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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.

### Inquests

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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 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.

## **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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