

**Year of Call:** 1978

**Practice Areas:** Personal Injury,

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### Profile

Tim joined Cobden House Chambers in March 2007 to advance his practice in personal injury litigation. He had a general common law practice until 1993 when he began to concentrate on personal injury work and he is now instructed by Claimants and Defendants alike.

He has particular experience of acting for Defendants in civil actions against the police. He specialises in employers liability and industrial disease litigation as well as road traffic and occupiers liability cases.

Tim is also a hugely experienced pilot and he has particular knowledge of the issues involved in aviation related accidents. He prides himself that he still has the same number of take-offs and landings in his log books despite having been flying since 1984! His honeymoon was spent flying an elderly aircraft around the Bermuda Triangle and insists that we point that he managed not to get lost once in that time.

He has appeared in many very high value cases and his present workload involves several cases with a value in excess of a million pounds including a number of claims involving allegations of clinical negligence. He has been a member of the Personal Injury Bar Association almost from its creation and he is an enthusiastic contributor to our newsletter "In Touch".

Although no longer actively involved in general criminal litigation, Tim continues to appear in Health and Safety Prosecutions and Coroners Inquests including those involving deaths in custody.

### Special Interests

Along with his knowledge of aviation Tim has a special interest in construction industry work and has undertaken many very high cases arising out of accidents befalling those engaged in the building and demolition trades having been involved in a case in 1986 which eventually made its way to the House of Lords.

Tim prides himself on the speed of his return of papers and they are normally returned within 10 working days, mainly due to the skill, tolerance and patience of his long suffering secretary, Mrs Julia Galvin, who provides constant support for him along with the Clerks here at Cobden House. He undertakes Conditional Fee work, subject to Chambers Protocol, and fees can be arranged on an hourly basis with the clerks. Tim is anxious that the current system of funding of litigation does not involve a denial of access to justice to those who are entitled to pursue a claim and he is happy to discuss cases informally and to give provisional views as to the merits of a case.

### Hobbies

Tim is married with 2 children and he tells us that he has many sporting interests including cricket, rugby union, skiing, scuba diving and attempting, albeit very badly, to play golf. As he is no longer able to play rugby he is a Class 2 referee with the Manchester and District Referees Society and he officiates in games across the county on most weekends.

