



Toby Wilton

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Toby Wilton has extensive experience acting for individuals whose human rights have been breached by, or who have suffered injuries at the hands of the State.

Toby currently works alongside Daniel Machover, Helen Stone and Ellie Cornish on behalf of a group of the bereaved, survivors and former residents of Grenfell Tower in the Grenfell Tower Inquiry and associated civil litigation.

Toby has extensive experience representing individuals who have been failed by state bodies, including those failed by the criminal justice system and who have lost loved ones in the care of the State. Toby's work has included assisting bereaved families with inquests and bringing private law claims for compensation and public law claims for judicial review on behalf of prisoners, including cases involving discrimination in prison.

Toby is passionate about using the law to help his clients, assisting them to assert their rights, hold the more powerful to account and gain some acknowledgement of their experiences.

Prior to joining Hickman & Rose Toby trained and practised as a solicitor at Leigh Day, where he worked in the Human Rights and Clinical Negligence departments.

Before qualifying as a solicitor Toby worked for several years at the human rights charity, Reprieve, where he represented individuals facing the death penalty in the USA, South Asia and Africa, including cases involving arbitrary detention, inhumane and degrading treatment and police and prosecutorial misconduct.

Toby is co-chair of the Police Action Lawyers Group.

Areas of Expertise

Public Inquiries & Inquests

Toby currently represents a group of the bereaved, survivors and former residents in the Grenfell Tower Inquiry. He also assists bereaved families with Inquests following the deaths of family members in state care, including deaths in custody.

Actions against state bodies

Toby has extensive experience acting for individuals whose human rights have been breached whilst in prison or other detention. This includes claims under the Human Rights Act 1998 and cases involving discrimination or inadequate healthcare in prison. He acts for bereaved, survivors and former residents of Grenfell Tower in their civil compensation claims arising from the fire in June 2017.

Toby accepts instructions in cases involving actions against the police, as well as cases on behalf of prisoners and those in immigration detention.

Challenging state decisions

Toby is passionate about using the law to assist individuals to challenge abuse of power by the state. His experience, including in the field of international human rights, has shown him the importance of individuals being able to challenge the government and other decision makers through the legal system, and how the law can be an important vehicle for change.

Civil Fraud

Toby has significant civil litigation experience, including experience of complex multi-party actions and cases with an international element.

Toby's work has included cases involving multiple jurisdictions and involving allegations of money-laundering and large-scale fraud.

What Others Say

- “Key Lawyer” in Civil Liberties & Human Rights – *Legal 500*, 2024