

# Ronald Walker KC

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## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Professional Negligence, Insurance, Construction, Personal Injury, Industrial Disease, Health & Safety, Mediation, Arbitration, Group Litigation

## JUDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Recorder 1986 | Deputy High Court Judge 1993

Ronald Walker K.C. has extensive recent experience of Group Litigation and disease cases, having acted for the DECC in the VWF litigation (AB v British Coal Corporation and others), subsequently in the Phurnacite litigation (Jones v DECC) and in the ongoing Coke Workers litigation (Pearce v DBEI). He practises mainly in the areas of Professional Negligence, Insurance, Building and Construction, and Personal Injury.

He has appeared in a number of leading cases including South Australia Asset Management Co v York Montague Ltd (SAAMCO), Jameson v CEGB, Bryce v Swan Hunter Group, Rahman v Arearose Ltd, Darby v National Trust, Watson v British Boxing Board of Control, Greene Wood & McLean v Templeton Insurance Ltd, Copley v Lawn, Wilkin-Shaw v Fuller, Risk v Rose Bruford College, Jamesd v White Lion Hotel.

He is an accredited mediator (ADR Group), a TECBAR accredited adjudicator, and acts as an arbitrator.

## Construction

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Ronald Walker K.C. regularly advises in construction disputes of all kinds and appears in litigation and arbitration.

Important reported cases in which he has appeared include

- *United Marine Aggregates Ltd v GM Welding Ltd* (claim for fire damage involving interpretation of the construction contract between the building owner and the maintenance contractor, and the interpretation of warranties in the latter's PL policy)
- *Cleightonhills v Bembridge Marine Ltd* (action by building owner against design and build contractor and sub-contractors in respect of design defects leading to catastrophic personal injury)
- *CA Blackwell (Contracts) Ltd v Gerling General Insurance Company* (Court of Appeal decision on interpretation of a Contractors All Risk Policy, involving the interpretation of a o DE3 type exclusion)
- *Blue Circle Dartford Estates Ltd v J Jarvis Ltd* (decision on powers of court to stay arbitration proceedings. This application to the court was made in the context of a multi-party construction arbitration).
- *John Roberts Architects Ltd v Parkcare Homes (No 2) Ltd* (decision on interpretation of adjudication provisions in construction contract).
- *Surrey Heath Borough Council v Lovell Construction and Haden Young* (leading Court of Appeal case on insurance arrangements under JCT standard forms).

He is an accredited TECBAR adjudicator and mediator.



## **Appointments & Memberships**

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Accredited mediator and TECBAR adjudicator

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