

David Sandiford

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Clerks' Details

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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

Practice Overview

David practices in the fields of higher value personal injury, civil actions involving the police, inquests and licensing.

His police work and immigration work on the Attorney General's 'A' panel has also brought him substantial experience in Judicial Review work.

In his personal injury practice he is instructed on behalf of both claimants and defendants. He brings over 25 years of experience handling higher value liability and quantum disputes in all types of personal injury. His range is vast, covering conventional and niche areas. There is little if anything he hasn't seen before.

He deals with the full range of multi-track cases from large loss up to catastrophic injury. He is a member of the Attorney General's panel of counsel in the regions, undertaking the larger more complex "A" panel work, mostly in military and prison claims.

In his police work he has over 25 years of experience across the whole range of civil actions involving the police, from false arrests & malicious prosecutions through to issues around the right to peaceful protest and the investigative duty. He acts for the police in inquests and has previous experience in police misconduct matters

In licensing he has a particular interest in taxi licensing and firearms. He holds an IOL Practitioner qualification and his licensing experience ranges from advising on and appearing in licensing appeals in the Crown Court up to JR in High Court

In inquests, he appeared as junior counsel for the new police investigation in the Hillsborough Inquests and has huge experience in inquests arising from prison deaths and deaths after police contact. He accepts instructions from all PIPs including families.

In his immigration work he has particular expertise in unlawful detention claims.

Recommendations

“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.