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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

"An excellent strategist and an extremely effective advocate."

Chambers & Partners, 2022

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).



Professional Liability

Tom is instructed on professional liability claims including against insolvency practitioners, solicitors and trustees of pension schemes, as well as other professionals engaged in his practice areas of pensions, insolvency and commercial litigation.

He was recently instructed on a claim against pension scheme trustees and their advisers in relation to the treatment of a debt under section 75 of the Pensions Act 1995.

He was led by Lexa Hilliard QC and Elspeth Talbot-Rice QC in the case of *Stanford Bank v Nigel Hamilton Smith, Peter Wastel & Anr*, acting on behalf of the former joint liquidators of Stanford Bank, Antigua, in connection with a negligence claim that has been issued against them in Antigua by the Bank, acting by the current joint liquidators. The matter included an anti-suit injunction hearing in London ([2016] EWHC 1115 (Ch)) and hearings in Antigua.

He has acted for and against administrators facing claims of misfeasance, including for decisions to trade during administration.

He has also acted in relation to claims against pension scheme trustees for breach of duty, including claims seeking their removal under the Pensions Act 1995 and claims under s.16 of the Pensions Act 2004 alleging misuse and misapplication of scheme assets.