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Public and Regulatory

Tom's familiarity with both civil and criminal jurisdictions makes him uniquely placed to traverse the rigours of Regulatory Law. He regularly accepts instructions across the spectrum of regulatory and quasi-criminal matters. His particular interests are in trading standards, fire regulation, environmental law, Health & Safety, planning enforcement and maritime.

Tom was a member of TSOL's 'Junior Junior' and has extensive experience of the judicial review process.

Recent cases

Re. Section 53A Licensing Act 2003 application – Tom represented a licensed premises (which also benefitted from an SEVL) in an application under s.53A of the Licensing Act. The premises was said to be associated with serious criminal conduct following allegations of false imprisonment, sexual assault, conspiracy to commit fraud and theft. The initial opinion of the Chief Officer of Police for Hampshire was that the licence should be suspended for a period of 3 months. Following a full hearing before the Sub-Licensing Committee, the premises was allowed to retain its licence subject to the addition of various conditions.

Re. Maritime prosecutions – Tom acted for a Harbour Authority in four separate private prosecutions alleging infringements of the Harbour's General Directions. Each case resulted in the imposition of financial penalties for the accused.

Poole Borough Council v Wilson – Breach of a tree preservation order. This case is believed to be the first contested confiscation hearing in England and Wales where the issue was the extent of the Defendant's 'benefit' resulting from the increase in light to his property occasioned by the Defendant's wilful damage of a tree. Tom acted for the prosecution. The Case received national media attention, including in [The Telegraph](#) and in [The Times](#).

R v B – Trading Standards prosecution under the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008.

R v L – Prosecution for failing to comply with a restriction imposed by a Prohibition Notice under Article 31 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

Recommendations

'A forceful, hard-working, tactically astute advocate.'

Legal 500 2022/Crime (General and Fraud)/Leading Junior/Western Circuit

'Tom is always well-prepared and on top of his brief. He has clearly thought about it in detail. His speeches are assured and well-constructed. He is calm, measured and conspicuously good at his job for his level of call. He engenders confidence in the trial judge, jury, client and opponents alike. A very good and talented barrister.'

"Mr Evans came to 'his fore' when cross-examining the defendant. I have been party to many a prosecution cross-examination, but his delivery and attention to detail was the best I have ever witnessed, it was clever and directed at the appropriate level. I was most impressed that the defence barrister was to comment that the cross-examination was "forensic and exact". His direct cross-examination ultimately caused the defendant to enter a "guilty" plea mid-way through his evidence."

CPS court case - Officer in the case.

"Just a quick letter to say thank you for the result we had in court. The barrister you gave me was brilliant and couldn't have done better. Please tell Mr Evans I said thank you, his final speech was amazing with great attention to detail." **Lay client acquitted of s.18 GBH to instructing solicitor.**

"Tom - I just wanted to say thank you for all your efforts.

I have always found the law fascinating. My grandmother was one of the first female Magistrates, my grandfather, father and brother are all lawyers. So I have always been surrounded in the language of the law and during many lunches and suppers we would debate the meaning of certain words.

Yesterday was a fantastic example of a Barrister using diplomacy and tenacity in equal measure to make your point in regards to the substantive / significant point of law. It will no doubt become an incidental footnote in just another legal brief - but it was an important matter that needed to be brought to the courts attention and one which you made eloquently and resolutely.

Your job must be incredibly rewarding when the court makes a decision that both the prosecution and defence believe to be best for all parties. I believed we reached that equilibrium yesterday and I will always be indebted to you for helping the judge reach that decision."

Lay client who narrowly avoided an immediate sentence of imprisonment following his guilty pleas to two counts of causing serious injury by dangerous driving.

Academic qualifications

- BVC, College of Law - Very Competent
- GDL, College of Law - Commendation
- BA (Hons) History, University of Sussex - 2.1
- Winner of the 2010 College of Law BVC Mooting Competition
- Winner of the 2010 Inter-Varsity Mooting Competition

Professional qualifications & appointments

- CPS Grade 3 Prosecutor
- Former member of the Treasury Solicitors' Junior Junior Panel