



## Geraint Jones QC

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**Year of Silk:** 2001

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### Commercial

Geraint Jones QC has pursued a substantial chancery, commercial and professional negligence practice over many years and has specialised in these fields for some 25 years or more.

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.

As junior counsel, Geraint was counsel of choice for the Solicitors Indemnity Fund (western region) and has extensive experience in professional negligence issues, especially relating to property conveyancing matters.

#### Recent cases:

- Elbrook Cash & Carry Ltd v H. M. R. C. [2017] UKUT 181 (TCC)
- County Leasing Management Ltd v Hawkes [2016] BCC 102
- Romasave (Property Services) Ltd v HMRC [2015] STC 1
- Brendan Barnes (B.D.O.) v Eastenders plc v C.P.S. [2014] UKSC 26
- Brendan Barnes (B.D.O.) v Eastenders plc v C.P.S. [2013] 1 WLR 1494
- Eastenders plc v H.M.R.C. [2012] 1 WLR 1494 (statutory construction CEMA'79)
- Eastenders Cash & Carry Ltd v H.M.R.C. (2011) UKFTT 25 (TC)
- R v H.M.R.C. ex parte Eastenders Cash & Carry Ltd (2011) 1 WLR 488
- Goldberg v Foster Squires [2010] EWHC 450 - partners liable for fraud of a partner
- Carter v Cole (2009) 33 E.G. 66 (derogation from grant)
- Greening & Sykes Ltd v Nelson & Hanley The Times 22/1/08 (status of intervening bare trustee)
- Nelson v Clearsprings Management Ltd (2007) 1 WLR 962
- Awoyomi v Radford (2007) EWHC 1671 (retrospectivity of Hall v Simons)
- HSS Hire Services PLC v BMB Builders Merchants Ltd (2005) EWCA Civ 627 (costs to be reserved until damages assessed where there was a split trial and a payment in had been made)
- Clowes Developments Ltd v Walters (2005) 17 EG 123 (adverse possession)
- Mercantile & Credit plc v Marks (2005) Ch 81, (2004) 3 WLR 489 (sub-charges)
- Richardson v Howie (2004) EWCA Civ 1127 (aggravated damages for assault abolished)
- Alpha Lettings Ltd v Neptune Research & Development Inc (2003) EWCA Civ 704 (period of notice to terminate an exclusive distributorship agreement)

- White v Chubb (2002) 1 P&CR Digest 22
- UCB v Williams (2002) 2 P&CR Digest 33 (C/A : BCCI v Aboody not followed on causation in actual undue influence cases)
- Havenledge v Graeme John & Ptnrs (2001) PNLR
- Ford v GKR Construction (2000) 1 WLR 1097

#### **Experience:**

- Formerly junior counsel of choice for Solicitors' Indemnity Fund for South Wales area (real property/conveyancing matters)
- Advisory and advocacy work for The Environment Agency & Dept the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- Advisory and advocacy work for Sony (U.K.) Ltd; Texaco plc; Associated British Ports; Templar Properties Ltd; Eagle Star (Axa); Land Authority for Wales
- Advisory and advocacy work for numerous local authorities
- Litigation relating to all aspects of real property disputes, mortgages and trusts
- Advising upon & drafting standard contractual conditions for trade association members
- Leading counsel in multi-million pound commercial fraud case arising from the collapse of the Versailles Group.

## **Academic qualifications**

- Jesus College, Cambridge

## **Professional qualifications & appointments**

- Recorder - Crime and Civil
- Part-time Judge of the Tax Tribunal
- Part-time Judge of the Immigration Tribunal
- Statutory Reviewer of Decisions by the Director of Fair Access (Dept. of Education and Skills)
- Arbitrator for the Motor Insurers' Bureau
- Arbitrator, International Court of Arbitration for Sport, Switzerland
- Chairman of the Disciplinary Appeal Tribunal of the British Parachuting Association
- Ad hoc Arbitrator at the Commonwealth Games 2014

## **Professional bodies**

- Chancery Bar Association
- Professional Negligence Bar Association (PNBA)

## **Direct Access**

Geraint Jones QC is qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public and professional clients under the Direct Public Access scheme.