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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*".

Industrial Disease

Industrial disease work forms a large part of Tom's personal injury practice, where he is ranked as a leading junior by the Legal 500. He regularly acts for claimants and defendants dealing with all issues (including medical causation, breach of duty and limitation) in claims relating to occupational asthma, asbestos-related disease, occupational stress, COSHH, noise-induced hearing loss and work-related upper limb disorders.

Claims arising from exposure to chemicals are a particular interest, given Tom's background, as are technical factual and legal arguments on causation.