

VISITING SAT PAL KHATTAR PROFESSORIAL LECTURE

THE INSURANCE ACT 2015: IS THE DEVIL IN THE DETAIL?

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TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST 2026

5.30 PM - 7.00 PM

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SYNOPSIS

The Insurance Act 2015 introduced significant changes to insurance contract law, amending or repealing a number of central provisions of the Marine Insurance Act 1906. The 2015 Act entered into force in August 2016 producing a tenth anniversary this August. At the level of general principle, the reforms introduced are to be welcomed. Perhaps inevitably, however, questions arise once the Act is considered at a level of greater detail, including questions of consistency within insurance contract law and questions of consistency between insurance contract law and general contract law. A more general question is the optimal level of detail to which legislation should extend.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER



Professor Howard Bennett read English and French Law at King's College, London and the Université de Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne). After reading for the Bar, he pursued postgraduate studies, again at King's College, before becoming a lecturer at the University of Nottingham in 1989. He was appointed to the Hind Chair of Commercial Law in 2001. He is an honorary member of chambers at 7 King's Bench Walk.

His research and teaching interests lie in shipping and maritime law, insurance law (with a particular interest in marine insurance law), the law of international trade finance, general contract law, personal property law, and the law of agency. He is the author of *The Law of Marine Insurance* (2nd ed, 2006) and of *Principles of the Law of Agency* (2nd edition, 2024), and a member of the authorial teams of *Carver on Charterparties* (3rd ed, 2024) (also general editor), *Vulnerable Transactions in Corporate Insolvency* (2003) (also co-editor), *Benjamin's Sale of Goods* (12th ed, 2023) (chapters relating to international trade finance), and *Scrutton on Charterparties and Bills of Lading* (25th ed, 2024).

PROGRAMME

5.00pm: Registration
5.30pm: Lecture by Professor Howard Bennett
6.30pm: Q&A Session
7.00pm: Dinner Reception

REGISTRATION

There is no registration fee for this lecture.
Visit <https://bit.ly/4fIRmIU> or Scan the QR Code to register.

Closing Date: 11 August 2026, 5.00PM
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