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George practises commercial and common law. He has become an experienced advocate in civil fraud litigation dealing with commercial and insurance disputes ranging from freezing orders to trials and subsequent contempt proceedings.

He has extensive experience in defending fraudulent and exaggerated insurance claims. His regulatory work includes financial services disputes (acting for both banks and consumers).

His knowledge of commercial litigation and financial services regulation originated from working at a City law firm and with the Enforcement Division of the FSA (now FCA).

He also currently works as an employed barrister and advocate for the boutique City litigation firm, Ballinger Law Limited. His common law practice areas include personal injury, clinical negligence, inquests and inquiries.

Business Law

Recent Cases:

- *EACS v Prime Education & Others (KBD)* [2023] EWHC 1634 (KB): Working with Ballinger Law Limited and instructed by MS-Legal, George acted as sole advocate for the Claimant in a 6-day trial before Ellenbogen J in the King's Bench Division. The Court gave judgment in favour of the Claimant (a Libyan State Entity) for €13.3 million plus £1.8 million in respect of its claim for the misappropriation of funds by an English company and its directors. The claim succeeded on (1) inducement of a breach of contract (2) dishonest assistance and (3) unlawful means conspiracy.
- *PG Commodity Brokers v Metro Bank Plc (Ch.)* 2023: Currently instructed as counsel by the defendant bank. The claim is for loss of business profits purportedly arising from the bank's closure of the claimant's account under the POCA money laundering regime. The litigation to date has involved a pre-action disclosure application by the claimant and a summary judgment / security application by the defendant in the Chancery Division. The trial of this matter has been transferred for case management in the Business List in the Central London County Court.
- *Lombard v Skyjets (QBD)* 2022: Worked an employed barrister with Ballinger Law Limited and Philip Coppel KC representing the liquidators of a private jet company against a commercial lender in a claim based upon the wrongful repossession of a Learjet. Although breach of duty was established, the claim failed at trial on the issue of causation of loss.
- *Rocker v Full Circle Asset Management (QBD)* 2017: Worked as junior counsel and subsequently as an employed barrister with Ballinger Law Limited and Philip Coppel KC in a successful claim against financial advisers for professional negligence, breach of mandate and breach of COB rules.

Personal Injury & Clinical Negligence

George acts for both claimants and defendants. He has a particular interest in and experience of cases involving psychiatric injury and cases in which fundamental dishonesty has been alleged.

Recent Cases:

- *Jenner v Barkworth-Knight & Another, Cambridge CC (before the DCJ) 2023*: Acted as counsel for over 12 years for an injured claimant who had suffered neuro-psychiatric damage in a traumatic car accident when a young child. The claim only came to a conclusion in 2023 after the claimant had reached maturity and when she was permitted by the Court to accept a Part 36 Offer out of time (without the usual costs sanctions).
- *Aviva Insurance Ltd v Anwar (QBD) 2022*: Acted for the applicant insurer as counsel in successful contempt proceedings brought against an individual who had admitted fabricating the entirety of her evidence in her multi-track claim for personal injury and consequential losses.
- *P v ABC Bank 2019 (QBD) 2019*: Acted for the Claimant as counsel in an action against a High Street bank. The claim was based on allegations that the defendant bank had caused psychiatric harm and financial loss through fraudulent mis-representation, the negligent mis-selling of mortgage products and by the breach of various MCOB rules. The claim settled at mediation.

Inquests & Inquiries

George has experience of acting for both bereaved families and institutions in coronial proceedings.