

Kate Dwyer

Senior Associate

Insurance Litigation



Kate joined Edwin Coe in 2015 working within the Insurance Litigation team advising on a wide range of insurance claims involving insurance policy interpretation and coverage issues, and professional negligence claims.

Prior to joining Edwin Coe, Kate studied at the University of Western Australia and then completed her Articles of Clerkship at Bowen Buchbinder Vilensky Solicitors, an Australian commercial law firm, where she worked for six years as an Associate advising on a wide range of commercial litigation, insurance litigation, commercial and corporate, property and private client matters.

Kate was admitted as a barrister and solicitor in the Supreme Court of Western Australia in 2005 and is also admitted in the High Court of Australia.

Upon moving to London in 2011, Kate undertook the Qualified Lawyers Transfer Scheme examinations and cross-qualified in the UK in 2012. Before joining Edwin Coe, Kate worked as a Senior Associate in the Dispute Resolution team at Rosling King LLP for three years, specialising in complex professional negligence claims.

Kate provides specialised advice to policyholders on substantial property damage claims arising as a result of fires, thefts or floods and advising in respect of material damage, under-insurance and business interruption claims, assisting businesses to secure their insurance recoveries, if necessary, through litigation, mediation or arbitration.

Experience

Insurance

- Acting for a Claimant in respect of material damage and business interruption losses where the insurer denied cover relying on a material misrepresentation argument.
- Acting for a Claimant in relation to a claim arising from the collapse of a structure undergoing renovation works where the insurer denied cover on the basis that the proximate cause of the collapse was excluded by the policy terms.

Professional Negligence

- Acting for the Claimant's waste recycling business in a claim against its insurance broker in negligence for failure to advise on disclosure issues, policy conditions and failure to arrange cover which provided an indemnity in relation to loss of profit and stock debris removal.
- Acting for a Claimant in a professional negligence claim in respect of inheritance tax advice given by a firm of accountants.
- Various claims against insurance brokers for negligent advice on the operation of

- warranties and conditions precedent.
- Acting for various lenders in relation to claims against valuers arising from negligent overvaluations in mortgage valuation reports.
- Acting for various lenders in relation to claims against conveyancing solicitors including failing to register a mortgage and failing to disclose sub sale transactions.
- Acting for a Claimant in a professional negligence claim against a firm of solicitors for failing to obtain relief from forfeiture involving complex valuation issues arising from a lost interest in a leasehold commercial property.

Expertise

- [Insurance Litigation: Overview](#)
- Assessment of damage claims
- Business Interruption claims
- Professional Negligence
- Claims against security providers
- Denied claims on the basis of Breach of Warranty or General Condition
- Fire
- Insurance claims
- Third Party claims for Uninsured Losses
- Waste Management
- Print & Packaging

Credentials

- Recommended in The Legal 500 2024
- Member of the Law Society
- Member of the London Business Interruption Association

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