



Tom Horder

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Sports

Tom's background is in both heavyweight criminal law and professional discipline. He is a sports fanatic and has experience of acting in high profile sports law cases. Most notably he represented (together with Robin Leach) the former world number 4 snooker player Stephen Lee in his appeal against his disqualification from the sport. He also has experience of horse racing cases (BHA v Stainton) and has provided advice in respect of a riding ban for an international speedway rider (Darcy Ward). He has also represented an ex-premiership and international footballer in relation to driving offences.

He provides advice to Football supporters groups in respect of banning orders and foreign travel bans. He also has a detailed knowledge of Police procedure and powers relating to sports events having been involved in criminal proceedings arising from violent disorder at the following matches: Bristol Rovers v Bristol City, Southampton FC v Portsmouth FC and Chelsea FC v Cardiff FC.

Tom is an avid Wimbledon AFC supporter and motor racing fan. He has competed in historic rallies including La Carrera Panamerica road race across Mexico and the Circuit of Ireland.

Recommendations

Tom Horder has a robust practice in regulatory offences which sees him instructed by a range of parties including public sector bodies, companies and private individuals. He also handles cases concerning violent crime and sexual abuse, as well as fraud and drug offences. Additionally, he has expertise in cases involving regulatory offences.

Strengths: "A conscientious, thorough and extremely effective advocate. He listens to his client and has a rare talent of getting the best out of everyone."

Recent work: Acted as junior defence counsel in the trial of Shane Mays for the murder of 16-year-old Louise Smith.

Chambers UK 2022/Crime/Western Bar

Strengths: "He has a really nice manner in court and very good judgement." "Mr Horder is extremely experienced in all areas of criminal defence. He takes a hand-on approach to trial preparation, which makes him a popular choice among solicitors and clients alike."

Recent work: Defended a CCTV operative who unlawfully accessed the footage of an autopsy featuring a footballer who tragically died in a well-publicised plane crash.

Chambers UK 2021/Crime/Western Bar

Strengths: "He is an extremely affable barrister who deals with difficult clients with commendable patience. He delivers calm and measured advocacy with the right amount of flair and is an exceptionally impressive trial advocate and lawyer behind the scenes."

Recent work: Defended a care worker accused of assaulting and abusing a large number of mentally and physically disabled

residents at an adult care home.

Chambers UK 2020/Crime/Western Bar

"His advice is always clear and concise and precisely what is required. His client care and commitment is exceptional. His willingness to go the extra mile has been impressive."

Recent work: Prosecuted an organised criminal gang controlling the supply class A drugs across the South of England.

Chambers UK 2019/Crime/Western Bar

Strengths: "He is meticulous and tenacious, both in terms of his preparation and his conduct of cases in court." "He is smart, clever and pragmatic."

Chambers UK 2018/Crime/Western Bar

Strengths: "Very able, a rising star."

Chambers UK 2017/Crime/Western Bar

'Praised by instructing solicitors for his expertise in cases concerning fraud, drugs and other serious criminal offences.

Strengths: "He has a particular skill in dealing with extremely demanding clients. He is very committed to his work and is very accessible when it comes to seeking advice or updates."

Chambers UK 2016/Crime/Western Bar

'...covers the full range of criminal offences, and is best recognised for his expertise in regulatory criminal cases. He receives regular instructions from local authorities, government bodies and insurers in relation to cases concerning health and safety, trading standards, environmental, aviation and maritime issues.

Expertise: "His advocacy is very good and he impresses with his knowledge of legislation and case law in niche areas."

Chambers UK 2015/Crime/Western Bar

'Tom is a charming, intellectually nimble advocate with an excellent client manner. Judges respect him and juries warm to him.'

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

'Tom is a very able barrister. He is an excellent, very persuasive advocate. His cross-examination is always well-considered and appropriate to the witness he is dealing with. He is hard-working and always well prepared.'

Legal 500 2022/Business and regulatory crime (including health and safety)/Western Circuit

'He has sterling advocacy skills and exceptional levels of client empathy.'

Legal 500 2021/Crime/Leading juniors

'Reliable and meticulous in his preparation for conferences and hearings with good presentation at trial.'

"Tom Horder is another key name within the set"

Legal 500 2021/Business and regulatory crime (including health and safety)/Leading Juniors

'He is an exceptionally impressive advocate; calm and measured, with just the right amount of flair.'

Legal 500 2020/Crime/Leading juniors

'His preparation is meticulous and he inspires confidence in his clients.'

Legal 500 2020/Regulatory, health and safety, and licensing/Leading Juniors

'An unruffled barrister with a light touch.'

Legal 500 2018/19/Crime/Leading juniors

'Experienced across a broad spectrum of criminal cases.'

Legal 500 2017/Crime/Leading juniors

'An excellent advocate with a strong courtroom presence.'

Legal 500 2016/Crime/Leading juniors

'He is led, and often leads, in some of the most complex cases, including those involving serious violence'

Legal 500 2015/Crime/Leading juniors

'Particularly highly regarded for his ability to handle the most serious and complex cases.'

Legal 500 2014/Crime

'...attracts praise, and is 'very good at explaining procedure and tactics to clients'

'Particularly highly regarded for his ability to handle the most serious and complex cases'

Legal 500 2013/Crime

"I would like to thank you for your diligent work on this case. Your client care and commitment to the case was exceptional. Your willingness to "go the extra mile" was impressive and proved crucial. Your planning and delivery of the cross examination proved decisive. An ok case (partly because of the statute) transformed into a strong case, according to his honour the Judge, before our very eyes, as our opponent was exposed as a liar."

Instructing solicitor, 2017

"Tom was brilliant, stood head and shoulders above the other barristers"

Instructing solicitor, 2016

Academic qualifications

- BA (Hons) History, University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne
- PGDL and BVC, BPP Law School

Professional qualifications & appointments

- Attorney-General's Unified List of Prosecuting Advocates (Panel C)
- Specialist Regulatory Advocates in H&S and Environmental Law List.