance and on appeal for leading NGOs in the challenge to UK arms exports to Saudi Arabia for use in Yemen (one of *The Lawyer’s* Top 20 Cases)
- ***Wikimedia v Turkey*** (European Court of Human Rights, 2019-20) – acting for Wikimedia in the challenge to the Turkish government’s decision to block access to Wikipedia
- ***Hanan v Germany*** (European Court of Human Rights, 2019-20) – acting before the Grand Chamber in this significant case on the extraterritorial application of the European Convention to airstrikes in Afghanistan
- C-458/19 P ***ClientEarth v European Commission*** (CJEU, 2018-20) – acting as sole counsel in the EU General Court and on appeal to the CJEU in a challenge to the European Commission chemical regulation scheme on the grounds of non-compliance of EU law with the UN Aarhus Convention



Anthony is recognised by Legal 500 as a leading junior in Civil Liberties and Human Rights for '*the quality of his research, legal judgement and drafting is consistently excellent. Clients rightly jump at the chance to instruct him*' (2021); his '*unparalleled ability to digest a significant amount of complex information in a short period of time, and develop insightful and compelling arguments*' (2020) and for being '*impressive with clients and skilled at finding a compromise.*' In 2019 he was appointed a member of the Equality and Human Rights Commission Panel of Counsel. Anthony is also recognised by the Legal 500 as a leading junior in Professional Negligence '*He cuts through difficult problems with neat legal solutions and works brilliantly as part of a wider team*' (2021).

Qualifications & Memberships

Anthony holds a BA in Law with First Class Honours and various prizes from University College, Oxford. He also holds an MA and BA in Classical Chinese with First Class Honours and the University Medal (first in year) from the University of Sydney, and a Diploma in Chinese from Beijing Yuyan Daxue (University of Languages and Cultures). Anthony was ranked Outstanding on the BPTC, for which he held the top scholarship from Middle Temple.

Previous Experience

Prior to coming to the bar, Anthony worked for five years in politics in Australia, acting as special advisor to the Foreign Minister, Premier of New South Wales, and Attorney General of New South Wales.

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Areas of Expertise

Professional Liability

'He cuts through difficult problems with neat legal solutions and works brilliantly as part of a wider team' – *Legal 500, 2021*

Anthony has quickly established a leading reputation as a junior in the field of professional liability and is recognised by the Legal 500 as a leading junior in this area. He has been involved in a number of the leading cases in recent years, including the Supreme Court's recent re-examination of the *SAAMCo* approach to the scope of duty in *BPE Solicitors v Hughes-Holland* and the Court of Appeal proceedings in *Brown v InnovatorOne*. He recently acted in the Court of Appeal and Commercial Court successfully defending a £75 million Russian investment claim named one of *The Lawyer's* Top 20 cases (*Khanty-Mansyisk Recoveries v Forsters LLP*). In addition, Anthony has experience sitting as an Adjudicator under the Professional Negligence Bar Association Rules.

Anthony is a former member of the Executive Committee of the Professional Negligence Bar Association, and is a co-author of the leading practitioner's text, *Jackson & Powell on Professional Liability* (8th ed).

For further details, see the links in respect of individual professions.

Auditors and Accountants

Anthony has experience acting in a range of auditors' and accountants' negligence cases, both as a junior and as sole counsel, with a particular focus on failure to identify fraud and the duties of accountants in the insolvency context. His practice in this area is complemented by his detailed understanding auditors' and accountants' disciplinary proceedings. Recent cases include:

- Claim against auditors of solicitors' practice (Commercial Court, 2020) – currently acting in multimillion pound claim against auditors of solicitors' practice in respect of alleged failure to identify substantial fraud and departures from SRA reporting accountant standards
- ***South Staffs Industries v Backhouse*** (Court of Appeal, 2019) – acted (with Ben Patten QC) for the respondents in relation to an appeal brought by accountants liable for return of funds following the failure of tax mitigation investment schemes, raising complex issues of counter-restitution and equitable accounting
- ***Re Horizon Bank*** (Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, 2018) – acted (with Justin Fenwick QC) defending proceedings brought against the liquidator of an offshore bank in St Vincent and the Grenadines
- Claim brought by bankrupt against insolvency practitioners (Chancery Division, 2019) – acted as sole counsel defending multimillion pound claim brought against insolvency practitioner alleging unreasonable release/settlement of litigation claims
- Claim against auditors of multinational mining plc (Commercial Court, 2017) – acted (with Graham Chapman QC) in a multimillion pound claim against the auditors of a multinational public company in respect of alleged failures to identify substantial fraud arising from gold mining operations in Africa
- Claim against auditors of Lloyd's underwriter (Commercial Court, 2017) – acted as sole counsel in claim against auditors in respect of statutory audits
- ***FRC Executive Counsel v KPMG and ors*** (2018) – acted (with Ben Hubble QC) defending FRC sanctions proceedings arising from multi-year audits of a Lloyd's syndicate

Financial Services Professionals

Anthony has a detailed understanding of investment disputes, both as a junior and as sole counsel, with a particular focus on offshore schemes. Recent cases include:

- Pensions class action in Isle of Man – acting (with Graham Chapman QC) on behalf of thousands of pension holders claiming against two Isle of Man insurance groups
- ***South Staffs Industries v Backhouse*** (Court of Appeal, 2019) – acted (with Ben Patten QC) for the respondents in relation to an appeal brought by accountants liable for return of funds following the failure of tax mitigation investment schemes, raising complex issues of counter-restitution and equitable accounting
- ***Re Horizon Bank*** (Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, 2018) – acted (with Justin Fenwick QC) defending proceedings brought against the liquidator of an offshore bank in St Vincent and the Grenadines
- ***JP SPC v Turnstone and Peacock*** (Isle of Man Court of Appeal, 2017) – acted (with Jamie Smith QC) at first instance and appeal proceedings in a substantial claim in the Isle of Man in relation to the collapse of a series of investment funds in the Cayman Islands
- ***Adams v Ford and Keydata Investment Services*** (Commercial Court, 2013) – acted (with Ben Hubble QC) in the defence to a multi-million pound claim brought by hundreds of investors in technology-based tax mitigation investment schemes
- ***Brown v InnovatorOne*** (Court of Appeal, 2012) – acted (with Ben Hubble QC and Nicole Sandells QC) in the appeal arising from this landmark professional liability claim brought by 500 investors in tax mitigation schemes, dealing particular with *Quistclose* trusts of client account monies

Lawyers

Anthony is frequently instructed in relation to all forms of lawyers' liability matters, from disputes arising out of failed litigation and arbitration to high-value complex secured lending transactions. Recent cases include:

- ***Stephenson Harwood v Geneva Trust Company SA*** (Commercial Court, 2019) – acted (with Ben Hubble QC) in multimillion pound fees dispute regarding high-profile litigation brought by and against the tycoon Robert Tchenguiz and associated entities
- ***Tolaini v Adams & Remers LLP*** (QBD, 2019) – acted as sole counsel in multimillion pound dispute regarding inadequate representation in complex Companies Court proceedings
- ***Muduroglu v Stephenson Harwood*** [2017] EWHC 29 (Ch) – acted (with Ben Hubble QC) in successful interim proceedings striking out substantial claim brought by commercial investors against former advisers
- ***Khanty-Mansiysk Recoveries v Forsters LLP*** [2018] EWCA Civ 89 and [2016] EWHC (Comm) – acted (with Jamie Smith QC) for the successful defendant to a £75 million claim arising out of investments in Russia (one of *The Lawyer's* Top 20)

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- ***BPE Solicitors v Hughes-Holland*** [2017] 2 WLR 1029 (UKSC) – part of the successful appellant’s team in this groundbreaking Supreme Court case concerning the *SAAMCo* approach to the scope of professional duties
- International shipping arbitration negligence claim (Commercial Court, 2017-18) – acted (with David Halpern QC) on behalf of an international shipping firm in a substantial claim against a leading international law firm with respect to the conduct of parallel international arbitration proceedings (*ad hoc* proceedings in England and proceedings before the Tokyo Maritime Arbitration Commission)

Insurance Brokers

Anthony has experience acting, and advising, on both the claimant and defendant sides in substantial brokers’ negligence cases, both led and unled. He is well-versed in the detail of the FCA Handbook ICOBS rules, and has experience of cases raising the adequacy of professional indemnity, employer’s liability, injury, material damage, and business interruption cover. A selection of relevant cases is set out below.

Insights

Professional liability round up of 2019

7 January 2020

Helen Evans, Pippa Manby, Anthony Jones and Seohyung Kim of 4 New Square Chambers explain what the 2019 cases tell us, how the various strands of development interact, and what trends are evident as we go into 2020.

GCHQ, encrypted chats and IPA 2016

18 July 2019

This article was first published on Lexis@PSL on 8 July 2019. Corporate Crime analysis: An open letter signed by over 50 organisations, including Apple, WhatsApp, Liberty and Privacy International, recently called on the UK Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) to abandon a proposal to eavesdrop on encrypted chats. Can Yeginsu and Anthony Jones, barristers at 4 New Square Chambers, explain the background to the proposal and consider some of the related legislation in this area.

Creative remedies in unfair prejudice petitions

17 July 2019

In this article, prompted by the recent quantum decision in *Re Edwardian Group Ltd* [2019] EWHC 873 (Ch) Helen Evans and Anthony Jones of 4 New Square consider the range of valuation approaches available to a judge when ordering a share purchase.