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Qualifications and Appointments

- First Class degree in Law – Cambridge

“He has the ear of the court”

The Legal 500, 2016

Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Association of Pension Lawyers
- Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners
- Association of Contentious Trust and Probate

Publications

- [Trustee exculpation - the law, the quirks and the business sense](#) (2014) *Trusts & Trustees* 20 (9): 933-942
- Seminar address to Association of Pension Lawyers on group estoppel in occupational pension schemes. Published in *Pension Lawyer* Issue 101 (November 2004).

Practice Overview

Thomas is a highly experienced barrister with a broad chancery and commercial practice. His main practice areas are pensions, trusts/private client, property and professional negligence related to those practice areas.

Thomas has a specialist pensions practice based on over 20 years' experience of acting and advising in pensions matters, including litigation in the High Court, regulatory matters and Pensions Ombudsman references.

Thomas has an extensive trusts and private client practice, specialising in contentious trust litigation both in the United Kingdom and cases with a foreign element (including recent cases in Gibraltar and the Cayman Islands). His private client practice also embraces wills, contentious probate, estates and charities.

His property work focuses on real property disputes: enforcing contracts for sale or lease, title and boundaries, restrictive covenants, easements, mortgages, commercial landlord and tenant, and conveyancing.

Thomas acts and advises on partnership and company law matters and has recently advised the Financial Reporting Review Council on International Accounting Standards and compliance issues relating to public companies.

Chambers & Partners, 2017 (Pensions) says *"he has a strong instinct about what the right thing is to do and he builds an intellectual case around that"; "He's incredibly thoughtful and can be relied upon to get the right answer."*

The Legal 500 2015 and 2016 describe him as *"a wise barrister"* who *"has the ear of the court"*.

He is also an accredited mediator.



Professional Liability

Allied and directly complementary to Thomas's specialisms in pensions, trust and real property matters, he has substantial experience of acting and advising in professional negligence claims in those fields. Thomas is able to deploy his specialist knowledge of the particular practice area.

Thomas regularly acts and advises in claims arising from errors in the course of administering occupational pension schemes, and has extensive experience both in advising and acting for the trustees and/or employers as claimants and in representing the professional defendants (pensions consultants, actuaries and solicitors).

By way of example, since acting for the successful defendant in the leading case of *Shore v Sedgwick Financial Services Ltd* [2007] EWHC 2009, [2008] EWCA Civ 863, Thomas has acted and advised in a number of other professional negligence claims concerning alleged pensions mis-selling.