

David Sandiford

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Appointments

- Attorney General's "A" Panel of Regional Counsel

Education

- Educated at Bolton School and Oxford University (St. Edmund Hall) PGCE
- Cambridge University (Homerton),
- Called 1995 (Grays Inn), Karmel Scholar and Junior Award Winner

Memberships

- APIL
- AVMA
- Friends of Headway
- Spinal Injuries Association

Inquests and Inquiries CV Overview

David has enormous experience in the field of inquests and public inquiries which includes:

1. The North Wales Child Abuse Inquiry
2. The Re opened Hillsborough Inquests
3. The Damien Bendall quadruple murder inquests
4. The Jacob Billington murder inquest
5. The John Gogarty murder inquest
6. The Michaela Hall Inquest

He has huge experience in medical inquests, deaths in custody, deaths after police contact and deaths whilst the perpetrator was under the supervision of the probation service. He is consistently recognised by the Legal 500 and is very much sought after for his expertise and skill in handling high profile cases.

Cases

A flavour of practice:

The North Wales Child Abuse Inquiry:

[BBC News](#)

[The Guardian](#)

The Reopened Hillsborough Inquests:

[The Independent](#)

[BBC News](#)

Damien Bendall quadruple murder inquests:

[BBC News](#)

[Daily Mail](#)

Jacob Billington murder inquest:

[Sky News](#)

[BBC News](#)

John Gogarty murder inquest:

[BBC News](#)

[The Independent](#)

Inquest into the death of Michaela Hall:

[BBC News](#)

[The Guardian](#)

Re JB – for the Probation Service – death following stabbing

Re DA – on behalf of MOJ – prison death – fatal fall following protest

Re X – for MOJ – prison death by hanging

Re Y – for Probation Service – murder whilst on licence

Re DH – for Probation Service – death whilst under supervision

Re W – for MOJ – death in custody

Re W – for DOH – death arising from infected blood

Re F – for MOJ – death in custody by hanging

Re PJ – for MOJ – death in custody

Re S – for the family – CO poisoning in tent – PFD report to Scout Association

Re R – for the prison – death in custody – issues around risk assessment

Re A – for the employer – lorry versus pedestrian – lack of care, DOLS

Re H – for the insurer – deceased struck by vehicle – suicide

Re M – for the police- deceased leaving A&E issues, around mental health and interagency duties

Re X – for the prison – spice related death – issues around drug reduction **Re Y** – for the prison – hanging – issues around observation and risk assessment

Re M – for the IOPC – advice on investigation and disclosure in the coronial context

Recommendations

Ranked tier 2 for Personal Injury

Ranked tier 2 for Administrative and Public Law (including Civil Liberties and Human Rights)

Ranked tier 2 for Inquests and Inquiries

The Legal 500 2024

“David is always thoroughly prepared and gets to the detail of each case. His calm and measured approach helps to achieve some excellent results and makes him extremely popular with clients. He is an excellent advocate, approachable and responsive.”

The Legal 500 2023

“David handles bereaved families with great respect and compassion. He is impressive on his feet and families are immensely reassured by his presence in conference and in the hearing.”

The Legal 500 2022

“David has undertaken a number of Joint Settlement Meetings for high value military claims, has produced sound advices and produced good results. David is a good advocate.”

The Legal 500 2022

“David is cool, calm and collected. He is very approachable and always willing to help.” **The Legal 500 2022**

“Extremely effective at explaining complicated matters in straightforward terms for clients, articulate and personable at all times. Cuts through medical terminology in a straightforward manner when dealing with medical experts. Gives concise direct advice on paper with a thorough grasp of all the issues.”

The Legal 500 2021

“Well-prepared with great attention to detail.”

The Legal 500 2020

“Particularly strong in inquests involving the criminal justice system. He represented the National Probation Service at an inquest into the death of a man who was killed by an individual that was on license for another murder at the time of the attack”.

The Legal 500 2020

“Well versed in handling high-profile inquests involving police forces and deaths in custody”

The Legal 500 2019

“Noted for his expertise in inquests involving the police”

The Legal 500 2017

Beyond the Bar

A lover of sport, culture and the arts. Oxford cricket Blue 1991 (HS 83 v Yorkshire) and playing member of the MCC for over 25 (MCC ‘A’ Tour to Fiji and Hong Kong 1997). Keen skier. Supporter of girls’ and boys’ sport. Away from sports he has an appreciation of art, collecting the work of local 20th century artists and new emerging talent. He has a love of landscape and, as a proud Lancastrian, the industrial architecture and heritage of the North West of England.