

David Mohyuddin QC

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Appointments

- Recorder (2019)
- Junior Counsel to the Crown (Regional Panel) 2007 - 2016
- Deputy High Court Judge (chancery division)

Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Northern Chancery Bar Association
- Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association
- Association of Business Recovery Professionals (R3) (Fellow)
- Insolvency Lawyers' Association
- COMBAR
- Professional Negligence Bar Association

Education

- Bolton School
- LLB University of Birmingham
- Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law

Commercial CV

Overview

Commercial litigation has formed much of David's practice since he started at the Bar and it continues to do so in Silk. His experience covers all manner of cases but now has a particular focus on commercial litigation, including allegations of fraud; mortgages and asset recovery; company and shareholder disputes.

Recent examples of David's work include:

- advising and representing a party interested in purchasing a well-known football club in proceedings arising from the sale of the club to a third party, including maintaining injunctive relief which had been obtained urgently
- advising and representing a major food manufacturer in connection with a dispute with an employment agency
- advising and representing the directors of a former high-profile retailer in connection with a dispute concerning a claim made against them
- advising a large group of claimants seeking damages from the professionals who acted for them in their failed investments in off-plan apartments

Recommendations

Chambers and Partners

“He works very well in a team, adopting a collaborative approach. He has great attention to detail and is also very effective with clients and their expectations, giving them the necessary robust advice to calm them down. He also adapted quickly to the changes from COVID.”

“David is very commercial and is popular with clients. He is intelligent, outcome-focused and thoughtful.”

“He is a pleasure to work with – always happy to chat through any issues.”

“A strong performer in court.”

“He got to grips with the detail of the case very quickly and quickly won the confidence of the clients.”

“He has an easy presence in court and he gives good commercial advice.”

“A pleasure to work with - he ‘s quick to respond to queries and is unflappable in court. His written submissions are always succinct, and his cross-examination is thorough and tenacious.” “He’s really bright, a good team player and very approachable.”

“He is really respected by the judges and he has a lot of gravitas.”

“He is very good at analysing a case and getting down to the core essentials.” “He is superb on the law and has a practical approach.” “He is very quick to grasp the issues and to give you a clear and well-rounded view.”

“Very bright and a great team player. He is very personable and gets the right balance between being aggressive but also pragmatic and sensible when needed.” “David is fantastic to work with – on top of being technically excellent he is extremely user-friendly and very quickly builds up a great rapport with clients.” “Technically sound and very aware of the practical and commercial context of his advice.”

“He produces good skeleton arguments.”

“He sets a position out very clearly and his advocacy is excellent in court. He is easy to get on with and takes a very collaborative approach, which is refreshing for a silk.”

“Technically excellent in his advice while providing a commercial focus.” “My go-to: very considered, calm and easy to work with.”

“A relatively young silk who’s highly knowledgeable and a good choice if you need some aggression to be injected into a case.”

“David is fantastic to work with – on top of being technically excellent, he is extremely user-friendly and very quickly builds up a great rapport with clients.” “He is extremely personable, bright and gets to the heart of issues very quickly.”

“He’s very down to earth and happy to take calls at any time.” “He’s very useful as he gets you over any initial hurdles you might have.”

“He’s extremely bright, but at the same time has the ability to engage with clients.” “He’s absolutely fantastic - he’s a real team player.”

“He is clever, authoritative and willing to buy into the case and be part of the team.”

“Extremely precise in court.”

“He is very forensic and analytical in his approach and his arguments are very well put together.” “A very personable type and he is good on his feet.”

“He’s very well prepared and his papers are immaculate - he thinks outside the box.”

“He’s excellent, very proactive, bright, tactical and frankly very cost-effective.”

“Decisive and thorough, he displays an intricate knowledge of the law and applies it brilliantly.” “An excellent strategist.”

“A renowned insolvency barrister with a strong reputation in the adjacent field of commercial chancery.”

“He has the gift of being able to condense an argument where others would be overly verbose. His skeleton arguments are always spot-on and to the point and he has a very persuasive advocacy style.”

“Proficient senior junior adept in a variety of commercial and insolvency work, including commercial fraud matters. Assists with high-value cases of legal importance, including Court of Appeal briefs.”

“He has in-depth knowledge. He is also very straightforward and very down-to-earth.”

“Really user-friendly. He rolls up his sleeves, gets involved and is prepared to put his neck on the line and back his judgement, which he always comes through on.”

“He is decisive and thorough, he displays intricate legal knowledge and he crafts the perfect legal strategy for the client.”

“He is at the top of our list for instructing.”

“He is always very thorough and well prepared, and he is fantastic on his feet. He is a match for any insolvency barrister on the Northern Circuit.”

“He is superb on his feet, very bright and highly recommended for commercial matters.”

“A real expert in insolvency matters.”

Legal 500

“Extremely approachable, responsive and hands on. Very much a team player. Legal and strategic advice is always clear and robust and advocacy is first rate.”

“David is intelligent, quick to understand the issues yet able to simplify them to assist the client. David is also decisive, and doesn't look to avoid giving an opinion on difficult questions.”

“David does not shy away from the merits of the cases. He actively takes part in mediations. It is a pleasure to work with David on this matter and solicitors look forward to doing so again – he is an excellent barrister.”

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“David is an excellent silk and a pleasure to work with.”

“A silk who gets his hands dirty.”

“A forceful advocate with a great client manner.”

“A star performer.”

“An extremely capable and forceful advocate.”

“Tactically excellent; he is liked and respected by clients.”

Cases

Bassini v Inner Circle Investments Ltd (2020): Appeared on behalf of the claimant who had obtained injunctive relief against the sale of a football club

2020: Representing a major food manufacturer in an ongoing dispute with an employment agency

2020: Representing individual directors of a former high-profile retailer in an ongoing dispute

2020: Advising a large group of claimants seeking damages from the professionals who acted for them in their failed investments in off-plan apartments

China Town Development Company Limited v Liverpool City Council [2017] EWHC 3347 (Ch): Appeared for Liverpool in a dispute with the developer of a strategically important site in the city

Autocal Holdings Limited v Jeffery [2017] EWHC 907 (Ch): Appeared at trial for the successful company claimant seeking to recover a loan made to its former director involving the cross-examination of expert witnesses on the value of alleged security for the loan

Kang v Singh [2017] EWHC 598 (Ch): Obtained permission to appeal and rely on fresh evidence and then appeared for the successful appellants in possession proceedings between English and Canadian parties

2017: Appeared on behalf of a major utilities provider in proceedings brought against a sub-contractor and its directors in respect of over-charging involving obtaining a freezing injunction and then going on to achieve a compromise soon after

Utilise TDS Limited v Davies [2016] EWHC 2127 (Ch): Appeared for one of the defendants in the substantive proceedings and succeeded in having the claim against him dismissed based on the true effect of an earlier compromise agreement made between the claimant and another defendant

Utilise TDS Limited v Davies & Bolton College [2014] EWCA Civ 906: Appeared for one of the respondents in the Court of Appeal when three cases were heard together and fresh guidance was issued on the way in which CPR 3.9 was to be applied on applications for relief from sanction, following the decision in *Mitchell v News Group Newspapers Ltd*. (Reported as *Denton v TH White Ltd* and other appeals.)

Montpellier Estates Limited v Leeds City Council [2012] EWHC 1343 (QB); [2013] EWHC 166 (QB): Successfully defending a huge deceit claim (valued at in excess of £35million; trial lasted 35 days) brought in the context of the procurement exercise for

the Leeds Arena.

The Sonae Group Limited (2013): Acting on an urgent basis for the insured defendant to a large number of personal injury claims brought in respect of a fire at commercial premises, successfully overturning the grant of a freezing injunction obtained against the defendant.

Willett v Economy Power [2012] EWCA Civ 1164; [2012] BPIR 1298: Appearing at trial and on appeal for Economy Power.