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*He has the ability to get to grips quickly with highly complex matters and his drafting skills demonstrate a keen eye for detail.*

- Chambers & Partners

**Peter is currently taking a break from practice.**

**Peter Morcos has a practice that encompasses all areas of commercial dispute resolution, with a particular focus on commercial litigation and arbitration, professional liability, insurance, and construction.**

Peter has appeared before the High Court, the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court. He has also acted in arbitrations under a range of domestic and international institutions.

Peter is ranked in Chambers and Partners as an "up-and-coming junior" with a "broadly commercial practice", and is described as a "a hard worker who is highly intelligent", with "the ability to get to grips quickly with highly complex matters". Clients in the legal directories have also commented that "his drafting skills demonstrate a keen eye for detail" and that Peter gives "clear, considered and strategic advice. He gets straight to the nub of the issue and is very hard working and responsive."

Before becoming a barrister, Peter received a BA in Law with First Class Honours and a BCL with Distinction from Lincoln College, Oxford where he won prizes at an undergraduate and graduate level. Peter has also attained an LLM with Distinction from the University of Pennsylvania, where he was a Dean's Scholar and a Withers Scholar. After his legal education, Peter received the Oxford Pro Bono Publico scholarship for his work at the AIRE Centre, assisting in interventions before the ECJ and the ECtHR. He also served as a tutor and examiner in tort at King's College, London.

Peter has a good understanding of conversational Arabic.

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## Areas of Expertise

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### Insurance

Peter is ranked in Chambers and Partners for Insurance work. In 2020, he is characterised as **“a silk’s dream junior. He is hard-working, writes well and is sensible.”** **“Beyond his years in terms of ability.”** **“A pleasure to work with.”** In 2019 he was described as giving **“clear, considered and strategic advice. He gets straight to the nub of the issue and is very hard working and responsive”**. For his year of call, he has extensive experience of insurance law including disputes involving issues such as



misrepresentation, non-disclosure, notification, dishonesty, coverage and aggregation.

## Cases

- **AIG Europe Limited v Woodman**

Peter appeared in the Supreme Court for the successful appellants, AIG, led by Colin Edelman QC. The case is the first to come before the Supreme Court in relation to aggregation clauses since 2003. Peter also appeared as junior counsel for AIG in the Commercial Court and Court of Appeal.

- **Cybercrime Coverage Advice**

Sole counsel advising in relation to coverage issues arising out of a cyber attack.

- **D&O Coverage Advice**

Sole counsel advising administrators on notification and coverage issues under a D&O policy, arising out of the failure of a company previously valued in excess of £1billion.

- **Insolvency Practitioner Coverage Advice**

Sole counsel advising insurers in relation to notification and dishonesty under an insolvency practitioner's professional indemnity policy.

- **Arbitration on Aggregation Issues**

Instructed in relation to an arbitration arising out of an aggregation dispute, led by John Lockey QC.

- **Claim under a Property Damage Policy**

Sole counsel advising on the applicability of an exclusion clause in relation to business interruption flowing from property damage.

- **Claim under Product Liability Policy**

Sole counsel advising a policyholder on coverage issues under a product liability policy. In particular, the case concerns claims made and notified arising out of fire damage caused by heating appliances sold by the policyholder company.

- **CCHL v Collingwood Insurance Co Ltd**

Sole counsel for an insurer resisting an injunction application in the High Court in relation to coverage issues under a commercial insurance policy.

- **Claim against Insurance Brokers**

Sole counsel in a claim against insurance brokers raising questions as to the meaning and validity of a clause prescribing territorial limits in the underlying insurance policy.

## Qualifications & Memberships

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BA, University of Oxford (First Class Honours); BCL, University of Oxford (Distinction); LLM, University of Pennsylvania (Distinction); BPTC (Outstanding).

Peter is a member of COMBAR, BILA, PNBA, TECBAR, SCL and the London Common Law and Commercial Bar Association.

## Insights

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### **GDPR and Insurance: who picks up the tab when things go wrong?**

8 May 2018

Notwithstanding assurances from the Information Commissioner that they “prefer the carrot to the stick” the fact remains that the ICO will have the power under Article 83(4) the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”) to levy fines of up to €10million or 2% of annual global turnover on data controllers. Alison Padfield QC, Clare Dixon and Peter Morcos consider which aspects of



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GDPR compliance are likely to be insurable and/or insured, focussing in particular upon: (a) the insurability (or otherwise) of fines; (b) new potential liabilities under the GDPR; and (c) the potential pitfalls of assuming that cyber insurance will cover all civil liabilities under GDPR.

## **8th Edition of Jackson and Powell on Professional Liability**

11 January 2017

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