

## Tom Longstaff

Call 2017



### Clerks' Details

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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

### Public Law CV

#### Overview

Tom has experience of acting in public law proceedings and procurement disputes on behalf of a range of clients, and was led by Mark Cawson QC in the Court of Appeal in one of the leading authorities on seeking interim relief against a public body in the case of *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, in which Sir James Eadie QC appeared on behalf of OFSTED.

Tom was sole counsel in the High Court: *R. (on the application of X Governing Body) v Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted)* [2020] EWHC 69 (Admin).

Recent cases in which Tom has been involved includes:

- *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; *R. (on the application of X Governing Body) v Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted)* [2020] EWHC 69 (Admin).
- Advising in a dispute between a leading neurological hospital and the Care Quality Commission including as to the merits of an application to obtain an injunction to restrain publication of a damaging report.
- Acting for the family of a disabled child in a dispute with a primary school, which followed a refusal to accommodate the child in the same school as his sibling, and the subsequent return of the child to the school.
- Advising on the merits of a procurement challenge following a failure to re-tender a public contract.

## Recommendations

*“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*