

David Potter

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Appointments

- Recorder (2015)

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association

Motoring & Vehicle Crime Overview

David is an accomplished advocate before juries and Appellate Courts in all aspects of criminal law. He appears regularly as a leading junior having been a Category 4 Prosecutor since 1999. He has particular strength in cases involving fraud, homicide, motoring and vehicle crime, organised crime, serious sexual offences, cases involving telecommunications, and asset recovery.

Highly skilled in setting strategies for the case management of complex crime, David is proficient and confident in the use of technology, particularly in the presentation of evidence in Court.

Cases

In March 2011, David represented the proprietor of a car sales business who was charged with Manslaughter by Gross Negligence. The defendant was the operator of an Iveco 7.5 tonne car transporter that the defendant had owned from new. In February 2009 the vehicle was involved in a fatal road traffic collision outside Worcester. The cause of the accident was the failure of the rear brakes due to a fractured brake pipe caused by severe corrosion. The defendant had been found by the coroner to have been grossly negligent in the maintenance and inspection of the vehicle. The prosecution called the vehicle a “deathtrap” and described the incident as an “accident waiting to happen”. Despite the Prosecution calling expert evidence from VOSA, two accident collision investigators and a Doctor of Metallurgy from Sheffield Hallam University, the case collapsed after a defence submission of no case.

Recommendations

“He has a commanding court presence.”

The Legal 500 2018/19

“He has expertise in high-value confiscation matters.”

The Legal 500 2017

“Recommended for criminal prosecutions.”

The Legal 500 2016

“Thorough in his preparation of cases, and his courtroom presence is excellent.”

The Legal 500 2015

Beyond the Bar

A skilled and persuasive communicator, David regularly lectures to University Students, Senior Police Officers and fellow Professionals.

In his spare time David plays alto sax and keyboards and is delighted to be the lead singer in Exchange Chambers' House Band, “Red Corner” which raises money for Cancer Research and the Scoliosis Association.