Information Law Workshop

At DAC Beachcroft LLP Offices, Portwall Place, Portwall Lane, Bristol, BS1 6NA on 5 April 2017

AGENDA

1.45-2.00pm Registration

2.00-2.10pm Welcome and Opening
   Helen Faulkner, Head of Insurance, DAC Beachcroft LLP

PART I:
The Insurance Law Reform process – The Consumer Insurance Law Reform

2.10-2.30pm UK Insurance Law: The Impact of the Reforms
   Introduction to the law reform process
   Professor Rob Merkin QC, Law School, University of Exeter

2.30-3.15pm Insurance law reform – fairer treatment for consumers
   Peter Tyldesley, Law School, University of Exeter

3.15-3.30pm Refreshments

PART II:
The Insurance Law Reform process – The Business Insurance Law Reform

3.30-4.10pm UK Insurance Law: The Impact of the 2016 Reforms
   Disclosure, Terms, Fraudulent claims, Late payment of claims
   Professor Rob Merkin QC, Law School, University of Exeter

4.10-4.50pm The Insurance Act 2015: Contracting Out
   Dr Kyriaki Noussia, Senior Lecturer, Law School, University of Exeter

4.50-5.10pm Communications, disclosure, consumer protection and the wider regulatory implications of the Insurance Act 2015
   Mathew Rutter, Partner, DAC Beachcroft LLP

5.10-5.30pm Panel discussion with Mathew Rutter and James Deacon (Partners, DAC Beachcroft LLP), Professor Rob Merkin QC, Peter Tyldesley and Dr Kyriaki Noussia

5.30-6.00pm Q&A session and conclusions
Helen Faulkner, Head of Insurance, DAC Beachcroft LLP

Helen is the Head of Insurance at DAC Beachcroft LLP in the UK and internationally.

She heads up significant insurance client relationships and has considerable experience in defending a wide variety of professionals and advising on coverage issues.

Helen also leads the market leading Professional Indemnity Claims Handling Unit for the practice. This is a highly specialised team that provides a dedicated claims handling service on behalf of Professional Indemnity Insurers and their Insureds. The team provides a proactive and cost-effective service, managing claims by way of early analysis of liability and quantum, coverage and strategies.


Peter Tyldesley, Law School, University of Exeter

Peter was the solicitor at the English Law Commission initially responsible for its review of insurance law. After returning to academic life, he worked with consumer groups and charities to achieve the passing of the Consumer Insurance (Disclosure and Representations) Act 2012, being invited to address two All-Party Parliamentary Groups and to give written evidence to the House of Lords Special Public Bill Committee. Prior to joining the Law Commission, Peter spent time in private practice, worked in house for a number of insurers and acted as a consultant to the Insurance Ombudsman. He is general editor of Consumer Insurance Law: Disclosure, Representations and Basis of the Contract Clauses, published by Bloomsbury Professional.

Professor Rob Merkin QC, Law School, University of Exeter

Rob’s academic interests are in all areas of insurance and reinsurance law, and arbitration law.

Rob is the Editor of the Journal of Business Law, the British Insurance Law Journal, the Lloyd’s Law Reports, Arbitration Law Monthly and Insurance Law Monthly. From 2005 to 2011 he served as co-editor of Legal Studies, the journal of the Society of Legal Scholars.

Rob is Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Queensland, visiting Professor at the Universities of Sydney, Hong Kong and Auckland, and Special Counsel to DLA Piper. He is past president of the British Insurance Law Association, vice-president of the International Association of Insurance Law (AIDA) and was a consultant to the English and Scottish Law Commissions for their project on the reform of insurance law. He acted as Special Adviser to the House of Lords Special Public Bills Committee on the Insurance Bill (now Act). In 2015 he was made a QC honoris causa by the Crown. He gives regular seminars for insurance companies, brokers, insurance regulators and law firms in the UK and internationally.

Rob welcomes applications from students interested in carrying out research into insurance law and arbitration law.

Dr Kyriaki Noussia, Senior Lecturer, Law School, University of Exeter

Dr Kyriaki Noussia is a Senior Lecturer/Assistant Professor in Law (E&R).

Kyriaki is a member of a number of professional bodies and scientific societies:

▲ Barrister – Athens Bar Association, Athens, Greece (since 1995)
▲ Fellow of the HEA (UK) (since 2007)
▲ British Maritime Law Association (UK) (since 2002)
▲ Australian Insurance Law Association (AILA) (Australia) (since 2006)
▲ Hellenic Insurance Law Association (HILA) (Greece) (since 2010)
▲ International Insurance Law Association (AIDA) (since 2006)
▲ Society of Legal Scholars (UK) (since 2002)
▲ European Law Institute (ELI) (Austria) (since 2014)

Within the International Insurance Law Association (AIDA) she sits as a member in its Presidential Council and she is also the Chair of the Working Party on Consumer Protection and Dispute Resolution, and the Secretary of the Working Party on Distribution of Insurance Products.
Mathew Rutter, Partner, DAC Beachcroft LLP

Mathew has experience of a wide range of regulatory issues as they affect life and general insurers, brokers, banks, wealth managers and other financial institutions. His areas of expertise include prudential and conduct of business regulation, market abuse and insider dealing issues, the Bribery Act, money laundering, financial promotions, consumer credit, TCF, unfair terms in consumer contracts and MiFID.

He regularly advises on transactions in the regulated sector, including Part VII transfers, and on change of control issues. He also advises on new authorisations and perimeter issues over whether authorisation is required.

In 2014, he also acted on the first successful judicial review of the Financial Ombudsman Scheme in over ten years.

Mathew regularly writes articles and gives talks on regulatory issues, and has appeared on radio and television discussing regulatory developments.

James Deacon, Partner, DAC Beachcroft LLP

James specialises in insurance litigation and is involved primarily in a wide range of policy coverage disputes, acting for property, public and products liability insurers. He has notably advised on insurance coverage implications arising out of major incidents, including the foot and mouth outbreak, the Tsunami in south-east Asia, reinsurance issues arising out of the Ladbroke Grove rail disaster, a £100m fire in a university clean room in 2005, the Peckham fire of November 2009 and the recall of London black taxis following the series of fires in 2007 and 2008.

James also has considerable expertise in advising on the drafting of a broad range of insurance policies, including household, property, commercial combined, public and products liability, motor, personal accident, group accidental death, business travel, public health, private medical, land charges and lottery jackpot insurance wordings.

James has considerable experience of handling substantial property actions (covering a range of legal disciplines, including negligence, contract, nuisance, product liability and strict liability) arising from fires, floods and construction related disputes.

He also advised in relation to claims arising out of the riots across the UK in 2011.