

## 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

### 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

*“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*