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BIOGRAPHY

Anthony is Head of the firm's Reinsurance and Insurance Group and has specialised in insurance and reinsurance for more than 25 years. He has extensive experience in reinsurance and insurance litigation, arbitration and dispute resolution (including mediation) for a wide variety of UK and international insurers, reinsurers and intermediaries. Anthony has experience of handling disputes at all stages in the Courts and before arbitration panels.

On insurance, Anthony has experience in almost all classes of business including in particular: property, directors and officers liability, life, PA claims, business travel, medex, financial institutions, product liability, commercial lines and jeweller's block.

On reinsurance, he has a wide range of experience, including PA, major treaty disputes, reinsurance recoveries and run off problems. Anthony has also acted on numerous cases where disputes have

arisen between intermediaries (such as brokers or coverholders) and insurers. Many of Anthony's cases have an international element and he receives regular instructions from international insurers and reinsurers.

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