

## David Birrell

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### Memberships

- Northern Circuit
- Criminal Bar Association
- Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers
- Young Fraud Lawyers (North West) Association

### Education

- Saint Edward's College, Liverpool
- University of Liverpool
- L'Université Paris 1 - Panthéon-Sorbonne
- Nottingham Law School

### Beyond the Bar

- David enjoys drama and has performed in a number of plays and productions in theatres in Liverpool.
- He is a keen footballer and plays for the Liverpool Ramblers. He also enjoys road cycling.
- Having lived, studied and worked in Paris, David speaks French fluently.

### Healthcare (presenting for General Medical Council)

#### Overview

David has extensive experience of advising and representing the GMC at hearings before Medical Practitioners Tribunals including Fitness to Practise hearings, Review hearings, Restoration Hearings and Investigation Committee hearings.

He enjoys good relationships with instructing legal advisors and paralegals. He provides a first rate service, making himself available to offer advice and assistance over the telephone and by email, including at very short notice.

Married to a hospital doctor, David has particular insight into the work of doctors and the important role of the GMC.

## Recommendations

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“David is extremely efficient and his attention to detail is very impressive. David’s tenacious approach during the trial was ultimately the decisive factor in persuading the jury that the defendant was not guilty of the allegation. I shall look forward to working with David again in the future.”

**Anthony Smith, Solicitor, Burton Copeland**

“David is extremely conscientious and thorough. He is always available to support both the instructing solicitor and in turn the client throughout their case. He is a talented advocate and this is reflected in the results obtained in the cases in which we have worked together, which have always been excellent.”

**Suzanne Kavanagh, Solicitor, Milne Moser**

## Publications

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Between 2010 and 2012 David contributed to the Solicitors Journal by writing the Criminal Law updates.

## Cases

### ***GMC v Dr L (2017)***

Fitness to Practise Hearing with charges based on the Doctor's dishonesty. It was alleged that the doctor forged a training certificate.

### ***GMC v Dr A (2017)***

Fitness to Practise Hearing with charges based upon the Doctor's criminal conviction for fraud against the NHS. The case resulted in the Doctor's erasure from the medical register.

### ***GMC v Dr S (2016)***

Dr S, a consultant psychiatrist, had been erased owing to improper sexual relationships with patients. The application for restoration was refused.

### ***GMC v Dr F (2016)***

Fitness to Practise Review with charges based upon the Doctor's alcoholism.

### ***GMC v Dr A (2016)***

Fitness to Practise Review with charges based upon the Doctor's misconduct and dishonesty. The case resulted in the Doctor's suspension.

### ***GMC v Dr A (2016)***

Fitness to Practise Hearing with charges based upon the Doctor's criminal conviction for sexual assault on a patient. The case resulted in the Doctor's erasure from the medical register.

### ***GMC v Dr R (2016)***

Investigation Committee Hearing regarding the quality of the Doctor's record keeping. The case involved close analysis of the current and former versions of Good Medical Practice.

### ***GMC v Dr O (2016)***

Fitness to Practise Review with charges based upon the Doctor's health. The central issue was the risk of the Doctor's relapse into alcoholism.