

David Birrell

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Inquests

Overview

David has experience of Inquests arising out of deaths in custody (including private prisons) and deaths following medical intervention. Married to a hospital doctor, he has a particular interest in the latter field and can be relied on for his clear, logical analysis and common sense.

Appointments

- Legally Qualified Chair of Disciplinary Tribunals, England Boxing
- Disciplinary Tribunal member, England Handball

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

Recommendations

“David’s attention to detail is extraordinary. The patience and understanding shown with sometimes difficult individuals makes him stand out from others. Nothing is ever too much trouble.”

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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 when 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

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

Cases

David’s most recent Inquest was at York Coroner’s Court. It concerned the death of a serving prisoner (JF) in hospital following medical intervention. There was a finding of natural causes.

Beyond the Bar

- David plays football and runs marathons.
- He enjoys cooking and dining out.
- Having lived, studied and worked in Paris, David speaks French fluently.