

## 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

### Defamation and Privacy CV Overview

Tom is developing a defamation and privacy practice.

He has experience of acting in defamation proceedings and of acting in disputes with a privacy element, including making applications to search engines for the removal of adverse results.

Recent cases in which Tom has been instructed includes:

- One of the leading authorities on the ability to restrain publication by a public body: *R. (on the application of the Governing Body of X) v Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills* [2020] EWCA Civ 594
- Acting for Claimants and Defendants in a number of claims relating to the alleged infringement of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation, including for interim relief at private hearings.
- Advising in claims for defamation and malicious falsehood in relation to:
  1. A claim brought by a former dentist against a colleague who made a report to a regulator regarding alleged drug use; and
  2. Adverse reviews posted on the internet.
- Instructed by a company director previously convicted of criminal offences in an application to search engines for the removal of adverse search results.

## 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*