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George Mortimer advises clients on commercial and regulatory insurance issues and policy coverage, and represents them in insurance-related disputes. George leads DLA Piper's insurance team in Birmingham.

RELATED SECTORS

- Insurance

George's clients include insurers, corporates (and their captive insurers), insurance intermediaries, and service providers in the insurance sector.

EXPERIENCE

COMMERCIAL INSURANCE AND REGULATORY ADVISORY

- Advising a well-known high-street retailer in the UK and its captive insurer on recovery issues following criminal damage and theft losses at more than 40 locations across England during the August 2011 riots. Advice included coverage under the captive's reinsurance and recovery claims against police authorities under the Riot (Damages) Act 1886
- Advising an Italian insurance broker on arrangements to enable it to place business in the London insurance market
- Advising a major US insurance intermediary on UK regulatory and commercial issues following the establishment of operations in the UK, including drafting and negotiating binding authority agreements and distribution agreements with retailers
- Advising loss adjuster and insurance outsource service provider clients on regulatory developments, including the operational implications of Solvency II

INSURANCE DISPUTES

- *Brotherton v. Colseguros* (facultative reinsurance - case established in the Court of Appeal that unproven allegations of criminality against the insured needed to be disclosed to underwriters)
- *Carvill v. Camperdown* (concerned reinsured's liability for brokerage following termination of broker's retainer)
- *Mabey & Johnson v. Ecclesiastical* (concerned number of indemnities available under a design and construct professional indemnity policy following programme to repair defective bridges supplied to Ghana)

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Prior Experience

- 2007 to date, Senior Associate then Legal Director, DLA Piper
- 1996 to 2006, Associate at London law firm, focusing on high value insurance and reinsurance disputes, professional indemnity claims, and advice on coverage and commercial insurance issues for London Market insurers and reinsurers

Education

- Oxford University, BA (Hons.)
- The College of Law, York, Common Professional Examination and Law Society Finals

INSIGHTS

Publications

UK Court refuses to sanction transfer of annuity portfolio - Re Prudential Assurance Company

23 August 2019

On 16 August 2019, the UK High Court declined to sanction the transfer of a portfolio of annuity policies from Prudential Company Assurance Ltd (Prudential) to Rothesay Life PLC (Rothesay) under Part VII of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

George has contributed articles on professional liability, insurance law and insurance market issues to various publications.

- "Insurance Sector Trends: Forecast for 2018 and 2017 Year End Review," Insurance Update, February 5, 2018