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Very diligent and focused on achieving the client's commercial objectives.

- Legal 500

Tom specialises in commercial and construction disputes.

Chambers & Partners says that Tom “commands a lethal mix of being on top of the detail and great at strategy. He's very good in court and his cross-examination was particularly good.” “He's a tenacious advocate and is exceptionally easy to work with.”

Legal 500 characterises Tom as “Extremely bright, has a charming manner with clients and is a strong advocate.” “Technically strong and applies his advice in a practical manner.” “He gets involved in the detail yet retains the ability to work on strategic issues taking a commercial view.”

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Areas of Expertise

Construction & Engineering

Tom has significant experience of construction disputes, in adjudication, arbitration and litigation. He has acted in employer-contractor disputes and in cases involving a variety of construction professionals, particularly engineers and architects. He frequently handles alleged dishonesty cases in addition to alleged breach of contract and/or negligence cases.

Cases include:

- *The Front Door (UK) Ltd v The Lower Mill Estate Ltd* [2021] EWHC 2324 (TCC). Application to join proposed defendants.
- *Curtiss & Ors v Zurich Insurance Plc & Anor* [2021] EWHC 1999 (TCC). Guidance on the disclosure pilot scheme.
- *Beverley Goldman & ors v (1) Zurich Insurance Plc (2) East West Insurance Co Ltd* [2020] EWHC 192 (TCC). Claim relating to inspections by building guarantee inspectors and subsequent cover notes, led by Jeffrey Chapman QC.
- *Zagora and ors v Zurich Insurance Plc and ors* [2019] EWHC 140 (TCC); 182 Con LR 180). Claim relating to Final Certificates produced by Building Control.
- *A v B*. Arbitration relating to a nuclear facilities project, led by Roger Stewart QC.

Qualifications & Memberships



BA (Oxon.) (Classics); Lord Mansfield, Lord Brougham, Hardwicke and Hubert Greenland scholarships from Lincoln's Inn.

Insights

Information v advice: inadequate labels but important principles

31 May 2019

Matthew Bradley and Tom Asquith consider the recent Court of Appeal decision in *Manchester Building Society v Grant Thornton UK LLP* in the context of financial advice, providing points of note for practitioners looking to draw a line between taking responsibility for a decision and merely providing information which feeds into that decision.

Duty of care: Jones and Environcom Ltd [2011] EWCA Civ 1152

30 November 2012

Marine insurance: losses, claims and defences: Clothing Management Technology Ltd v Beazley Solutions Ltd [2012] EWHC 727 (QB)

30 March 2012