

# 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*".

## Directories

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*"Excellent counsel. Wise beyond his years. Superb commercial acumen and a shrewd advocate."* Chambers UK 2026

*"Tom has been fantastic at thinking outside the box and working to bring experts together in conference with cases which are in significant dispute."* Chambers UK 2026

*"Thomas has been excellent. He is approachable, knowledgeable and a pleasure to work with."* Chambers UK 2026

*"Tom's analytical, logical and scientific approach to complex legal issues is always a benefit to any case he is instructed on. I regard him as a safe pair of hands in all matters."* Chambers UK 2026

*"Thomas Herbert is very clever and thorough. His written documents are excellent and I have never found fault with them. His advocacy is very good and he is more than capable of holding his own."* Chambers UK 2026

*"Thomas is personable and provides great advice. He performs well in court."* The Legal 500 2026

*"His advocacy is nothing shy of brilliant, with him remaining composed, prepared and direct to all issues in hand. He is always able to be ahead of the curve with cases, with an attentive and thorough approach."* The Legal 500 2026

*"Tom is tenacious, meticulous and unrivalled. His technical knowledge and advocacy combined prove incredibly*

*powerful. He is helpful, thorough and really quite brilliant.”* The Legal 500 2026

*“Thomas is very personable and his approach is well-received by clients.”* Chambers UK 2025

*“An exceptional barrister. He has a remarkable capacity to process and distill complex medical information into clear, understandable terms, ensuring that everyone involved can fully grasp the issues at hand.”* The Legal 500 2026

*“Thomas is an excellent draftsman and an unrivalled advocate. He’s tenacious, gifted and approachable, and thinks outside the box.”* Chambers UK 2025

*“Thomas cuts straight to the point and clearly outlines the strongest (and perhaps more importantly) the weakest aspects of a case. He is very adept at dealing with complex issues of causation and excels when cross-examining medical experts.”* The Legal 500 2025

*“Tom has an exceptional intellect; he always has a thorough understanding of the legal position in any case and can advance detailed legal arguments on behalf of his clients. He is a detailed advocate and is always across the finer complex details of a case. He is an advocate that can be trusted.”* The Legal 500 2025

*“Thomas is an excellent advocate, with a talent for assimilating large volumes of data, especially medical and scientific data, and delivering detailed, well-executed submissions. His advocacy is nothing shy of brilliant, with him remaining composed, prepared and direct to all issues in hand.”* The Legal 500 2025

*“Thomas has an incredible ability to pick up things at pace, assimilate large volumes of information and deliver clear and concise advice.”* The Legal 500 2024

*“Thomas is exceptionally bright and very knowledgeable about the inquest process. He has a very professional and compassionate manner with clients.”* The Legal 500 2024

*“Thomas is excellent at advocacy and advises thoroughly in the client’s best interests. He has phenomenal attention to detail with drafting particulars, and you always know you are in a safe pair of hands.”* The Legal 500 2024

*“Thomas is very knowledgeable across a wide spectrum of disease types. He provides clear and logical advice.”* The Legal 500 2024

*“Thomas never fails to impress at inquest with his mastery of the brief and his sensitivity to the needs and interests of his instructing solicitors and clients.”* The Legal 500 2023

*“Thomas has a reasoned approach when dealing with complex clinical negligence claims. He is able to clearly identify key strengths and weaknesses and articulate his opinion confidently and clearly with clients.”* The Legal 500 2023

*“Thomas pays good attention to detail and is always very responsive and thorough. He is often able to think of imaginative solutions.”* The Legal 500 2023

*“Thomas is incredibly robust, knowledgeable, and approachable. He is always available to talk matters through and provide advice and expertise. His work is always of a very high standard and his advocacy skills are unparalleled.”* The Legal 500 2023

*“Thomas Herbert is a junior barrister with a strong clinical negligence practice. He regularly acts for claimants in cases involving serious injury or fatality resulting from negligent diagnosis and failure to treat. Clients and instructing solicitors benefit from his scientific academic background.” “Thomas is approachable, considered, articulate and intelligent; an all-round excellent counsel.”* Chambers and Partners 2023

*“Very good with the client in what can only be described as tragic circumstances.”* The Legal 500 2022

*"Thomas has always given each matter his full consideration and provided accurate, concise recommendations whilst remaining approachable to both of my clients during very difficult times for them."* The Legal 500 2022

*"A conscientious and diligent counsel whose work is always first-class. Eloquent and effective pleadings, and straightforward advice which always gets to the heart of the matter."* The Legal 500 2022

*"He offers very practical and tactical advice in addition to being a great legal technician."*

*"Provides very well-considered, accurate, and succinct advice."* The Legal 500 2021