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PROFILE

Tom has an extensive international commercial disputes practice. He appears regularly in the Commercial Court, the Chancery Division and the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court in England, on domestic appeals, and on references to the European Court of Justice from those Courts, as well as in courts abroad, particularly in the Caribbean and South East Asia.

He also appears in domestic and international arbitrations. His cases are usually large commercial or financial services matters, frequently with significant foreign and/or fraud elements. Many of his cases involve issues concerning world-wide freezing injunctions and other interlocutory relief. He has a particular expertise in cross-border cases with complex private international law, including jurisdictional and choice of law, issues. He is experienced in the use of foreign law in English proceedings.

Tom has been appointed as an examiner and an arbitrator, including an appointment by the London Court of International Arbitration as an arbitrator for a dispute concerning international oil sales. Prior to joining JHA, Tom was Joint Head of Blackstone Chambers from October 2004 to January 2012.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Appointed to silk, 2001

Admitted as a barrister in England and Wales, 1979

EDUCATION

University of Cambridge – LLB (Cantab)

University of Cambridge – BA (Cantab)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Tom has been recognised by the key independent legal directories as a leading silk. Chambers UK 2013 singled him out across four areas; commercial litigation, financial services, fraud: civil and insurance and reinsurance.

The guide described him as ‘flexible, versatile’, ‘a real brainbox’, ‘superb in cross examination’, ‘absolutely fabulous’, and a ‘first-rate silk’ who ‘is superb in cross examination’. He ‘combines great strategic thinking with a calm and unflappable manner’, ‘is very wise, approachable and savvy’ and is also ‘a hugely intelligent strategist who thinks through all aspects of a case in an effective manner’.

Chambers Global 2013 recommends Tom for dispute resolution and offshore.

Legal 500 UK 2012 recommends Tom as a top practitioner for offshore, banking and finance, commercial litigation, EU and competition – fraud: civil, and insurance and reinsurance. He is described as ‘a leading silk on points of private international law’, ‘very clever and extremely good, not just on detail but also on strategy’ and ‘an unquestionably eminent financial services silk’.

The Lawyer, Hot 100 2010 singled out Tom as a ‘top commercial advocate’ for his work in the previous year.

Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Arbitration

