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Talks and Publications

- 'Dealing with fixtures on a lease renewal – A trap for the unwary?': [Property Litigation Association](#)
- 'Joint Ventures: Relationship break-down': Talk presented as a part of Wilberforce's Dubai seminar series (May 2014)
- 'Dilapidations: Section 18(1) and a Landlord's Subsequent Works': [Property Litigation Association](#)
- 'The Limits of Possession Claims': Chapter contributed to Wilberforce Chambers property law book, *'Development Disputes: Current issues for property litigators'* (October 2012)
- 'Bad business acquisitions - commercial and professional liability claims': Talk and paper presented to Wilberforce Chambers September 2012 Professional Negligence Conference (with Rupert Reed QC)
- 'Practical Procedure: Legal Advice Privilege': one of a series of workshops on practical procedure offered by Wilberforce juniors to junior litigation solicitors

Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Combar

Practice Overview

Tom has a busy junior practice spanning the range of Chambers' main areas of work. His practice is evenly split between led and non-led work. Tom regularly appears in county courts across the country, as well as in the High Court. He also undertakes a broad range of advisory and drafting work.

The bulk of Tom's practice comprises:

- General commercial and contractual disputes
- Residential and commercial property
- Trusts, wills and probate
- Pensions
- Professional negligence
- Corporate and personal insolvency
- Company law

In late 2013, Tom undertook a three-month secondment at the litigation department of Mourant Ozannes' Guernsey Office where, under the supervision of Jeremy Wessels, he gained experience of high-value international trust litigation, primarily concerning the Tchenguiz family trusts.

Tom also has a particular experience of and interest in 'difficult' possession claims, especially those involving high-profile or unusual properties, protestors, squatters and difficult litigants in person.

Tom was a scholar of Brasenose College, Oxford and graduated in 2008 with a first class degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, before converting to Law the following year at the City Law School. He completed the Bar Vocational Course in 2010, also at City, and was graded 'outstanding'. He was awarded a 'major scholarship' by Inner Temple for both his GDL and BVC years.



Commercial

The vast majority of Tom's cases arise in a commercial context.

Illustrative cases include:

- Acting with Michael Bloch QC in a claim to set aside a shipping arbitration award on the ground that the award had been procured by fraud: *Nestor Maritime SA v Sea Anchor Shipping Co Ltd* [2012] EWHC 83 (Comm).
- Advising in relation to and preparing the documentation for an anti-suit injunction application to restrain the pursuit of a US \$600m fraud claim in Oklahoma in breach of an exclusive jurisdiction clause in favour of the English High Court (acting with Michael Bloch QC and Charles Hollander QC).
- Acting for an online florist, defending a £250,000 claim for unpaid invoices from a supplier on the basis that the flowers supplied were of poor quality.
- Appearing before HHJ Mackie QC on the return date of a worldwide freezing injunction obtained by a bank against 29 respondents.
- Acting with John Wardell QC and Rupert Reed in ongoing professional negligence claims against a leading accountancy firm in respect of allegedly negligent audits and corporate finance advice given in connection with the purchase of a road-sweeping company.
- Acting (with James Ayliffe QC) for the administrators of HMV in a dispute with the landlords of HMV's flagship Oxford Street store upon the company's entry into administration.
- Advising an inventor of a method of producing dairy-free ice-cream as to whether he could obtain relief against the funder of the company under a shareholders agreement (acting pro bono).
- Advising the majority shareholder of a stone-cutting company about the interpretation of a pre-emption right and the steps to be taken to forestall an unfair prejudice petition.
- Acting for a bank defending a claim by a former customer, of whom the bank has no record, seeking to recover £25,000 which he claims he put on deposit in the early 1980s.