

David Toal

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Memberships

- Northern Circuit
- Criminal Bar Association
- Gray's Inn

Education

- St Bede's College, Manchester and Urmston Grammar School for Boys LLB (Hons) degree
- Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law 1989

Beyond the Bar

Interested in all sports but particularly football

Overview

David is a specialist criminal barrister of over 25 years' experience who provides expert advice and robust advocacy in cases of the utmost complexity and gravity.

He has a consistently high rate of success on contested trials in the Crown Court and is therefore in great demand to represent people charged with serious offences.

He has also represented numerous professionals facing criminal proceedings and/or breaches of regulations including directors of companies, police officers, military personnel, healthcare professionals, teachers, sportsmen/women etc.

He both prosecutes and defends in cases involving Local Authorities and is experienced in all types of such work but in particular Trading Standards and Consumer Protection. David is also Direct Access qualified which means members of the public can instruct him without having to go via a solicitor.

Recommendations

“He is very conscientious, and an extremely forceful and good advocate. He takes very strong legal arguments and goes the extra mile for his lay clients.” “He is one of the best for closing speeches - he really hits the point and the jury takes notice of what he is saying.”

Chambers and Partners 2022

“An extremely effective jury advocate. He is very approachable and provides excellent client care to both the professional client and lay client.”

The Legal 500 2022

“He is a favourite of solicitors and is always very well prepared. He is unflappable in court.” “He is very experienced and realistic. He’s good on his feet and very hard-working.”

Chambers and Partners 2021

“One of the circuit’s best jury advocates.”

The Legal 500 2021

“A fantastic advocate - he’s really excellent, always very well prepared and brilliant in a courtroom.” “An excellent jury advocate.”

Chambers and Partners 2020

“A great jury advocate.”

The Legal 500 2020

“He does very serious crime and is an excellent performer with an excellent client manner. Solicitors love him.” “He is a master tactician at trial.”

Chambers and Partners 2019

“He can use his gentle approach to devastating effect in court.”

The Legal 500 2018/19

“He is a good advocate, who’s good with clients and on the law.”

Chambers and Partners 2018

“He is hard-working, intelligent, measured and an extremely safe pair of hands.”

Chambers and Partners 2017

“A persuasive and very eloquent advocate.”

The Legal 500 2017

“I can hardly convey in words my heart felt gratitude to you for your excellent professional representation of my case. Both you and Louise are a formidable and supportive team!”

Client testimonial

“Mr Toal is nothing short of brilliant.”

“Your help in ensuring PC R retained his livelihood is something I can never thank you enough for and I could never articulate just how grateful we all are that you were there for the Officer during this difficult time”.

Helen Collier (Branch Board Secretary) - Humberside Police Federation