

Tom Worthen



Thomas Worthen was a barrister at Pallant Chambers from 2007 to 2019, when he lost a courageous battle with cancer, aged 35.

Tom was quite the most exceptional barrister most solicitors have ever come across. His clients, case load and history of success particularly on complex and high profile work meant that he was very much in demand.

He achieved all this in less than 10 years and proved that with talent and commitment it is very possible to build a substantial Chancery practice outside of London.

Tom absolutely loved being a barrister and shared this love with the many pupils and mini pupils that worked with and trained under him. He was passionate about helping others and spent hours sharing the wisdom that he very naturally picked up.

He was centrally involved in our recruitment process and he particularly enjoyed setting the legal questions that appeared on our application forms as he was always keen on trying to find original thinking and ideas.

This annual essay competition is aimed at honouring Tom and the many positives that he brought to our Chambers and the profession as a whole.