

TOM ALKIN

Called 2006

Practice

Tom is a highly regarded senior junior with experience gained across a broad range of complex and high-value intellectual property disputes. He has a strong record in life science, medical device and engineering patent cases, in wider commercial disputes over rights to technology, as well as in complex trade mark and passing off matters. Among his clients, Tom has a reputation for strategic insight, persuasive advocacy and a practical approach to complex litigation focused on the issues that matter.

Tom's recent life science patent judgments include *Samsung Bioepis v. Regeneron* (biosimilar to Eylea® for wet-AMD), *BionTech & Pfizer v. CureVac* (damages on sales of the Cominarty® covid vaccine), *Sandoz v. Biogen* (biosimilar to Tysabri® for MS). Engineering patent judgments include *AutoStore v. Ocado Group* (automated online retail technology), *Phillip Morris v. Nicoventures* ('heat-not-burn' tobacco systems) and *Cook v. Boston Scientific* (endoscopic clips for closing gastric bleeds). Trade mark and passing off judgments include *Victoria Plum v. Victoria Plumbing* (concurrent use of similar names by direct competitors) and *Planet Art v. Photobox* (digital print branding). Other notable recent work includes acting for Microsoft in a patent claim aimed at its Azure datacentre technology and against SAP in a trade mark dispute over AI branding.

As well as being led in higher value cases, Tom is an experienced trial advocate in his own right. Judgments as sole or co-counsel include *Vernacare v. Moulded Fibre* (single use medical washbowls), *Oatly v. Glebe Farm* (oat milk branding), *Oxford University v. ONI* (ownership of student developed IP), *EC Medica v. CS Medical* (design right in surgical supports) and *Planet Art v. Photobox*.

Tom prides himself on being approachable and user-friendly with clients, and makes himself available to those aspiring to an IP practice as a volunteer teacher of undergraduate patent law and a speaker at education and career events.

What clients say

"Tom is absolutely first rate. He's highly intelligent and brilliant at the detail and seeing the big picture. He delivers very good advocacy. He is very persuasive and respected by the judges"

"Tom is great to work with. He is a clear and concise advocate who has a great feel for what issues matter."

"Tom Alkin's advocacy is very good. He is really impressive.."

- Chambers and Partners 2025

"... Tom is great at seeing the big picture and working through complex legal arguments. He is a concise advocate."

- Legal 500 2025

Selected judgments

Formycon & Samsung Bioepis v. Regeneron & Bayer [2025] EWHC 2527 (Pat)

BionTech & Pfizer v. CureVac [2024] EWHC 2538 (Pat).

Sandoz AG v. Biogen MA Inc. [2024] EWHC 2567 (Pat)

Philip Morris Products SA v Nicoventures Trading Ltd [2023] EWHC 2616 (Pat)

Cook UK Ltd v Boston Scientific Ltd [2023] EWHC 2163 (Pat)

Vernacare Ltd v Moulded Fibre Products Ltd [2023] EWCA Civ 841

Nicoventures Trading Ltd v Philip Morris Products SA [2023] EWHC 854 (Pat)

Autostore Technology AS v Ocado Group Plc [2023] EWHC 716 (Pat)

Oxford University Innovation Ltd v Oxford Nanoimaging Ltd [2022] EWHC 3200 (Pat)

Lisa Draxlmaier GmbH v Bos GmbH and Co KG [2022] EWHC 2823 (Pat)

Philip Morris Products SA v RAI Strategic Holdings Inc [2021] EWHC 537 (Pat)

Fisher and Paykel Healthcare Ltd v Flexicare Medical Ltd [2020] EWHC 3282 (Pat)

Garmin (Europe) Ltd v Koninklijke Philips NV [2019] EWHC 107 (Ch)

EC Medica Group UK Ltd & Ors v Dearnley-Davison & Ors [2019] EWHC 1405 (Ch) [2018] EWHC 1952 (Ch); [2016] EWHC 2230 (Pat); [2016] EWHC 2065 (Pat)

Jushi Group Co Ltd v OCV Intellectual Capital LLC [2018] EWCA Civ 1416; [2017] EWHC 171 (IPEC)

Saab Seaeye Ltd v Atlas Elektronik GmbH [2017] EWCA Civ 2175; [2015] EWHC 3163 (Pat)

Fisher and Paykel Healthcare Ltd v ResMed Ltd [2017] EWHC 2748 (Ch)

Victoria Plum Ltd (t/a Victoria Plumb) v Victorian Plumbing Ltd & Ors [2016] EWHC 2911 (Ch); [2017] Bus. L.R. 363; [2017] E.C.C. 35; [2017] E.T.M.R. 8; [2017] F.S.R. 17

Jaguar Land Rover Ltd v Bombardier Recreational Products Inc [2016] EWHC 3266 (Ch); [2017] E.T.M.R. 11; [2017] F.S.R. 20

Marussia Communications Ireland Ltd v Manor Grand Prix Racing Ltd [2016] EWHC 809 (Ch); [2016] Bus. L.R. 808; [2016] E.T.M.R. 32; [2016] R.P.C. 20

Education and Qualifications

1994 BA Natural Sciences, Biological Science (New College, Oxford)

2005 Graduate Diploma in Law (City University (Distinction))

2006 Bar Vocational Course (Inns of Court School of Law)

2006 Called to the Bar (Inner Temple)

2007 Tenancy 11 South Square

Memberships

Intellectual Property Bar Association

Chancery Bar Association