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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, International & Travel, Insurance, Product Liability, Professional Negligence, Fraud

Tom is highly regarded for his expertise in matters involving serious injury, fatality, defective products, clinical and professional negligence, insurance coverage disputes and damages claims involving multiple parties.

In injury work, the latest editions of the legal directories highlight that he is "well known for his handling of high-value personal injury claims" with "a great knowledge of brain injury claims".

In product liability and group claims he is recognised as "adept at handling product liability cases", "able to simplify complex technical issues" and with "experience of appearing in multi-party litigation".

Tom is repeatedly recommended for his ability to "build an instant rapport with clients", his "commercial attitude and impeccable manner with clients", his willingness to collaborate with instructing solicitors to whom "he is hugely responsive and approachable" and for his court room advocacy where he described as "a highly impressive advocate" and "very robust in court."

Other recent feedback in the directories includes that he is "organised and meticulous in his attention to detail", "calm under pressure with a logical approach to cases and a great client manner" and "excellent on points of law and strong with clients".

Tom lives in North Yorkshire and London. He travels nationwide to represent his clients. Before coming to the independent bar, Tom was a barrister at the leading Cayman Island law firm Walkers Global.

Professional Negligence

Tom is often instructed by the insurers of legal and financial professionals. He also acts for claimants against their own lawyers.

Often these disputes arise from injury and related litigation. They include claims for negligent advice, negligent conduct and under settlement.

Other specific examples of cases he has worked on include the following:

Acted for the insurer against a claim's handler in the High Court for negligent handling of 50,000 motor insurance personal injury claims. Instructed in relation to valuation evidence. The claim settled for £7m. Led by Richard Harrison. Instructed by Hogan Lovells.

Advised the Insurance Corporation of the Channel Islands as to the allocation of damages in a negligence claim against the local authority following abuse of children in care. The claim was presented for £238 million and is thought to be the largest personal injury claim in British history. Led by Andrew Burns KC. News item <u>here</u>.

Acted for the Claimant under the terms of her home insurance policy against her clinical negligence solicitors for mismanaged litigation. The underlying clinical negligence claim related to gastric sleeve revision surgery and a resultant gastric leak due to staple line dehiscence.

Acting in the defence to broker's negligence claims in respect of the arrangement of fleet motor policies where there are alleged breaches of the Insurer's Code of Business Sourcebook (ICOBS).