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Thomas is a special counsel in our Insurance & Health team and is based in the Sydney office.

‘After being admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales in 2008, I spent 4 and a half years in London acting for London and international based insurers in D&O, fidelity and construction related matters, before moving to Sydney in 2013. Since then I have developed my practice by providing policy coverage advice and liability defence in complex, high value claims, for local and international insurers. I enjoy the variety of claims and the wide spectrum of issues that arise from the construction and financial lines sectors. I particularly enjoy advising clients on coverage and defendant construction claims.’

Thomas specialises in:

- Contract works/construction and engineering risks
- Industrial Special Risks (ISR)
- Property
- Directors and officers
- Professional indemnity (both financial and construction related claims)
- Management liability

Thomas has acted in litigated matters in all NSW jurisdictions, as well as a number of interstate jurisdictions and the Federal Court. He has written numerous articles covering a range of topics relating to both litigation and legal procedure generally, as well as specific insurance issues. He has also been involved in the presentation of client seminars.

'I joined Barry.Nilsson. in April 2016. The firm has a great collegiate environment that's built on honesty, trust and a common goal of wanting to be the best we can be. Above all, everyone in the firm is committed to providing the highest quality of work to our clients.'

Thomas has a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Law & Government and a Masters in Criminology and Criminal Justice. He is also an Accredited Civil and Commercial Mediator. Thomas is a member of several professional organisations specific to his practice, including the Engineering Discussion Group, NSW Claims Discussion Group, Australian Professional Indemnity Group (APIG), Australian Insurance Law Association (AILA), the Society of Construction Law and Young Insurance Professionals (YIPS).