

## Thomas Pacey

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### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Employment & Discrimination, Credit Hire, Fraud, Costs, Military Claims, Industrial Disease, Stress at Work & Harassment, Fraud, Construction, Property, Property Damage

### Personal Injury

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Tom is a personal injury specialist and is regularly involved in cases of high severity. He has recently been involved in both bringing and defending claims exceeding seven-figures in value. Beyond classic personal injury cases he has particular expertise in:

#### Military Claims

Tom has extensive experience of claims relating to training incidents and exposure, defective or inadequate equipment, combat immunity, overseas service and loss of career / pension. He is regularly involved in high-six-figure claims.

#### Chronic Pain

Tom has led substantial high court proceedings in this area, one of which was listed for a 7-day trial. He is very familiar with the difficulties of causation and expert evidence in this area. He is also well-versed in dealing with surveillance evidence and allegations of exaggeration / malingering.

#### Stress at Work

Tom is an expert in the crossover between employment law and personal injury law. He has experience of defending substantial claims in this area. He is particularly adept at exposing false claims of mistreatment at work.

#### Fraud & Credit Hire

Tom is adept in defending staged accidents, both at work and on public premises. Tom is also experienced in defending slam-on / cash-for-crash cases, in particular involving multiple Claimants. He is very familiar with the demands of social media and surveillance evidence. He has regularly been involved in defences of fundamental dishonesty and in enforcing costs orders in deliberately exaggerated cases. He is very familiar with credit hire claims and now regularly defends claims over six figures.

#### Animals Act

Tom is an expert in this difficult area of law. He has been involved in claims featuring a range of animals, some falling on the borderline of the s 2 (1) / s 2 (2) distinction.

## **Occupiers' Liability**

Early in his career Tom was instructed as junior counsel to Catherine Brown in the leading case of *Harvey v Plymouth City Council*. Since then he has developed extensive experience of bringing and defending occupiers' liability cases, with a particular interest in the scope of the duty and novel extensions of it.

## **Qualifications & Awards**

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Certificat Supérieur de Droit Français (Sorbonne)

BA (Oxon)

Exhibitioner (Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford)

Winner, Oxford University Law Society Mooting Competition, Trinity 2004

Represented Oxford University at the annual Varsity Moot, 2004

Bedingfield Scholar (Gray's Inn)

## **Memberships**

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Personal Injuries Bar Association

Employment Lawyers Association