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A superb courtroom performer and deadly cross-examiner; he is very quick-thinking on his feet with a measured style which earns the court's trust.

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David Turner QC specialises in commercial insurance and reinsurance, professional liability (principally accountants (both complex tax planning and auditors' negligence), brokers and solicitors) and commercial product liability disputes.

He has been described in the Directories as *"a superb courtroom performer and deadly cross-examiner"*, *"tactically astute with a forensic approach to detail"*, *"very quick thinking on his feet"*, *"there is no part of a case which he does not familiarise himself with. There are no corners cut, he has everything at his fingertips in court"*, *"an excellent QC - very meticulous, thorough and measured"*, having *"a measured style which earns the court's trust"* and *"great with clients"*.

David's practice has typically involved large-scale disputes in the Commercial Court, Chancery Division, the Technology and Construction Court and in arbitration both at home and overseas. He enjoys working as part of a large, multi-disciplinary team, and places great emphasis on identifying and pursuing a strategy which meets his client's commercial requirements.

David accepts appointments to serve as either a sole or a party-nominated arbitrator in disputes in the UK and internationally. He is a Fellow of the Dispute Board Federation.

David is a member of COMBAR, TECBAR and the Professional Negligence Bar Association. He is an advocacy trainer for Gray's Inn.

Publications:

David is author of the chapter on Professional Indemnity Insurance in *Jackson & Powell on Professional Liability*, and a reasonably frequent contributor to *Insurance Law Monthly*.

Wider experience

David was a non-executive board member of a national charity from 2013 until 2019, serving additionally on its finance and medical research grants committees. He has also been a lay member of a Clinical Reference Group for a national specialised service.

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Areas of Expertise

Commercial Dispute Resolution

David's experience in this field includes:

- Acting for a major public authority in a substantial dispute with a services outsourcing provider in relation to a strategic partnering agreement
- Acting for insurers in an arbitration concerning the construction of a 10.5 MMTPA oil refinery in Asia and involving claims for material damage and under an ALOP/DSU policy
- Advising in relation to the *Evangelos Florakis* naval base explosion in Cyprus
- Acting for the owner/operator of a PFI waste recycling facility in a claim arising from fire damage to the plant during the course of modifications
- Acting for the main group of property owner claimants in the Buncefield litigation

Qualifications & Memberships

M.A. (Cambridge) Dip Law (City University)

Member of COMBAR, TECBAR and PNBA

Insights

4 New Square E-Bundling Guide

14 April 2020

Drawing on extensive experience of working with different types of e-Bundle, David Turner QC has created a guide setting out the advantages and disadvantages of different types of standalone e-Bundle, a step-by-step approach to their compilation and how to get the most out of them.

Halliburton Company v Chubb Bermuda Insurance Ltd [2018] EWCA Civ 817: arbitral appointments in related or overlapping references

23 April 2018

The question of whether an arbitrator can accept appointments in related or overlapping references can arise with surprising frequency, especially in the context of excess layer insurance programmes. In *Halliburton*, the Court of Appeal held that (1) an arbitrator should have made disclosure of later references but (2) on the facts of the case, neither the fact of the later references nor the failure to disclose them would have led a fair-minded and informed observer to conclude that there was a real possibility that the arbitrator was biased.

Jackson & Powell on Professional Liability: chapter on Professional Indemnity Insurance in the current, 8th, edition

The 'MV Renos' [2018] EWCA Civ 230

21 February 2018

In the 'MV Renos' the Court of Appeal had to determine whether the Respondents ("Owners") had lost the right to abandon the vessel and claim that it was a constructive total loss

Bluebon Limited v Ageas (UK) Limited plc and others [2017] EWHC 3301 (Comm)

15 December 2017

Many commercial property insurance policies contain a term, dressed up as a warranty, requiring the electrical installation to be tested every five years. In *Bluebon*, Bryan J had to determine whether the five year period started from the date of the last inspection (if any), or from the date on which the policy inception

Premier Motorauctions Ltd v PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP [2017] EWCA Civ 1872

23 November 2017

Ever since Stuart-Smith J's decision in *Geophysical Service Centre v Dowell Schlumberger (ME) Inc* [2013] EWHC 147 (TCC), impoverished claimant companies have sought to rely on the existence of an ATE insurance policy as a reason why a Court should not make an order for security for costs. In *Premier Motorauctions* the Court of Appeal was required to decide whether, and to what extent, the existence of ATE cover really could defeat an application for security for costs

Ted Baker plc v AXA Insurance UK plc [2017] EWCA Civ 4097

11 August 2017

In *Ted Baker plc v AXA Insurance UK plc*, the Insured appealed Mr Justice Eder's findings at first instance ([2014] EWHC 3548 (Comm)) that it (1) had breached a claims co-operation clause, compliance with which was a condition precedent to Insurers' liability, and (2) had failed to prove that its claimed loss of profit exceeded the deductible

AIG Europe Ltd v. OC320301 LLP and others [2016] EWCA Civ 367

14 April 2016

In *AIG Europe Ltd v. OC320301 LLP and others* [2016] EWCA Civ 367, the Court of Appeal reviewed a decision of Teare J concerning whether a number of different claims against a firm of lawyers could be characterised as arising from similar acts or omissions in a series of related matters or transactions for the purposes of limb (iv) of the aggregation provision within the prevailing Solicitors' Minimum Terms and Conditions