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Qualifications and Appointments

- BA (Hons) (1st Class) – Philosophy, Politics and Economics – Brasenose College, Oxford
- GDL – City University, London
- BVC – City University, London
- BVI practicing certificate

Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Combar

“He is incredibly intelligent, very good and personable. He’s absolutely fantastic to work with and down to earth.”

Chambers & Partners, 2020

Publications

- “Shammer Time”: Paper presented to the Wilberforce Cayman Conference 2017 (with Jonathan Hilliard QC)
- [Wilberforce Property Newsletter \(2016\) Issue 2 \(editor\)](#)
- [Dealing with fixtures on a lease renewal – A trap for the unwary?](#) (2014) *Property Litigation Association*
- ‘Joint Ventures: Relationship break-down’: Talk presented as a part of Wilberforce’s Dubai seminar series (May 2014)
- [‘Dilapidations: Section 18\(1\) and a Landlord’s Subsequent Works’](#) (2012) *Property Litigation Association*
- [‘The Limits of Possession Claims’](#) (2012) *Development Disputes: Current issues for property litigators*
- ‘Bad business acquisitions – commercial and professional liability claims’: Talk and paper presented to Wilberforce Chambers September 2012 Professional Negligence Conference

Practice Overview

Tom has a broad commercial chancery practice, spanning business, trusts and property disputes in the UK and abroad. His practice is evenly split between led and non-led work. Tom regularly appears in range of domestic courts and tribunals and, increasingly, in courts and tribunals in other jurisdictions. He also undertakes a broad range of advisory and drafting work.

The bulk of Tom’s practice comprises:

- Commercial and contractual disputes
- Trusts, wills and probate
- Residential and commercial property
- Civil fraud and asset recovery
- Corporate and personal insolvency
- Professional negligence

Tom’s practice has an increasingly international focus and he has recent experience on substantial disputes (litigation and arbitration) in the Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands, Guernsey, the Dubai International Financial Centre, Hong Kong and Bermuda. That experience builds upon secondments in the first three of those jurisdictions between 2013 and 2015 with Campbells (Cayman and BVI) and Mourant Ozannes (Guernsey). He maintains a practicing certificate in the BVI. He enjoys, and has considerable experience, working as a part of team of lawyers in different jurisdictions.

Tom also has a particular experience of and interest in ‘difficult’ possession claims and obtaining related injunctive relief, especially those involving high-profile or unusual properties, protestors, squatters and difficult litigants in person. He recently acted for the Secretary of State for Transport in obtaining relief against “direct action” protestors opposed to HS2.

Tom was a scholar of Brasenose College, Oxford and graduated in 2008 with a first class degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, before converting to Law the following year at the City Law School. He completed the Bar Vocational Course in 2010, also at City, and was graded ‘outstanding’.



International Arbitration

Tom has advised upon and acted in a range of domestic and international arbitrations, and arbitration disputes are forming an increasing part of his practice.

- Appearing (unled) on a two day arbitration in Doha (under the Arbitration Rules of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce) on a multi-million dollar claim made by a security provider for unpaid invoices following the termination of their security services contract with an oil and gas company
- Acting (with [Joanne Wicks QC](#)) on an arbitration concerning the construction of an overage provision in an agreement for sale between a supermarket chain and the vendor of land
- Advising on the commencement of arbitral proceedings concerning the disrepair of a substantial west-end property
- Acting (with Michael Bloch QC) on a claim to set aside a shipping arbitration award on the ground that the award had been procured by fraud: *Nestor Maritime SA v Sea Anchor Shipping Co Ltd* [2012] EWHC 83 (Comm)
- Assisting on an ICC Arbitration (with [Jonathan Seidler QC](#) and [Edward Sawyer](#)) concerning the liability of a parent company under a guarantee to meet the fit-out costs of a Russian office building. It claimed it was entitled to refuse to pay, on the basis that the building was unsafe. The arbitration raised issues of Russian fire safety regulations.