

David Birrell

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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

Motoring & Vehicle Crime Overview

David specialises in road traffic offences and receives repeat instructions from leading motoring solicitors. He consistently delivers results, particularly in cases involving excess alcohol and penalty points ('totting up') disqualifications and has successfully advanced 'Special Reasons' and 'Exceptional Hardship' arguments in a wide variety of cases. He has experience of both defending and prosecuting serious cases of dangerous driving involving expert evidence from vehicle examiners, road collision investigators and forensic toxicologists. David has been instructed in speeding cases which involve complicated points of law and fact including the failure to observe manufacturer's instructions and/or ACPO guidelines and the calibration of devices. David is sensitive to the particular needs and expectations of motoring law clients, many of whom have no experience of the criminal justice system. He is supportive of his lay clients, whom he keeps fully advised and abreast of the case and the wider court process.

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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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.