

CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME STEVEN ANTHONY BLAIR

PROFESSION Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales

POSITION Partner

SPECIALISATION Insurance and Reinsurance

SUMMARY

Partner specialising in non-contentious and contentious insurance and reinsurance matters including matters with disputes being resolved by way of arbitration, litigation or ADR, representation of the London market with respect to various cases involving assumed North American liability business, the underlying risks being products liability, malpractice, pollution and asbestos; involved in commutations on behalf of clients in the London market as well as those in the USA; advising with respect to and drafting policy wordings, enforcing contracts and international judgments and awards and the supervision and undertaking of investigations and audits with regard to individual contracts or programmes.

EXPERIENCE

- Completed articles with a London based firm and began working in the marine and marine insurance department, in due course becoming in charge of that department in 1976.
- Set up the insurance and reinsurance department of Alsop Wilkinson.
- Undertaking investigations and issuing proceedings with regard to various warranty schemes relating to white and brown goods and motor vehicles operated in the UK.
- Representation of one of the managing agencies in the "PCW" Affair.
- Representing the successful party in the House of Lords case of Pan Atlantic v. Pine Top.
- Opened the New York office Alsop Wilkinson and representing the London market with respect to various disputes involving assumed North American business including disputes resolved by way of arbitration, litigation and ADR.
- Undertaking and supervising of forensic auditors with respect to rights of inspection audits and review of North American cedents and London market entities' books and records.

- Advising on commutations between North American companies and the London market entities involving books of business including malpractice, pollution and products liability.
- Advising and representing the London market with regard to assumed trade association books of business which involved resolution of disputes in the UK and USA.
- Acting as an expert, in the US and Canadian proceedings, on English law and custom and practice in the London market.
- Undertaking investigations on behalf of the London market with regard to international loan frauds.
- Conducting and arguing disputes by way of arbitration, litigation or ADR in the USA.
- Arranging seminars and giving presentations in those seminars to the Insurance Department of Illinois, North Carolina and Texas which included topics on: excess and surplus lines, reinsurance, the London market, Lloyd's, claims audits, document inspections and dispute resolution in the USA and abroad.
- Setting up in January 1998 the New York office of Denton Wilde Sapte.
- Promoting and increasing the profile of the Insurance Department of Denton Wilde Sapte by way of presentations and seminars, in-house training for clients/contacts, marketing meetings and writing articles for the trade press.
- Developing work from new contacts and existing clients for the Insurance Department of Denton Wilde Sapte.
- Creating and pursuing a strategy for an international insurance practice utilising the experience and facilities of the firm's overseas offices, particularly those in the Far East.
- Current work includes dispute resolution by way of arbitration and court proceedings, primarily in London and New York. The issues involving allocation and various aspects of coverage in the areas of asbestos, pollution and health hazards.

EMPLOYMENT RECORD

July 2002-present	Partner, Bryan Cave
2001-2002	Partner, Buchanan Ingersoll
1998-2001	Partner, Denton Wilde Sapte
1979-1997	Partner, Dibb Lupton Alsop (formerly Alsop Wilkinson)
1970-1979	Solicitor then partner Keene Marsland & Co

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1999	Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
1997	Notary Public in the State of New York
1995	Reinsurance of America Association Arbitrator
1993	Admitted to New York Bar
1987	Admitted as Hong Kong solicitor
1972	Admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales
1972	MA Honours Degree in Law - Cambridge University
1969	BA Honours Degree in Law - Cambridge University

PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of birth	26 November 1947
Nationality	British