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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.

### Military Claims

Tom specialises in Armed Forces claims and is instructed in high value claims by both Claimants and Defendants. His 10 years in the Army and the Ministry of Defence have given him niche knowledge of the Armed Forces employment structure, and of tactics and quantum issues.

Recent cases include:

- A claim for serious neurological and psychological injury following a military parachuting accident. The wheelchair-bound Claimant is instructing Tom, who is led by Mike Rawlinson QC.
- A claim for a loss of career caused by a vascular Non-Freezing Cold Injury (NFCI) suffered by a Commonwealth Soldier following a winter training exercise. The Claimant has been medically discharged because of the injury. Tom is instructed by the Claimant.
- A claim against a major insurer for loss of a career after the Claimant broke his ankle falling on stairs at a railway station. Tom was instructed by the insurer and settled the claim for £125,000 (one quarter if its pleaded value)
- An accident on a training exercise in Canada in which the Claimant was impaled on a weapon not properly stowed due to failures to modify the stowage system in the Warrior Armoured Vehicle.

He also advises serving and former service personnel applying to the Armed Forces Compensation Authority for injury awards.

## 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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