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Qualifications and Appointments

- BA (Hons) (1st Class) – Philosophy, Politics and Economics – Brasenose College, Oxford
- GDL – City University, London
- BVC – City University, London
- Full admission to the BVI Bar (2016)

Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Combar

Publications

- [Property Update \(2016\) Issue 2](#)
- [Dealing with fixtures on a lease renewal – A trap for the unwary?](#) (2014) *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'](#) (2012) *Property Litigation Association*
- ['The Limits of Possession Claims'](#) (2012) *Development Disputes: Current issues for property litigators*
- '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

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, the High Court and increasingly in Courts and Tribunals in other jurisdictions. He also undertakes a broad range of advisory and drafting work.

The bulk of Tom's practice comprises:

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

Tom's practice has an increasingly international dimension:

- In 2015, Tom undertook a three-month secondment with Campbells and worked in both their Cayman Islands and BVI offices. He was working primarily on a substantial professional negligence claim bought by the liquidators of a Madoff feeder-fund and a cross-border insolvency dispute concerning the restructuring of a Brazilian group of companies.
- In 2013, Tom undertook a three-month secondment with Mourant Ozannes' in Guernsey where 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.

He has been called to the bar in the Cayman Islands (limited admission) and the British Virgin Islands (both 2015), and is a registered practitioner before the DIFC Courts.



Intenational Arbitration

Tom has advised and acted upon claims to set aside or challenge arbitration awards.

Most notably, he acted 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).

He has recently advised upon the merits of a proposed challenge to an arbitrator's decision as to the value of a property in accordance with an overage agreement.

As a pupil, Tom assisted [Jonathan Seidler QC](#) and [Edward Sawyer](#) in an ICC Arbitration concerning the liability of a parent company under a guarantee to meet the fit-out costs of a Russian office building. It claimed it was entitled to refuse to pay, on the basis that the building was unsafe. The arbitration raised issues of Russian fire safety regulations.