

William Evans

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Having practised at the Bar for 9 years, Bill Evans re-qualified as a solicitor and was a partner in Irwin Mitchell from 1988 to 1994 and DLA from 1994 to 2002, before returning to the Bar. He remains on the roll of solicitors as well as practising at the Bar.

As a solicitor he worked exclusively for insurance clients on a wide range of cases including personal injury, professional indemnity, construction claims and policy interpretation. He developed a particular expertise in disease cases, especially asbestos diseases and asthma, and was named as a Leader in the Field by Chambers' Directory from 1995.

Since returning to the Bar he has developed a significant commercial practice with cases in the Commercial and Technology and Construction Courts including construction insurance disputes and insurance recovery, particularly fire cases, in addition to substantial general commercial work, commercial property and insolvency. Bill's employment practice is in the field of contractual claims, in particular restraint of trade and misuse of information cases. He continues to practise in the area of personal injury claims, in particular disease claims, and insurance contracts.

Bill has been involved with litigation funding for more than 10 years. He was a founding member of a large litigation funder and has acted as a consultant to a number of others. He has also advised a number of ATE providers. He is also involved with a putative ATE business which will specialise in providing adverse costs cover for funded cases.

Bill accepts instructions, in appropriate cases, on a CFA basis.

Legal Services

Commercial

Bill has acted in a number of cases in the Commercial Court and Technology and Construction Court as well as the other divisions of the High Court. Many of the cases in which he has been involved have involved insurance, including subrogation claims by insurers.

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Recently he has particularly been involved in a shareholder unfair prejudice claim, a breach of contract claim in respect of a business in Dubai and a claim for unpaid invoices under a construction contract which involves allegations of interference with contract and conspiracy to cause harm.

In his work with Chancery Capital Bill considers the suitability for funding of large commercial cases proceeding in the High Court or by Arbitration and US and Australian cases. He is also involved in advising on the continuing conduct of the cases funded.

Notable Commercial cases

[Vincent Barber & Linda Lawless v BDW Trading Limited & J Reddington Limited \[2012\] EWHC 2143 \(TCC\)](#)

Brit Inns Limited (in liquidation), Vincent Barber & Linda Lawless v BDW Trading Limited & J Reddington Limited [2012] EWHC 2143 (TCC) a subrogation claim against a negligent contractor for the cost of remedial work.

[Global Marine Drillships Limited v Landmark Solicitors \[\[2011\] EWHC 2685 \(Ch\)](#)

A breach of undertaking claim against a solicitor.

[Guy v Pannone LLP \[2010\] EWCA Civ 1396](#)

An attempt to set aside a statutory demand on the grounds that there was a viable negligence claim against the solicitors.

[Shepherd Neame v EDF PLC \[2008\] EWHC 123 \(TCC\)](#)

A subrogation claim arising from a major fire in a medieval street in Canterbury.

[Blackwell v Gerling \[2007\] EWHC 94 \(Comm\)](#)

A claim under a contractor's all risks insurance policy relating to damage to construction works for a motorway.

[Thames Trains v Railtrack & HSE \(2005\)](#)

A subrogation claim for recovery of monies paid to claimants injured in the Ladbroke Grove rail crash.

Employment

Bill's practice in the employment field is in respect of employment contracts. He has acted recently in a breach of warranty of authority case, and a quantum meruit claim for services provided as a consultant. He also acts in cases involving allegations of restraint of trade and misuse of information.

Insolvency

Bill is instructed in insolvency cases and in particular has advised on numerous such cases for funding purposes.

Personal Injury

Bill has considerable experience in personal injury cases, largely acting for insurers but also claimants. As a solicitor he acted exclusively for insurers in employers' liability and, in particular disease claims. He has a particular expertise and experience in acting in cases resulting from exposure to asbestos. He also acts for claimants in clinical negligence claims.

Property

Bill acts in a variety of property claims. He has recently been involved in a number of cases involving commercial mortgages and a party wall case. Previously he has been involved in cases arising from the conveyance of land and relating to the registration of title in circumstances involving fraud.

Notable Property cases

[Barclays Bank v Guy \[2010\] EWCA Civ 1396](#)

An application to re-open an appeal relating to rectification of the Land Register involving fraud.

Public and Regulatory

Bill acted in a judicial review of the actions of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme relating to the manner in which it operate the Rules of the Compensation Scheme in mesothelioma cases. He also has substantial experience of acting in inquests.

Direct Access

Bill is able to accept instructions directly from members of the public, companies and other entities through the public access scheme (also known as direct access). He has acted, advised and drafted pleadings and documents for a number of individuals and small and medium sized businesses on a direct access basis. He is happy to accept instructions on a direct basis in appropriate cases. If you wish to instruct Bill on a direct basis, please speak to the practice managers.

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For more information on public access, please see the Bar Council [website](#).

Publications

- Employer's Liability and Personal Accident chapters in Insurance Disputes, edited by Mance L.J., Professor Robert Merkin & I Goldrein QC

Memberships

- Society of Advanced Legal Studies
- Professional Negligence Bar Association
- Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA)
- Law Society
- Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR)
- R3
- London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association (LCLCBA)

Qualifications

- BA(Hons) University of Kent at Canterbury
- Barrister called in England and Wales and the British Virgin Islands
- Solicitor
- Mediator
- Recorder sitting in civil and private and public law family cases in the Midland Circuit and is also on a National Recorder Pool