

Tom became a tenant of Lincoln House in December 2020, having completed his pupillage under Alex Leach.

Tom enjoys a busy criminal practice. He prosecutes and defends across the whole spectrum of Magistrates' Court cases, including sexual offences, domestic violence and road traffic offences. In doing so, he has gained experience of handling vulnerable witnesses, children and experts. In the Crown Court, Tom prosecutes and defends sentences, bail applications and interlocutory hearings. He is a Level 1 Prosecutor. Unusually for a pupil, Tom was also instructed as defence counsel for a Crown Court trial.

During his first six, Tom gained experience of homicide, sexual offences and organised crime. He shadowed Queen's Counsel for both prosecution and defence at trial. Tom undertook advisory and research work for members of Chambers covering all manner of issues across criminal practice and procedure.

Tom combines his criminal practice with a growing civil practice. Since joining Chambers he has built on his previous experience as a county court advocate in which he gained a wide variety of civil proceedings and an excellent understanding of civil procedure. His recent civil work includes fast-track and small claims track trials, Stage 3 hearings and advising a foreign company pursuing a commercial debt, including on the issue of jurisdiction.

Criminal Law

Tom deals with all aspects of Criminal Law. He has experience of:

- Violent offences
- Drug-related offences
- Sexual offences
- Fraud and theft offences
- Road traffic offences

Civil Law

Tom is able to deal with a wide variety of civil matters. As a county court advocate with LPC Law, he conducted over 900 hearings prior to commencing pupillage. In doing so he gained experience of landlord and tenant disputes, insolvency proceedings, commercial disputes and Stage 3 hearings. Tom is often instructed for small claims and fast-track trials, including personal injury and credit hire. His recent advisory work includes advising a foreign company pursuing a commercial debt and defending a claim for unpaid school fees.



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PRACTICE AREAS

Criminal Law

Civil Law

Driving Offences

APPOINTMENTS

CPS Level 1

EDUCATION

Law (BA, LLB) – University of Cambridge

BPTC – BPP University Birmingham

Notable cases include:

Manchester Crown Court: prosecuted a sentence for fraud involving the targeting of pensioners, as well as breach of a suspended sentence.

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/john-ward-blackley-clayton-court-18911598>

Manchester Crown Court: defended a sentence for possession with intent to supply. The Defendant received a suspended sentence.

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/drug-dealer-found-over-1k-18552433>

Preston Crown Court: defended at trial for breach of sexual harm prevention order. The case involved technical digital evidence disclosed shortly before trial. The Defendant pleaded guilty on the morning of trial, with a favourable sentence resulting in him walking free that day.

Preston Crown Court: successful exceptional hardship argument advanced on appeal on the basis of loss of employment, resulting in the immediate removal of disqualification.

Manchester Magistrates' Court: prosecuted a taxi driver for sexual assault; defendant convicted.

Burnley Magistrates' Court: defended in a domestic violence case. The prosecution was forced to offer no evidence following legal argument on the morning of trial.



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