

Tanfield Chambers

Geraint Jones QC

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Areas of Practice

Business & Commercial
Property
Public Access

Career

1976 Called to the Bar
2001 Silk

Profile

Geraint is currently the Head of Tanfield Chambers and pursues a thriving commercial and property practice. In silk he has been leading counsel in multi-million pound litigation, (successfully) defending allegations of commercial fraud arising from the collapse of the Versailles Group. He is currently involved in a long running group litigation case involving (about 100) leaseholders in disputes with their landlord; a case of factual and substantial legal complexity.

As a junior counsel, Geraint Jones was counsel of choice for the Solicitor's Indemnity Fund in South Wales and has extensive experience in professional negligence issues, especially relating to property and conveyancing matters.

Furthermore, he was regularly involved in commercial litigation involving banking, insurance, carriage of goods, commercial leases and more general contract disputes.

Geraint Jones has extensive experience of human rights and discrimination issues associated with his work for the Immigration Appeals Tribunal & The Asylum & Immigration Tribunal.

Experience

Property

- Formerly junior counsel of choice for Solicitor's Indemnity Fund for South Wales area (real property/conveyancing matters)
- Litigation relating to all aspects of real property disputes, mortgages and trusts
- Advisory and advocacy work for numerous local authorities
- Advisory and advocacy work for The Environment Agency & Dept the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- Advisory and advocacy work for Sony (UK) Ltd, Texaco plc, Associated British Ports, Templar Properties Ltd, Eagle Star (Axa), Land Authority for Wales

Business & Commercial

- Leading counsel in multi-million pound commercial fraud case arising from the collapse of Versailles Group
- Advising upon and drafting standard contractual conditions for trade association members

Professional negligence

- Counsel of choice for Solicitor's Indemnity Fund (South Wales & the West)

Significant Cases

Goldberg & Oths v Foster Squires (a Firm) [2010] EWHC 450 (QB), LTL 19/3/2010

Accountant's liability for negligent investment advice - Fraud – Partnership liability - Partnership Act 1980, s.10 - Vicarious liability - The ordinary course of the business of an accountant includes expressing a view as to the risks associated with an investment.

Carter v Cole (2009) EWCA Civ 410; (2009) 33 EG 66

Nelson v Clearspring Management Ltd [2007] 1 WLR 962

Mercantile & Credit plc v Marks [2005] Ch 81

Greening & Sykes Ltd v Nelson & Hanley The Times [22/01/08]

Status of intervening bare trustee.

Publications

Co-author, *What's your partner up to?*, Accountancy Age 10 June 2010

New Tactics in V.A.T. Fraud cases; Solicitors Law Journal: (Jones & Glover)

Contributor, *Service Charges and Management: Law and Practice* 1st edition, 2006 (Sweet & Maxwell)

Memberships

Member, Chartered Institutes of Arbitrators

Member, Chancery Bar Association

Chairman, Wales Commercial Law Association, 2000 to 2002

Qualifications

MCI Arb Jesus College, Cambridge

MA (Cantab)

Middle Temple, Harmsworth Scholar

Appointments

Part Time Judge, Tax Tribunal

Recorder

Part Time Chairman, Immigration Appeals Tribunal: Department for Constitutional Affairs Part Time Immigration Judge

External Reviewer of decisions by the Director of Fair Access (Dept. of Education and Skills)

Arbitrator, The Motor Insurers Bureau

Independent Disciplinary Tribunal Chairman, Rugby Football Union

Member, Judicial Panel of International Rugby Board

Chairman, Disciplinary Appeal Tribunal of the British Parachuting Association

Part Time Judge of the Tax Tribunal