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Doré Green specialises in insurance, professional indemnity and product liability work. He is widely regarded for his thoroughness, attention to detail, and sound commercial judgement.

Doré has acted both for insurers in subrogated recovery claims and for indemnity insurers, in particular construction professionals. He regularly appears in the TCC. He is also widely experienced in coverage disputes, contentious technical issues on proximate cause of loss, policy avoidance for non-disclosure, fraudulent claims (including exaggeration) and inter-insurers claims. He acts for most of the leading insurers.

Doré's product liability practice is largely insurance-driven and encompasses a very broad range of product liability claims.

The principal focus of Doré's professional indemnity practice has been in claims for and against construction professionals (especially engineers and designers) and for and against valuers (defective buildings – commercial and domestic).

He has also acted against brokers, including Lloyd's brokers (eg concerning coverage and notification), and for insurers against loss adjusters.

Expertise

Insurance & Reinsurance

Doré has considerable expertise in claims raising complex technical issues, in particular claims relating to fires, floods, subsidence and landslip and other nuisance and statutory based forms of liability and raising complex design, engineering and geotechnical issues. In all these areas he has acted both for insurers in subrogated recovery claims and for indemnity insurers, in particular constructional professionals. He regularly appears in the TCC.

In insurance and reinsurance work Doré has considerable experience in coverage disputes, in particular policy wording and policy construction, breach of warranties, scope of cover, and claims raising contentious technical issues on the proximate cause of loss. He routinely acts in litigation arising from policy avoidance for non-disclosure, and fraud (both fraudulent claims and fraudulent exaggeration) in particular in the context of fire claims. He has acted for most leading insurers in all these areas. He has also acted in claims inter-insurers arising from double insurance.

Professional Negligence

In professional indemnity the principal focus of Doré's practice has been in claims for and against construction professionals, in particular engineers and design professionals; and for and against valuers in claims relating to defective buildings – both commercial and domestic.

He has also acted in claims against brokers, including Lloyd's brokers, in particular relating to coverage and notification, and for insurers in claims against loss adjusters.

Property Damage

Specialises in Property Damage and related claims.

Significant Cases

Associated Yarns v Delta Laminates

Instructed by Berryman. Vicarious liability for criminal act causing fire.

Hiscox Insurance v Haringey

Instructed by Plexus. Limitation in claims relating to loss of support.

Wynnstay v Heygate

Instructed by Plexus. Product liability in animal feed stuffs.

Armstrong v EDF Energy

Instructed by Greenwoods. Liability of energy supplier and related policy and coverage issues.

Davidson v NEDL

Instructed by Eversheds. Proper approach to causation in fire claims.

Chand v Hiscox Insurance

Instructed by Reynolds Porter Chamberlain. Limits on extent of insurers liability under first party policy in respect of fire.

Ali and others v Oakfield Developments (Yorkshire) Ltd

Instructed by Halliwells. Acting for claimants in multi-party claim involving catastrophic slope failure during development works.

Crossley and others v Roch Valley Developments

Instructed by Plexus. Acting for defendants in multi-party claim involving catastrophic slope failure during development works.

Gemini Riteway v Lonsdale and others

Instructed by Lamport Bassitt. Brokers negligence and policy coverage issues in primary and excess layer insurance.

Education

- MA, Oxford University

Memberships

- Professional Negligence Bar Association
- Common Law & Commercial Bar Association

Recommendations

Recommended as a Leading Junior by Legal 500 and Chambers UK for insurance and reinsurance and professional negligence. Described as “thorough and very bright... spots everything in a case.”

“Very calm, clear and easy to work with.”

“Incredibly thorough and can always be trusted to leave no stone unturned when advising on complex matters.”

Legal 500 2024

“Doré’s attention to detail is second to none. He is unafraid of revisiting points until he has them fully in his grasp, which is very effective as it usually has the impact of simplifying the key issues in a case.” “Doré has a natural flair for advocacy.” “He is great on paper and comes up with inventive ways of resolving things.”

Chambers UK 2023

“Doré has an encyclopaedic knowledge of insurance law and an amazing ability to explain complex issues with great clarity.” “Dore Green is a senior junior with a KC’s practice. He has an unrivalled knowledge of the law in this field. He combines subtle and effective advocacy with strong client skills. Particular expertise in construction related claims.”

Legal 500 2023

“His thoroughness and attention to detail is second to none. He is extremely user-friendly and is my go-to counsel for complex matters. His knowledge of the detail of any case is extraordinary, and he knows which points should be argued.” “Doré is one of my go-to people for complex, technical property and insurance claims. He’s great with clients, excellent in mediation and responsive.” “He’s personable and brilliant at answering questions.”

Chambers UK 2022

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Legal 500 2022

“His knowledge, expertise and organisational skills are excellent, especially in cases involving material damage.” “He’s collaborative and able to work through things together with the other side.”

Chambers UK 2021

“An outstanding intellect which he doesn’t shout about, he has an all-encompassing understanding of both insurance and commercial issues.” “A fiercely intelligent advocate with piercing insight. Doré is someone who chases down every point in a case until he knows it inside out. A terrific barrister to have on your side, and terrifying when he appears on the other side!”

Legal 500 2021

“He’s excellent at dealing with highly technical insurance and property damage disputes.” “He’s very considered in his approach and very scientifically minded.”

Chambers UK 2020

“He is great on the detail and very tenacious.” “A formidable opponent with an encyclopaedic knowledge of the law.”

Legal 500 2020

“A master of detail. The perfect person for heavy duty work” “Fantastic in technical cases that require a lot of scientific expertise.”

Chambers UK 2019

“A most thorough barrister – he is meticulous in his preparation and leaves no stone unturned.” “He is a good advocate with strong attention to detail.”

Chambers UK 2018

“Excellent”

Legal 500 2018

“He is an insurance specialist with a science background, who is good for highly technical insurance and property damage disputes.”

Chambers UK 2017

“He has an instinctive knack for getting the ear of the court in highly technical cases”

Legal 500 2017

“Incredibly thorough and leaves no stone unturned. He works hard, is very user-friendly and develops good relationships.”

Chambers UK 2016

“Recommended for coverage disputes.”

Legal 500 2016

“He gets good results, is highly intelligent and really understands the law.”

Chambers UK 2015

“Well versed in policy wording and policy construction disputes.”

Legal 500 2015