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### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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

### JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Recorder 1986 | Deputy High Court Judge 1993

Ronald Walker Q.C. is listed as a leading silk in the Legal 500 (Personal Injury) and in Chambers Directory (Personal Injury).

He 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*.

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

### Construction

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Ronald Walker Q.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 listed as a leading silk in Chambers Directory (Professional Negligence: Technology and Construction) and is an accredited TECBAR adjudicator and mediator

## **Appointments & Memberships**

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Accredited mediator and TECBAR adjudicator

PNBA; TECBAR; LCLCBA; PIBA