



## Thomas Robinson

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### Qualifications and Appointments

- One of three nominees for Restructuring / Insolvency Junior of the Year, Chambers Bar Awards, 2013
- "Highly commended" in Legal Week's "Stars at the Bar", 2013
- MA (Hons) Corpus Christi College Oxford
- Hardwicke Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
- Judicial Assistant to Dyson LJ, 2005

*"He's really bright, thinks outside the box and is very commercial."*

Chambers & Partners, 2021

## Memberships

- Association of Pension Lawyers
- Insolvency Lawyers Association
- Society of Computers and Law
- Chancery Bar Association

## Publications

- Co-editor of Kerr & Hunter on Receivers and Administrators, Sweet & Maxwell
- Judicial review in pensions cases—appropriate forum for pensions complaints (R (on the application of Grace Bay II Holdings SARL and others) v The Pensions Regulator) (2017) Lexis PSL
- Contributor to Cases Alerter for Corporate Rescue and Insolvency (Lexis Nexis).

## Practice Overview

Thomas has a strong commercial / chancery practice with particular emphasis on pensions, insolvency and commercial litigation and arbitration. He has been recommended as a leading junior by The Legal 500 and Chambers UK for several years.

He has been nominated as "Insolvency / Restructuring Junior of the Year" at the Chambers UK Bar Awards and was 'highly commended' in Legal Week's "Stars at the Bar".

His six month placement with the commercial litigation department of a firm in Guernsey at the outset of his practice gave him experience of off-shore litigation as well as direct exposure to a wide range of clients.

Thomas has been recommended in the legal directories for a number of years. In this year's edition of Chambers & Partners, he is described as **"a great strategist and very hard-working"**, **"has a good court manner"** and **"very able and easy to work with"** as well as being **"very thorough"** and having **"great attention to detail."** *"His advocacy is fantastic"*. In The Legal 500 2021, Thomas is highlighted for being **"very enjoyable, pleasant to work with and impressive in meetings with clients."** Another says that Thomas **"has never appeared without having complete mastery of his papers and his arguments and is always quick on his feet."**

Past entries include: **"An excellent junior with a very collegiate approach."** **"He's incredibly tenacious and a really good opponent. He's straight with his arguments and very, very impressive."** (Chancery Commercial, Chambers & Partners 2020) **"A skilled advocate and negotiator who consistently provides clear, pragmatic legal advice."** **"Super-bright."** (Pensions, Chambers & Partners 2019); **"Has a very efficient, linear mind, and structures his arguments extremely well."** **"He's extremely bright and makes everything easy to work through, even if it's complex – nothing rattles him. Very organised in his approach, he knows exactly what he's doing and when he's doing it."** (Chancery: Commercial, Chambers & Partners 2019); **"He is very thorough, concise and a great team player. He is very confident, persuasive and takes a very commercial approach."** (Restructuring / Insolvency, Chambers & Partners 2019) **"A shrewd junior who is an excellent team player"** (IT & Telecoms, Legal 500 2019). **"An outstanding team player with a really astute commercial ability"** (Insolvency, Legal 500 2019). **"He is highly intelligent and excellent on his feet"** (Pensions, Legal 500 2019).



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## Commercial

Thomas practises a range of commercial litigation, regulatory, and advisory work, including disputes regarding pension schemes, telecoms and information technology litigation, and other contractual disputes. Thomas has been involved in mediations both as junior and sole counsel.

### Notable cases include:

- Instructed by the Financial Reporting Council on confidential matters concerning audit failings in the UK.
- *Bellmare Holding Ltd v Wells* [2020] IL Pr 39 and [2019] EWHC 703 (Ch) and: Application challenging jurisdiction under Article 5(3) of Lugano Convention. Acted at first instance and on appeal (judgment at [2020] I.L.Pr. 39, currently only reported judgment on where the harmful event occurred in cases of fraudulent misrepresentation repeated by third parties).
- *Courtwood Holdings SA v Woodley Properties Ltd & Ors* [2018] EWHC 2163 (Ch): Three week multi-million pound knowing receipt trial in the Chancery Division. Sole Counsel for three of 12 Defendants.
- *Munroe K Limited & Anor v Bank of Scotland plc* [2018] EWHC 3583 (Comm). Strike out raising limitation issues in context of claim for £50m damages for Libor manipulation and breach of duty in selling interest rate swaps.
- *Barker v Winter* [2018] EWHC 1785. Quantification of damages for deceit. The case is now cited by McGregor on Damages as authority on calculating pecuniary loss in deceit cases.
- *IMA v Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Turkey* [2018] EWHC 3285. High Court trial, defending allegations of fraudulent misrepresentation and inducing breach of contract.
- *CMHC v Irish Bank Resolution Corporation Limited (in Special Liquidation)* [2017] 2 All ER (Comm) 781 (CA) and [2014] EWHC 23109 Ch. Dispute over the implication of a term in a facility agreement not to hinder an exit strategy agreed between lender and borrower. Led by Alan Gourgey QC, instructed by Herbert Smith Freehills LLP.
- *A Technologies v B*: acting for defendants in relation to contract for internet optimization software where defendants faced claims of circa \$200m.
- *Hamilton-Smith & Wastell v CMS Cameron McKenna LLP* [2016] EWHC 1115 (Ch). Anti-suit injunction in claim of professional negligence by insolvency practitioners against solicitors arising out of the liquidation of Stanford International Bank in Antigua. Instructed by Clyde & Co LLP.
- *Courtwood Holdings SA v Woodley Properties Ltd & Ors* [2016] EWHC 1168 (Ch). Three day application to strike out arising out of proper construction of deed of assignment. Instructed by Isadore Goldman.