SOLICITOR

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Homicide | Serious Violence | Terrorism | Complex Fraud & Regulatory Offences



Biography

Tom is a criminal defence solicitor specialising in serious and complex Crown Court litigation. He has particular expertise in white collar crime, terrorism, and human trafficking matters, and regularly acts in multi-million pound fraud and money laundering prosecutions, Terrorism Act cases, and modern slavery investigations.
Tom also regularly represents clients accused of serious drug offences, sexual offences, and violent crime, often in cases involving extensive digital evidence, telecommunications data, and complex evidential issues.

Known for his careful preparation and attention to detail, Tom provides clear, pragmatic advice and works closely with clients throughout proceedings. He takes a practical and personable approach to every case, ensuring clients are fully informed and supported at each stage of the process.

Tom has extensive experience in large-scale and high-profile cases classed as “Very High Cost Cases” which require a thorough and dedicated approach.
In addition to his Crown Court practice, Tom has significant experience in extradition proceedings and has represented individuals facing extradition to a wide range of European and international jurisdictions. He also represents clients in the Magistrates' Courts and at the police station, providing advice and representation from the earliest stages of a criminal investigation through to trial.

Qualifications

Memberships
- Criminal Litigation Accreditation Scheme

Languages
- Spanish
- (intermediate)

Selected Cases (8)

TERRORISM

3 cases

- Operation Araquaju (2026)
- Operation Loafer (2026)

- Operation Skirp (2025)

COMPLEX FRAUD & REGULATORY OFFENCES

5 cases

- Operation Caravelle (ongoing)
- Operation Cilantro (Ongoing)
- Operation Drawbridge (Ongoing)
- Operation Rattler (Ongoing)
- Operation Yulan (2025)