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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, Sport, Property, Property Damage

Tom is ranked as a Personal Injury Leading Junior in Legal 500. He specialises in catastrophic, complex and high value Personal Injury claims, Insurance Law, Inquests, Military claims, Fraud and Costs.

His specialist personal injury practice focuses on Brain and Spinal Injuries, Fatal Accidents, Motor Insurance and Indemnity Law, International and Travel Law, Public and Employers Liability and Industrial Disease

As former Tank Commander and Intelligence Officer in the British Army, he is also recognised as an established specialist Counsel in Armed Forces Claims.

Tom has also been instructed in High Court Defamation proceedings.

Inquests

Tom has a specialist inquest practice and is regularly instructed to represent the families and interested parties in the Coroner's Court. He is experienced in Article 2 inquests and drafting written submissions for PIRs and final hearings. Tom will consider representing families and other interest parties on a *pro bono* basis, and can provide advice on and procedure.

His recent cases include:

- **Re Samuel Barber (deceased):** An inquest into the death of child who fell under the wheels of the school bus. Tom was instructed by the Local Authority with he statutory duty to provide the school bus service.
- **Re Juno Godfrey (deceased):** An Inquest into the death of a baby born with Hypoxic Ischaemic Encephalopathy and EColi Sepsis following delays in diagnosing fetal distress. Tom was instructed by the family. The Coroner ordered a Prevention of Future Deaths to address failings on the delivery suite.
- **Re Sandra Prout (Deceased):** An inquest into the death in hospital of a woman who suffered a retroperitoneal haemorrhage after admission for surgery for cholangiocarcinoma. Tom was instructed by the family through

AvMA.

- **Re Thomas Lanham (Deceased):** An Inquest into the death of a young driver alleged to have been involved in a late night race along A-roads in Kent. Tom was instructed by an interested party that was struck by the two speeding vehicles, and subsequently sued. Following the inquest the claim against the interested party was discontinued.
- **Re Adrian Stroud (Deceased):** An inquest into the death of a young man with Asperger's Syndrome who was struck by a lorry when he crossed the M1 in the early hours of the morning.
- **Re Alan Armstrong (Deceased):** An inquest into the death of a resident in a dementia care home following a fall.

He is currently instructed by the families of crew members on the MV Mercer Street who were killed by a drone strike off the shore of Oman.

Qualifications & Awards

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

PIBA

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