

# Thomas Herbert

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## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Clinical Negligence, Inquests & Inquiries, Industrial Disease, Personal Injury, Military Claims, Product Liability, Insurance, International & Travel, Commercial, Costs & Litigation Funding

Tom is a highly regarded barrister specialising in clinical negligence, inquests & inquiries, industrial disease and personal injury litigation. Those specialisms are fortified by his significant experience in commercial dispute resolution, costs and insurance work. As such, he is regularly instructed in complex and high-value matters, often unled against silks, and is a particularly experienced appeal advocate considering his level of call. He was appointed directly to the Attorney General's Regional B Panel in 2023.

He is consistently praised in the independent legal directories, where he is described as an "exceptional" barrister whose "*written documents are excellent*" and who is "*helpful, thorough and really quite brilliant*". Clients particularly praise his intellectual rigour ("*very clever and thorough*", "*analytical, logical and scientific*"), advocacy ("*a shrewd advocate*", "*nothing shy of brilliant*") and practical approach ("*wise beyond his years*", "*superb commercial acumen*").

Tom has a scientific academic background in chemistry, which informs his practice, and he is noted by the directories to have a "*remarkable capacity to process and distil complex medical information into clear, understandable terms*" and to be "*fantastic at thinking outside the box and working to bring experts together in conference*".

### **Clinical Negligence**

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Tom is recognised as a leading junior (Band 1) in clinical negligence work by the Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners. He advises in writing and in conference, drafts pleadings and acts across a broad spectrum of medical work, including dental negligence. He has experience across a wide range of claims, from those worth many millions of pounds to more modest claims raising complex causation arguments. He also has experience of running records vs. recollection cases, informed consent arguments and Fatal Accident Act claims.

Tom's scientific background means that he is adept at conducting conferences with and cross-examining experts. He has also questioned numerous experts through his coronial and industrial disease practices, from GPs to consultant paediatric nephrologists and vascular surgeons.