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Curriculum Vitae

Theo Huckle KC

Background Born in the mining community of [Blaenavon](#), Monmouthshire (now Torfaen) within a large and supportive mining family.

Third of four children brought up by single parent home economics teacher mother.
[Jones's West Mon. School](#), Pontypool (state Grammar School selected by 11-plus examination).
[Jesus College, Cambridge](#) B.A., LL.M. (International), M.A. (all *Cantab.*).
First in family to attend university and fully grant aided throughout.
Titular Exhibitioner of Jesus College.

Called to the Bar 1985, Lincoln's Inn, Hardwicke Scholar & Megarry Major Scholar

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**Public
Positions and
Leadership
Roles and
Training**

[Counsel General for Wales](#) 2011-16

Member of the Welsh Government under ss45 and 49 of the Government of Wales Act 2006.
Ministerial lead on legal affairs and senior legal advisor to and lead advocate for Welsh Government.

Prosecuting authority (instead of 'The Crown') for devolved prosecutions in care standards and fisheries prosecutions, with responsibility personally to review of all prosecution cases brought by Welsh Government. Several interventions as to under- or over-charging of offences.

Multiple governmental leadership roles including lead liaison with senior judiciary (LCJ, MR, liaison SC Justice), with UK Attorney General, Lord Advocate (Scotland), Attorney General for Northern Ireland and the comparable legal officers in Isle of Man and Channel Islands.

Lead for structural reorganisation of Welsh Government Legal Services to create independent Offices of the Counsel General and First Legislative Counsel.

Lead liaison for Welsh Government with Lord Murphy as to his report on elite university outreach to Wales and establishment of WG's Seren project.

[Welsh Rowing](#) Chair 2019-23 (Board 2016-23)

[British Rowing](#) Home Nations Director and Finance Committee member 2020

[Justice.org.uk](#) Director/Trustee 2016-22; Council member 2022-

[Advocate](#) (BarProBono) Director/Trustee 2020-24

Visiting Professor of Law, [Dickson Poon School, King's College London](#) 2016-
[Lincoln's Inn](#)

Benchers (managing Council Member) 2012-; Liaison Benchers for Wales&C Circuit 2020-3; Lead member of [Audit & Risk Committee](#).

Member of the [Bar Council](#) 1990-2007

[Bar Council Human Rights Act Education Team Lecturer 1999-2000](#)

[Bar Council Wellbeing At The Bar Working Group](#) Chair 2021 (Member 2018-21)

[Queen's Counsel](#) 2011

[Wales & Chester Circuit](#) Circuit Junior 2005 (Cardiff Junior 2003-5)

[Personal Injury Bar Association](#) Executive Committee Member 2000-2022

[Founder Member](#) and Chair of Steering Committee, and [Head](#) of Personal Injury Team, Civitas Chambers, Cardiff 2008-15

[Head](#) of Doughty Street Chambers Clinical Negligence & Personal Injury Team 2016-21

[Speakers For Schools](#) Speaker 2015 (promoting Diversity/Aspiration from state sector)

[Jesus College Cambridge Society](#) Exec. 2021-

Bar Council courses undertaken: Public Access Course 2020, Introductory and Advanced Equality & Diversity Training Courses (refreshers) 2020, Mental Health Training Course 2019
Welsh Government Ministerial Media Training 2012
Sport Wales National Governing Body Directorship Course 2021

**Dispute
Resolution
and
Adjudication
Experience**

Dual accredited *Mediator* (ADR Group; LSM)
Accredited *Arbitrator* (PICArbs)
Doughty Street Chambers QC/KC Complaints Investigator 2015-23
Welsh Rowing Safeguarding Panel Chair
Welsh Rowing Disciplinary Panel Chair
Extensive practical experience of litigation and settlement including management hearings and trials, appeals and settlement processes including joint settlement meetings and mediation.
Working entirely digitally wherever possible even pre-Covid19; extensive experience of 'remote' meetings and hearings.

Panels

(As Counsel General, selected and appointed Welsh Government's panel of counsel and First Counsel.)
Treasury Panel 1994-2004
Serious Fraud Office Panel 1999-2004
National Assembly for Wales Civil Panel
Welsh Assembly Government Clinical Negligence Speedy Resolution Scheme Panel

Cases of Note

[Constitutional](#) (all Supreme Court)
[Agricultural Sector](#) (Wales) Bill Reference [2014]SC
[Recovery of Medical Costs for Asbestos Diseases](#) (Wales) Bill [2014]SC
[Byelaws](#) (Wales) Bill Reference [2012]SC
[Axa v Lord Advocate](#) [2011]SC

[Personal Injury](#)

The Grenfell Tower Litigation (2020-25, settled)
Supreme Court: [Baker v Quantum](#) [2011]SC;
Court of Appeal: *Chell v Tarmac* [2021]CA; *Mackenzie v Alcoa Manufacturing (GB) Ltd* [2019]CA;
Royal Opera House v Goldscheider [2019]CA; *Lougheed v OnTheBeach* [2014]CA; *Smith v DECC* [2013]CA; *Ward v Allies & Morrison* [2012]CA.

**Teaching &
Publications**

Regular lecturing to professional bodies (PIBA, APIL, AvMA) and as VP at KCL.
Editorial *Halsbury's Laws Damages Division* Vol. 29 Consulting editor 2019-
Butterworths Personal Injury Litigation Service General Editor 2016-21
Munkman on Employer's Liability Butterworths; Contributing Editor 2009-
Occupational Illness Litigation Sweet & Maxwell (HAVS/VWF section) (2005-2010)
Books *Apil Guide to Noise Claims* Jordans (2016)
Future Loss in Practice: Periodical Payments & Lump Sums Butterworths (2007)
Mutual Judicial Assistance and Economic Crime (Commonwealth Secretariat 1985)

Articles Regular contributor to legal periodicals including New Law Journal, Journal of Personal Injury Law, PI Focus, Personal Injury Law Journal.

Memberships Association of Personal Injury Lawyers, Human Rights Bar Association, Wales Public Law & Human Rights Association, Criminal Bar Association
Howard League for Penal Reform (Life Member)
Llandaff Rowing Club, Fishguard Goodwick Jemima Coastal Rowing Club (Hon.)
Ronnie Scott's Club

Practice Primary sole practice since St David's Day 2021.
Member Old Square Chambers, London 2024-.
Member then Associate Member of [Doughty Street](#), London 2015-23
Head of Doughty Street Chambers Clinical Negligence & Personal Injury Team 2016-21
Current Associate Memberships [Apex Chambers](#), Cardiff; [Cornwall St Chambers](#),
Birmingham/Oxford/Shrewsbury; [No. 18 Chambers](#), Southampton.

Practised from Cardiff Chambers 1986-2015 as Junior Counsel and then as first Leading Counsel to be appointed from Civitas Chambers in 2011. Initial broad common law practice (crime/family/general civil work) include senior junior criminal practice (10 murder cases) before specialising from c. 2002 in civil complex injury cases.

Current practice specialisations: Personal Injury (especially Occupational Illness/Disease Litigation, Spinal, Head Injury), Clinical Disputes, Constitutional and UK Devolution Matters (especially in respect of Wales), Human Rights.

Recognition: *Times Lawyer of the Week*, December 2016; Awards finalist: *Claimant Lawyer of the Year*, PI Awards 2017, 2018, 2019 *Case of the Year*, PI Awards 2019; *PI Silk of the Year*, Legal 500 Awards 2014; *Barrister of the Year*, PI Awards 2011, 2012, 2013

Guides Has been regularly recommended as first tier counsel in personal injury by *Legal 500* and *Chambers & Partners* including as specialist disease counsel. Recent editions summarise:

A charismatic, clear calm and compelling advocate who can be trusted entirely to do a brilliant job. An amazingly erudite and skilful advocate. His attention to detail is second to none and he is excellent with clients. An astute tactician.

Media appearances *Law in Action* (Joshua Rozenberg) on BBC Radio 4
Jeremy Vine Show on BBC Radio 2
Julia Hartley-Brewer Show on talkRadio
BBC Wales Today
BBC Radio Wales

Other Contributing supporter of Jesus College Cambridge (diversity outreach funding), JUSTICE, Reprieve, Advocate (Bar Pro Bono), Free Representation Unit, Alzheimer's Society, Cancer Research UK, Pancreatic Cancer UK, Prostate Cancer UK, Macmillan, The Wallich (homeless support) and *Médecins sans frontières*.

Brought up as a rugby union player and played for school and Cambridge University. Switched to rowing after lower back problems in late teens. Exercises by sculling, skiing, hill-walking, swimming including open water swimming and cold water immersion, lyengar yoga.

Eclectic and catholic tastes in music including opera: playing, singing and listening.

Interest in current and (geo)political affairs and modern history, especially WWII.

Rustily fluent in German.