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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.

International & Travel

Tom has appeared in several interesting cases with a foreign element to them. They range from illness claims to those involving serious injuries, fatality and where there are multiple claimants.

Cases of interest include the following:

“MS Boudica”. Acted for 35 claimants in claims under the Athens Convention brought in the Admiralty Court against

Fred Olsen Cruise Lines following widespread sickness on a cruise ship. The claims were widely reported in the press. Instructed by Irwin Mitchell LLP, Birmingham. News item [here](#).

Acted in the High Court for fifteen student claimants, plus the estates in fatal accident claims, against a tour company under the Package Tour Regulations following the rollover of a safari coach in Swaziland, South Africa. The accident was widely reported internationally.

Acted successfully for Claimants against NutriBullet LLC and the parent company based in the United States. The claims were for burn injuries following boiling liquid expanding vapor explosions – the circumstances of which mirror multiple suits in the US. The United Kingdom claims settled at JSM three weeks before the 5-day liability and quantum trial. Instructed by Tim Annett at Irwin Mitchell, Sheffield.

Acted for the Claimant following serious injuries sustained in a helicopter crash in the UK where the Air Accidents Investigation Branch determined that a cause of the accident was due to maintenance work undertaken by a contractor in the USA.

Advised in a fatal accident claim following criminal injuries sustained on the Costa del Sol, Spain. The claim concerned the ability of dependents to obtain awards under the Spanish equivalent of the CICA regime.