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Barrister

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PROFILE

Thomas is a tenant at Whitestone Chambers.

During pupillage, Thomas was trained in Chambers areas of Commercial, Chancery, Aviation and international finance.

Thomas accepts instructions in all of Chambers key areas.

EDUCATION

- University of Law, Birmingham - BPTC
- Birmingham City University School of Law– Graduate Diploma In Law
- Brasenose College, University of Oxford– BA History & Politics

MEMBERSHIP

- Middle Temple - 2022

PRACTICE

Thomas has been instructed in his own right to appear in court in trials and application hearings. He has appeared successfully on behalf of claimants in county court trials and for both claimants & defendants in application hearings.

Thomas has also successfully represented defendant airlines in having claims dismissed across aviation law, including on EC261 and the Montreal Convention.

While being supervised by Lawrence Power, Thomas drafted written submissions for use in a complex, 12-day High Court commercial case involving the Bills of Exchange 1882 and its application to the gambling industry. Thomas also settled several advices across areas of commercial and chancery work, including on the Insolvency Act 1986 & use of discretion in commercial contracts. Thomas also assisted with research on food safety regulations & novel foods guidance issued by the Food Standard's Agency.

While under the supervision of Mina Heung, Thomas assisted Miss Heung to draft pleadings in aviation and commercial claims. Thomas also assisted with preparing skeleton arguments on behalf of airlines following flight delays and cancellations.

AWARDS & PRIZES

- Middle Temple, Major Award (Benefactors Scholarship), 2019-20
- Career Changers Scholarship, University of Law, 2019-20
- Winner of Common Law Moot, University of Law (Birmingham)

SUPPLEMENTAL

Throughout his career in Education, Thomas has published a number of articles including “Comparative Judicialism, Popular Sovereignty and the Rule of Law: The US and UK Supreme Courts”, a 15,000 word article comparing the UK and US Supreme Courts

Thomas has tutored on the LLB at Birmingham City University in the areas of Tort Law, Foundation in Professional Skills, Constitutional and Administrative Law, Equity & Trusts, Law of Criminal Evidence and Law of Equity and Trusts

Thomas has presented talks in a wide range of areas including speaking on reform of the judiciary, has organised talks with leading figures in the worlds of US and UK government and politics and has also edited for the British Journal of American Legal Studies.