

THOMAS RUSSELL

Year of call
2022



Thomas Russell has a multi-disciplinary practice in the civil, criminal, and family courts.

Thomas has extensive civil trial experience including on the multi-track and has acted in numerous interlocutory applications. He also has a growing advisory and paper practice with particular emphasis on providing advice and drafting pleadings in commercial disputes and claims for personal injury. Thomas is a contributor to the textbook 'APIL Personal Injury: Law, Practice and Precedents'.

In the Criminal Courts, Thomas prosecutes and defends. He has experience of financial crime including fraud, money laundering and proceeds of crime offences. In general crime Thomas has particular experience of cases involving the supply of drugs and those involving sexual offences. Thomas has also conducted private prosecutions and secured orders for costs from central funds.

In the Family Court, Thomas regularly acts in public and private law proceedings involving allegations of serious harm.

Examples of current and recent instructions are provided below.

LEGAL EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, and Inquests

- Successfully resisted limitation defence in claim for personal injury brought some 35 years out of time.
- Acting for claimant in a claim against a local authority concerning prolonged historic abuse.
- Acting for the family of the deceased in an inquest concerning treatment of a complex brain injury.
- Acting for an aesthetic practitioner in a claim concerning allegedly negligent cosmetic treatment, said to have caused severe facial injuries.
- Successfully struck out a Highways Act claim for want of prosecution despite the Defendant agreeing to

the previous stays.

Commercial

- Acting for a local authority defending allegations of fraud.
- Acting in a £90,000 commercial contract dispute.
- Acted for the Ministry of Justice in a claim for tortious interference with goods brought by a prisoner serving a life sentence.
- Advising in relation to the enforcement of a £200,000 arbitration award.
- Advising in relation to the applicability of the Human Rights Act to the actions of High Court Enforcement Agents.

Crime

- Privately instructed to represent a businessman accused of sexual offences.
- Privately instructed to represent individual charged with the production and supply of crack cocaine.
- Successfully prosecuted private prosecution for what was agreed to be a calculated theft of luxury goods. Costs of prosecution awarded out of central funds.
- Persuaded a judge to order a review of the public interest, which resulted in the prosecution offering no evidence in respect of all counts on the indictment.
- Acted for a Defendant at sentence and persuaded the judge that three months' time served was sufficient. The prosecution had argued for a starting point of two years.

Family Law

- Acting for the respondent in private law proceedings who is accused by the applicant of plotting their murder.
- Secured injunction to prevent harassment of individual in the form of online abuse from ex-partner.
- Advised on consequences of findings from lengthy day public law fact-find hearing on subsequent private law proceedings.