

## Property Damage & Technical Risks

With offices throughout the UK the Plexus Law Property Damage and Technical Risks Team has built a reputation for its fresh and innovative approach to the problems associated with property risks. Whether defending complex multi-party litigation or providing a completely outsourced recovery function, we deliver a comprehensive and cost effective solution.

Combining the benefits of a team of highly experienced legal professionals with up to minute systems and processes ensures that clients receive a transparent, efficient and effective service tailored to their specific needs.

## Market Leading Team

The team is regarded as expert in handling property damage claims including flood, fire, landslip, theft, explosion, defective workmanship, construction claims, subsidence and landlord and tenant disputes. We undertake catastrophic loss claims in these areas and advise on associated fraudulent claims and policy coverage disputes. In addition, we are market leaders in the provision of subrogated recovery claims for our commercial and household insurer clients and offer full mediation services.

We are regular speakers at industry events. In 2007 we hosted a workshop on mediation for Post Magazine and in 2008 presented a legal update and interactive session on the evidential requirements in subsidence claims. Plexus also sponsors the magazine's Property Claims event. Additionally we are a member of The Subsidence Forum and its Innovation Group and sponsored their Training Days in 2006 and 2007.

Our clients include RSA, RBS Insurance, Norwich Union, InFront Innovation, Crawford and Company, CIS and the London Borough of Haringey.



# Proven Success

The team has been involved in many leading cases which have shaped the framework for how property claims are dealt with by insurers including *Paterson v Humberside County Council (1995)*, *Bybrook Barn v Kent County Council (2001)*, *L.E. Jones v Portsmouth City Council (2003)*, *Malewski v London Borough of Ealing (2003)*, *Eiles v London Borough of Southwark (2006)*, *Hiscox v London Borough of Haringey (2007)* and *Perrin and Another v Northampton Borough Council & others (2007)*. Examples of recent instructions are set out below:

- Defended a manufacturer against allegations that it supplied defective ink for use in printed circuit boards
- Acted for the insurers of various suppliers of chilli powder allegedly contaminated with illegal artificial dye
- Pursued recovery of a stolen cheque for over £170,000 issued by an insurer to a supplier
- Defended a development company in respect of £1 million claims following heave damage
- Defended an insurer in a £500,000 claim for breach of contract following building collapse
- Defended a sub-contractor following leaks from an air-conditioning system
- Pursued recovery of Insurer's outlay of £250,000 following a serious electrical fire
- Defended a development company against claims by property owners whose properties were damaged and demolished following a landslide
- Acted on behalf of two construction professionals in a seven party multi-million pound dispute relating to the collapse of trust properties in Knightsbridge.
- Defended a building services engineer against allegations of negligence brought by the Minister for the Cabinet Office
- Acted for a large and prestigious West End property company in the defence of a claim brought by the occupiers of a leasehold property in Eton Square following the theft of jewellery

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