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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.



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## International 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.