



1 CROWN OFFICE ROW

Thomas Beamont

Call: 2019



Tom accepts instructions in all areas of Chambers' work and is developing a broad practice. He appears in courts and tribunals on behalf of both Claimants and Defendants in a range of hearings. He joined Chambers as a tenant in September 2019 after 12 months of pupillage at 1COR.

Tom studied with a Scholarship for an undergraduate degree in History and Modern Languages from Pembroke College, Oxford, where he was also awarded a Heath Harrison Travelling Scholarship. During his subsequent legal studies he worked with the School Exclusions Project, and with death penalty abolitionist charity Reprieve on preparation for strategic litigation in Pakistan.

Prior to joining 1 Crown Office Row, Tom worked at a homeless shelter in London, and as a Parliamentary caseworker for an MP.

Clinical Negligence

Tom is regularly instructed in cases of clinical negligence. He appears at a range of hearings, advises on liability and quantum, and settles pleadings, for claimants and defendants.

Inquests

Tom is keenly developing his inquest practice. While seconded to a leading inquest firm on a six-month placement, he gained significant experience appearing regularly in Coroner's Courts.

He acts for families and institutional Interested Persons. He has experience of acting for families in both the coronial and civil proceedings arising from the death of a family member.

Selected Cases

- **Inquest touching upon the death of JS:** Tom acted for the family in this inquest which led to a Report for the Prevention of Future Deaths to a London university, Universities UK, and the Information Commissioner's Office.
- **Inquest touching upon the death of DH:** Tom acted for the family in this inquest which led to a Report for the Prevention of Future Deaths to the Independent Office for Police Conduct.

Child Abuse Compensation Law

Tom is building a growing practice in representing survivors of abuse. He has appeared at a number of pre-trial hearings, including applications for strike-out and for limitation to be tried as a preliminary issue, and settlement approval hearings. He advises claimants on limitation, liability and quantum.

Selected Cases

- **G v a Local Authority (Bristol District Registry, 2019):** Resisting a strike out application in a claim for historic sexual abuse, which subsequently settled.
- **A v a Local Authority (QBD):** Resisting an application for limitation to be heard as a preliminary issue in a claim for historic sexual abuse.
- **C v a Defendant (Newcastle County Court, 2019):** Post-trial application by the Defendant to make use of documents disclosed during trial for collateral purpose.

Human Rights

Human rights intersect with a number of areas of Tom's practice, most commonly in immigration and inquests. He contributes to the [UK Human Rights Blog](#).

Selected Cases

- **A v Secretary of State for the Home Department (Upper Tribunal):** Grounds of Appeal against refusal of entry clearance to the Upper Tribunal on the basis of article 8.
- **Inquest into the death of JT:** Represented an institutional Interested Person in this three-day *Middleton* inquest into the death of a patient in hospital.

Immigration

Tom appears in the immigration tribunals on behalf of appellants in a range of matters involving human rights, and EU law. He is happy to appear pro bono where appropriate, particularly in relation to applications for bail

from immigration detention.

Selected Cases

- **M v Secretary for State for the Home Department (First Tier Tribunal):** Appeal against refusal to grant a derivative right of residence
- **A v Secretary of State of the Home Department (Upper Tribunal):** Appeal against refusal of entry clearance.

Public Law

Tom developed his interest in public law during pupillage, assisting with pleadings and advice on a number of matters. He accepts instructions in judicial review, principally in an immigration context.

He is also a member of the Attorney-General's 'junior junior' panel.

Public Inquiries

Tom has been developing his practice in this area and has been instructed as part of the counsel team on the Grenfell Tower Inquiry since August 2019.

Personal Injury

Tom appears in a range of personal injury hearings. He advises and settles pleadings in fast track and multi-track claims.

Environmental Law

Tom is currently instructed by the Environmental Law Foundation in a proposed claim engaging a range of alleged breaches of environmental statutory and common law principles.

In 2020 he was jointly nominated for Advocate's Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year Award for his environmental work.

Awards

- Vice-Chancellor's Award for International Collaboration with Reprieve (City Law School)

- Middle Temple State School Award
- Middle Temple Benefactors Scholarship
- Middle Temple Harmsworth Entrance Exhibition

Education

- Bar Professional Training Course (Very Competent)
- Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction)
- BA (Hons) History with Modern Languages (French)

Memberships

- Middle Temple

Publications

- Contributor to the 1COR Quarterly Medical Law Review (QMLR)
- Law Pod UK Ep. 10: How A.I. is set to change the legal profession
- Contributor to the UK Human Rights Blog