

# Thomas Beasley

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Thomas Beasley practises in the areas of clinical negligence and personal injury.

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Thomas' personal injury practice covers a broad spectrum of claims, including claims arising out road traffic accidents, public liability claims and employer's liability claims. Thomas has particular expertise in advising on cases that raise complex issues of procedure or law.

## Expertise

### Clinical Negligence

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Thomas has a thriving clinical negligence practice and is regularly instructed by both Claimants and Defendants across a wide range of medical specialisms.

Thomas has a busy paperwork practice and is often instructed to plead matters for both Claimants and Defendants. Furthermore, Thomas has experience of conducting conferences with experts, in order to assist in identifying potential strengths and weaknesses in parties' cases, both in respect of liability and quantum.

Thomas regularly appears in interlocutory hearings, including case and cost management hearings and application hearings.

In addition to appearing in Court in respect of his ongoing cases, Thomas has also been instructed in a number of cases at an early stage. He has a particular interest in inquest work and has acted for families at inquests with a view to then pursuing clinical negligence claims. Thomas is currently instructed in respect of a number of inquests, including: (1) for the family of an elderly gentleman who died shortly after spinal surgery due to aspiration caused by post-op ileus; the inquest is listed for four days; (2) for the family of an elderly gentleman who suffered a neurological injury during a hospital fall; the inquest is listed for two days; and (3) for the family of a woman who died from

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infection having sustained a ureteric injury during surgery. Thomas also recently represented the family of a baby who died following hypoxic brain injury at a pre-inquest review.

Recently completed inquests include: (1) representing the family, at a two day inquest, of a woman who committed suicide a few days after being discharged from hospital following psychiatric evaluation; and (2) representing the family, at a week-long inquest, of a woman who died during a neurosurgical procedure.

Thomas is also instructed as counsel to the inquest, led by Mr Jonathan Jones KC, in the inquest touching upon the deaths of the patients of Mr Ian Paterson. The inquest is listed for 12 months commencing in October 2024.

## Inquests, Public Inquiries & Coronial Law

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Thomas has a particular interest in inquest work and is currently involved in a number of inquests that relate to clinical treatment.

In this respect, Thomas is currently instructed as counsel to the inquest, led by Mr Jonathan Jones KC, in the inquest touching upon the deaths of the patients of Mr Ian Paterson. The inquest is one that engages Article 2 and is listed for 12 months commencing in October 2024.

Thomas has also regularly acted for families at inquests with a view to then pursuing clinical negligence claims. Thomas is currently instructed in respect of a number of inquests, including: (1) for the family of an elderly gentleman who died shortly after spinal surgery due to aspiration caused by post-op ileus; the inquest is listed for four days; (2) for the family of an elderly gentleman who suffered a neurological injury during a hospital fall; the inquest is listed for two days; and (3) for the family of a woman who died from infection having sustained a ureteric injury during surgery. Thomas also recently represented the family of a baby who died following hypoxic brain injury at a pre-inquest review.

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## Personal Injury

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Thomas' personal injury practice covers a broad spectrum of claims, including claims arising out road traffic accidents, public liability claims and employer's liability claims. Thomas accepts instructions from both Claimants and Defendants.

Thomas has a busy paperwork practice and regularly advises in conference in respect of both liability and quantum. He also regularly appears in Court, in both interlocutory hearings and trials.

Thomas has a particular interest in cases that raise complex issues of law or procedure, and recent examples of the same include: (1) advising an insurer in respect of abuse of process in relation to a road traffic accident where subsequent proceedings seeking recovery of credit hire sums have been issued following the settlement of a previous personal injury claim; (2) advising on claims against the MIB, including considering both the Untraced Drivers' Agreement and Uninsured Drivers' Agreement; (3) advising on the applicability of EU Directives in RTA claims against the MIB following the European Union (Withdrawal) Agreement 2018; (4) advising on the technical requirements under the Electrical Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations 2002 for an individual who sustained a brain injury following electric shock in a domestic setting; (5) advising on claims under the Animals Act 1971; (6) advising on the interaction between the 1957 and 1984 Occupier's Liability Acts where the trespasser asserts an implied license; and (7) representing a client in respect of an application under CPR Pt. 31.22 for collateral usage of documents used in previously settled proceedings in fresh contribution proceedings.

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## Fraudulent Insurance Claims

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Thomas has regularly acted for insurers alleging fundamental dishonesty on the Fast Track and has successfully secured findings of fundamental dishonesty on numerous occasions. Thomas' detailed and thorough approach to cases is well-suited to the task of exposing inconsistencies in fraudulent claims.

## Accreditations

- Student of the Year, University of Law (awarded for the highest overall mark on the BPTC). [2021]
- Opinion Writing Prize, University of Law (awarded for the highest mark in the opinion writing module on the BPTC). [2021]
- Certificate of Honour, The Honourable Society of Middle Temple. [2020]
- Queen Mother Scholarship, The Honourable Society of Middle Temple. [2019]
- Blackstone Entrance Exhibition, The Honourable Society of Middle Temple. [2019]

## Appointments

- Counsel to the Inquest, HM Coroner's investigation into Ian Paterson (led by Jonathan Jones KC).
- Attorney General's Civil Panel Counsel: Junior Junior Panel (2021 – 2025).

## Qualifications

- Bar Professional Training Course with LLM, University of Law [2019-2020]: Outstanding (placed first in year); (Distinction in LLM).
- Graduate Diploma in Law, University of Law [2018]: Distinction.
- MA (hons) Theology, University of St Andrews [2012-2016].

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