

Tom Vonberg

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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

Tom is a highly regarded barrister in serious and catastrophic injury. He is also respected for his handling of matters arising from fatality, defective products, clinical and professional negligence and in damages claims involving multiple parties.

Tom is comfortable advising in and presenting the most challenging cases at Court and he has worked alongside some of the country's best-known lawyers in his areas of work.

Over the last twenty years of practice, Tom has been involved in many technical and high value cases both on his own account and with leading KC's.

His work has included claims on behalf of both adults and children for brain or spinal injury, as well as complex orthopedic injury and polytrauma. He is also involved in litigation against healthcare providers for clinical negligence as well as frequently acting against producers of defective products both in the UK and overseas.

Tom routinely deals with difficult liability and quantum issues, including those arising out of group litigation, and he is adept at working with expert witnesses.

Tom is known for his ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with professional and lay clients and for the strength of his written and courtroom advocacy on their behalf.

He travels all over the country to meet and act for his clients.

Tom is identified as a leading barrister in the legal directories Chambers and Partners and Legal 500. The 2024 editions report that:

"Tom is liked by the clients and highly regarded for his technical skill and reliable advice. His eye for detail really stands out, and he is very robust in court."

“He is well known for his handling of high-value personal injury claims.”

“Tom is adept at handling product liability cases” and has “experience of appearing in multi-party litigation.”

Recent previous directory entries have described Tom as:

“A highly approachable and impressive advocate”, who is “calm under pressure with a logical approach to cases and a great client manner”, “Excellent on points of law and advice, strong with clients and very approachable and accessible”, “able to simplify complex technical issues”, “Very good on his feet”, “Bright and good on tactical issues”, “pragmatic with an excellent eye for detail”, “very good with clients”, “organised and meticulous in his attention to detail” and who has a “commercial attitude and impeccable manner with clients”.

Before coming to the independent bar, Tom was a barrister at the leading offshore 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 [here](#).

Acted for the Claimant under the terms of her home insurance policy against her clinical negligence solicitors for mis-managed 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).