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*A powerful advocate who is always attuned to the judge's thinking. He has sound judgement, is calm under pressure and inspires confidence*

- Legal 500

**Mark Cullen specialises in commercial litigation, with a particular focus on civil fraud, offshore work and professional liability claims in a commercial context.**

Mark was admitted as an Attorney at Law in the Cayman Islands in 2018 and as a Barrister of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (British Virgin Islands) in 2017. Mark has significant experience of working in the Cayman Islands, the British Virgin Islands and the Isle of Man.

Mark's previous experience includes working as the Judicial Assistant to Lord Justice Maurice Kay, then the Vice-President of the Court of Appeal (Civil Division). During this time, Mark was involved in a number of high profile cases and gained an invaluable insight into the appellate process.

Mark holds a M.A. in Law and a first class LL.M. from Jesus College, University of Cambridge, where he was awarded a Foundation Scholarship. He was called to the Bar by Inner Temple in 2013, having been awarded a Major Scholarship and Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Award for his BPTC year.

For examples of Mark's ongoing and previous work, please see the individual practice areas below.

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## Areas of Expertise

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### International Arbitration

Mark is developing a practice in international arbitration. He has experience of commercial and construction disputes.

### Cases

- International arbitration relating to the construction of a nuclear installation  
Mark acted as part of a counsel team led by Roger Stewart QC and Anneliese Day QC in a complex international arbitration worth in excess of £100 million relating to the construction of a nuclear installation.

- Confidential dispute arising from a commercial service agreement  
Mark assisted Ben Elkington QC to advise in a dispute relating to a commercial service agreement.
- Confidential dispute relating to a contract for the sale of shares  
Mark provided research assistance to Nicholas Felcher QC in a dispute relating to a share purchase agreement.
- Resisting application to appoint an arbitrator  
Mark acted as sole counsel in an application under s.18 of the Arbitration Act 1996 to appoint an arbitrator in a construction dispute.

## Qualifications & Memberships

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### Education:

M.A. (Cantab) LL.M. (Cantab)

### Bar Admissions:

England and Wales: 2013

British Virgin Islands: 2017

Cayman Islands: 2018

### Memberships:

Commercial Bar Association

Commercial Fraud Lawyers Association

Professional Negligence Bar Association

Technology and Construction Bar Association

Young International Arbitration Group

## Insights

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### **The COVID-19 challenge: insurance coverage in the time of lock-down**

1 April 2020

In this article written for Thomson Reuters Practical Law, Neil Hext QC and Mark Cullen of 4 New Square provide guidance on the main types of insurance cover that are potentially relevant in relation to losses resulting from COVID-19. In particular, they consider whether insurance cover might be available under business interruption, event cancellation, employer's liability, D&O, credit and travel insurance policies.

### **Case Note on Ocean Finance & Mortgages Limited v Oval Insurance Broking Limited and Senior Wright Limited, Publication: Insurance Law London**

2 February 2016

In this judgment, Mr Justice Cooke had to determine the comparative responsibility of placing and producing brokers for failing to advise an insured to make a "block notification" of "circumstances that may give rise to a claim" against a backdrop of PPI mis-selling.



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## **Soland v Clifford Harris: warehousing litigation an abuse of process, Publication: Practical Law Dispute Resolution Blog**

22 December 2015

The judgment of Arnold J in *Solland v Clifford Harris* highlights that unilaterally “warehousing” a claim (that is, putting a claim on hold without intending to pursue it) can amount to an abuse of process, even if a claimant subsequently decides to pursue the claim.

## **Case Note on Luffeorm Limited v Kitsons LLP, Publication: Professional Negligence Bar Association Newsletter**

8 October 2015

The Claimant brought professional negligence proceedings against a firm of solicitors who had acted on its behalf in a transaction involving the purchase of a pub business. The case contains an unorthodox analysis of the burden of proof, and considers once again the challenging boundary line between commercial and legal advice. PNBA membership required.

## **Procedural Fairness in an Information Rights Context, Judicial Review, 20:1, 26-32**

1 June 2015

Considers (with Tom Pascoe, Brick Court Chambers) the tension between fairness and reliance on closed material in the information rights context.