

Tom Longstaff

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Appointments

- Called to the Bar of England and Wales by the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple (2017)
- Solicitor of England and Wales (2014)
- Local Government Councillor - Normanton Town Council (May 2015 - January 2017)
- Director - The Normanton Freeston Foundation Trustees Limited (May 2015 - January 2017)

Memberships

- Northern Circuit
- Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association

Company CV

Overview

As well as experience of acting in substantial corporate disputes, Tom has experience of transactional work, which stems from his time as a member of the Dispute Resolution team at Linklaters LLP.

Whilst at the bar, he has been instructed to advise in corporate transactions, and to make applications to court for capital reductions.

He is also regularly instructed in unfair prejudice proceedings, and is able to draw upon his considerable experience of commercial and insolvency disputes.

Recent cases in which Tom has been instructed includes:

- Acting for a company in a court application to reduce a share premium account with a value of approximately £25 million.
- Acting for the petitioner in unfair prejudice proceedings:
 1. Involving circumstances in which the directors had taken steps to transfer company funds to their personal bank accounts;
 2. Against respondents who had awarded significant pay rises to employees at the same time as refusing to pay dividends;
 3. In which the respondents had incorporated a rival business and transferred the assets of the company, including the substantial benefit of commercial contracts.

Recommendations

Ranked Tier 3 for Commercial Litigation, Northern Circuit **Legal 500 2024**

'Tom is calm and thinks quickly on his feet. He is excellent in conference with clients and is able to put them at ease. His advice is clear, concise and always with an understanding of the commercial impact of the advice, rather than solely the legal aspects.' **Legal 500 2023**

"Tom is a detail-oriented barrister." **Chambers & Partners 2023**

"Tom provides very pragmatic advice." **Chambers & Partners 2023**

"He takes command of a hearing and is confident with his advocacy." **Chambers & Partners 2023**

"He works incredibly hard." **Chambers & Partners 2023**

"Excellent at what he does and puts the client at ease"

"Demonstrated a complete understanding of the matter from the outset – we were impressed with his ability to grasp the issues and address the salient points in a clear and precise manner."

"Handled himself well when opposing Counsel presented him with issues on the door and in Court which helped get the result the Client wanted. Truly a pleasure to work with."

"Very impressive – and user friendly as regards his manner with the client out of the courtroom."

Education

- BBP Law School, London – Bar Transfer Test (2017)
- College of Law, York – Legal Practice Course (2011 – 2012)
- University of York – LLB Law (2008 – 2011)

Scholarships & Awards

- Inner Temple – Major Scholarship
- Inner Temple – Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Award
- Sidney Sussex Scholarship – 1st in year

Publications

Banking Disputes Quarterly (May 2016) - Borrowers defending claims on grounds of misrepresentation who seek rescission must repay outstanding principal as a condition to defending the claim