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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 gives top-quality advice and is very practical and very on point."

Chambers & Partners, 2018

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 (including IT matters). 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. Recent entries include: "**highly competent – he's undoubtedly going to go a long way**" (Restructuring / Insolvency, Chambers & Partners 2017); "**He's very considered, level-headed and a good strategist.**" "**He's very good in court; he's very calm and won't be pushed around**" (Pensions, Chambers & Partners 2017); "**One of the best pensions regulatory lawyers in the field**" (Legal 500 2016); "**He is brilliant and he grows in strength all the time.**" (Pensions, Chambers & Partners 2016); "**He's shown himself to be very bright – he can pick up any issue you throw at him, is very pragmatic and is great on his feet and at providing opinions.**" (Restructuring / Insolvency, Chambers & Partners 2016); "**Bright, hard-working, unflappable and possessed of much common and commercial sense.**" "**He is a star in the making as he's very bright and is able to get through a huge workload to cut to the issues quite quickly.**" (IT, Chambers & Partners, 2016) "**knows his way around pensions law like the back of his hand.**" "**He's very, very bright and a good advocate**" (Pensions, Chambers & Partners 2015); "**He combines a surefooted academic approach with a practical slant.**" (Restructuring / Insolvency – Chambers UK and Chambers Global 2015) "**Intelligent, responsive and with a good client manner.**" (Insolvency – Legal 500 2014) "**One of the cleverest juniors around.**" (Pensions – Legal 500 2014; "**He is eloquent on his feet and has a good court presence**" (Restructuring/Insolvency – Chambers UK 2014 and Chambers Global 2014); "**Tom is first-rate in relation to his written advice**" (IT & Telecoms, Chambers & Partners 2014); someone who "**brings the exceptional attention to detail that you need on IT disputes**" (IT & Telecoms, Chambers & Partners 2013).



Company

Thomas has acted as sole and led counsel on company matters including petitions under s.994 of the Companies Act 2006. Thomas has also acted on cases concerning directors' duties including proceedings under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986.

Notable cases include:

- *Treetop Investment LLC v Falmouth House Freehold Company Ltd & Ors* [2017] EWHC 674 (Ch). Successful resistance of appeal raising questions of issue estoppel and abuse of process in the context of petitions brought under s.994 of the Companies Act 2006. Permission to appeal had been granted on the grounds of (i) whether Henderson v Henderson abuse of process applied to allegations of continuing breaches of duty, and (ii) whether issue estoppel applied where earlier proceedings were struck out for non-compliance with court orders, without consideration of the merits. Neither ground was upheld.
- *Re Desmond & Sons Ltd* [2015] Pens LR 1; [2014] FS/2010/0011. Upper Tribunal (Tax and Chancery Chamber) decision concerning obligations of directors to maintain privilege on behalf of company once dissolved.
- *Healthcare Management Services Ltd v Caremark Properties Ltd* [2013] BCC 484. Dispute over shareholder creditors' rights to appoint administrators over their joint venture company.
- *Panayotou v Falmouth House Freehold Company Limited* [2012] EWCA Civ 1174. Acted as sole counsel in successful resistance of appeal concerning proper construction of company documentation and agreements.