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King's Bench Walk

## Thomas Banks

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### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Military Claims, Insurance, Fraud, Inquests, Clinical Negligence, International & Travel, Industrial Disease, Product Liability, Contract / Commercial, Credit Hire, Costs

Tom specialises in Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Insurance Law, Fraud and Inquests.

His personal injury specialist practice focuses on Motor Insurance and Indemnity Law, Public and Employers Liability, Fraud, Industrial Disease, International and Travel Law, and Costs.

As former Tank Commander and Intelligence Officer in the British Army, he also has a specialist practice in Armed Forces Claims.

### Personal Injury

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Tom's expertise includes the full range of Public Liability, Employers' Liability and Accidents at Work, Product Liability, claims against Highway Authorities, and Road Traffic Accidents.

He is experienced in claims under the Fatal Accidents Act, claims for psychiatric injury, brain injuries and pain syndromes. He has also been involved in several cases involving dangerous sports/pursuits and the use of firearms.

Examples of his recent case load include:

- A claim against a major insurer following the death of an Army Colonel in a white water canoeing accident on the River Tees. Led by Harry Steinberg QC, Tom was instructed by the estate. The claim settled for £1.95m at a JSM.
- A million pound Employers Liability injury claim where the Claimant was electrocuted and suffered catastrophic burns, neurological injury and loss of mobility whilst working on a building site. Tom was jointly instructed by both Defendants and settled the claim at a JSM for £480,000.
- A multi-party action in fatal accident claim where the wife was killed, and the husband suffered a traumatic brain injury, when both were hit by an unsecured load falling from an HGV. Led by Mike Rawlinson, QC Tom was instructed in behalf of the wife's estate and the husband in both claims.
- A £500,000 claim by a yoga instructor who developed chronic pain following a multi-vehicle accident. Tom was instructed by the Defendant Motor Insurer and settled the case following a JSM for £100,000.

- A claim under the Animals Act brought by an illustrator whose career was ended following a dog bite to her arm.
- A claim testing the applicability of the Work at Height Regulations 2005 to a family in a domestic situation, when a cleaner/babysitter suffered a head injury after falling from a ladder. Tom was instructed by the successful Defendant.

Tom will consider Claimant work on a CFA basis where appropriate.

## **Qualifications & Awards**

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BA (Hons) Keble College, Oxford University

GDL (Oxford Brookes University)

BVC (BPP Law School)

Lord Haldane Scholar (Lincoln's Inn)

Cassell Scholar (Lincoln's Inn)

Hardwicke Scholar (Lincoln's Inn)

## **Memberships**

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