

Tom Vonberg

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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.

Product Liability

Tom specialises in product liability claims, including where there are multiple parties and jurisdictional issues.

Chambers & Partners 2024 identifies that Tom *“has experience of appearing in multiparty litigation and he is also adept at handling product liability cases.”*

Interesting cases include the following:

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.

Acting in *“vaping”* claims against an e-cigarette seller following the explosion of Lithium-ion batteries. The claims have

been brought under The Consumer Rights Act 2015. Instructed by the product liability team at Irwin Mitchell LLP. News items [here](#) and [here](#).

Advising claimants regarding methylisothiazolinone (MIT) chemicals contained in cosmetic products and the liability of producers under the Consumer Protection Act 1987. Instructed by Leigh Day, London.

Acting for multiple claimants who were supplied a bodily piercing aftercare solution contaminated with pseudomonas aeruginosa. Claims have been issued against the supplier and producer under the Consumer Protection Act 1987.

Acted for a family whose house was burned to the ground and in which they sustained modest burn injuries when a defective hoverboard caught fire whilst charging. The claim was brought on the basis of breaches of Sections 9 and 10 of the Consumer Rights Act 2015. Quantum for substantial property damage was defended until very shortly before the trial. News item [here](#).