

## Christian Wells

Consultant

London

### Biography

Christian Wells was the firm's first insurance and reinsurance partner in London. Early experience advising on the consequences of the failure of Lloyd's syndicates provided an invaluable and broad education and training in insurance, reinsurance and related market regulation and investigations. It also led Christian to appreciate that many clients engaged in the insurance market, whether as buyers, underwriters or intermediaries, wanted a wider skillset from their advisors than simply litigation on the one hand or M&A on the other.

During his time as a partner, Christian undertook the widest variety imaginable of advice and dispute work, often and happiest dealing with cutting-edge problems and starting with a blank sheet of paper because there was no precedent. Christian has also been able to resolve matters that others regarded as beyond resolution, through tenacity and through the professional respect of his peers

### Representative experience

Reviewing and rewriting the rules of a mutual insurance association offering USA oil pollution cover

Redrafting business interruption insurance for the flotation on the London Stock Exchange of a major



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### Languages

English  
French  
German

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### Industries

Life Sciences and Health Care

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### Education and admissions

### Education

B.A., Kingston Polytechnic, 1977

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### Accolades

international brewing group

Advising a London insurance trade association on membership, merger and run-off issues

Engineering and drafting market price and residual value insurance to support a variety of asset and project finances

Advising a trading conglomerate and a banking group on structuring finite risk insurances for specific losses

Advising and defending successfully clients investigated by regulators

Advising a major North Sea operator on the presentation of a claim arising out of the metallurgical and welding problems of a sub-sea pipeline

Drafting a cost overrun insurance to permit a major national infrastructure project to receive Government funding and go ahead

Advising a leading composite insurer on structuring and negotiating a multi-product distribution arrangement with a leading financial institution

Advising on the insurance arrangements for Public/Private Partnership projects

Reviewing the establishment and operation of Lloyd's syndicates which had ceased trading abruptly and reporting to their Boards and shareholders

Investigating and advising the entire finite reinsurance portfolio of a client and assisting with the regulatory consequences

Advising a market of reinsurers on a billion dollar claim involving a bestselling pharmaceutical product

'said to possess an encyclopaedic knowledge of insurance matters'

*Chambers*

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'provides world-class counsel relating to a number of issues that include dispute resolution, developing cutting-edge products and drafting policies and treaties'

*Who's Who Legal*

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One of only six UK Outstanding Individual Lawyers in the insurance and reinsurance field.

*Intelligent Insurer*

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## Awards and rankings

- Chambers UK, Insurance: contentious claims & reinsurance, 2011

## Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - International Product Liability Review - Issue 47  
*Product Liability Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Supreme Court EL Trigger Judgment
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - ECJ Gender Ruling and Anti-Discrimination Directive Update January 2012
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - ECJ Gender Ruling Update *Insurance Alert*
- Awards and Rankings
  - Hogan Lovells Voted Best in Insurance Industry Poll
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Newsflash: ECJ Test-Achats *Litigation Alert*