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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).



International Arbitration

Tom's international arbitration practice includes disputes under the LCIA and ICC Rules, and applications to challenge arbitration awards under the Arbitration Act 1996.

Recent experience:

- Acting on challenges under s.67, s.68 and s.69 of the Arbitration Act 1996 to a JAMS Arbitration Award concerning rights to collateral under \$45m loan agreement.
- Acting for Middle Eastern state gas company as part of a three counsel team in an ICC Arbitration in Geneva arising out of long term gas supply contracts. Claims circa \$5bn. October 2018 to March 2020.
- Advising on ICC Arbitration arising out of Joint Operating Agreement for exploration and development of petroleum operations in the Middle East. 2019.
- Acting for the Claimant in a \$20m ICC arbitration arising out of the Madoff fraud (led by Alan Gourgey QC).
- *Fieldfisher LLP v Pennyfeathers Limited* [2016] EWHC 566 (Ch). Successful resistance of administration application on basis that the alleged debt was subject to an arbitration agreement. Issues included the effect of a prior arbitration and of the arbitration agreement.
- Advising on an application to set aside an arbitration award of the London Beth Din.
- An arbitration of a dispute arising out of property surveying in the UK, under LCIA Rules.

Tom has also written and spoken on the interrelationship of arbitration and insolvency.