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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.

Fraud

Tom is regularly instructed by defendants in civil fraud claims, particularly those arising from fraudulent RTAs, workplace accidents, highways and public liability claims, and fraudulent holiday sickness claims.

He regularly drafts pleadings, provides advice, and represents defendants at trial in staged accidents, 'phantom passenger' claims, LVI claims, dishonest credit hire claims, and claims for exaggerated injuries.

He also advises and lectures on data and privacy issues arising from obtaining and using covert surveillance evidence.

Recent cases include:

- **H v P** – Represented the Defendant employer in a case where the Claimant claimed £300,000 for chronic pain in his wrist and shoulder after a fall from scaffolding. He accepted a nuisance offer out of time after surveillance showed him playing a round of golf.

- **B v EH** – Represented the Defendant in case where C was found to have invented allegations of spillages/disrepair in a housing association property. QOCs was disappplied.
- **S v H** – Represented the Defendant Insurance Company in a claim where the Defendant alleged a slam-on induced accident. Claimant discontinued at the door of the court
- **B v I** – Represented the Defendant in a low velocity RTA. The court made finding of fundamental dishonesty and dismissed the claim under s57 CJA.
- **R v E** – Represented the Defendant in a claim by a family of 5 said to have been injured in a low velocity impact. Court found that none were injured and disappplied QOCs.

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

TATLA