


David Temkin QC

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Appointments

- Visiting Professor, BPP University Law School (2022)
- Bencher of the Inner Temple (2021)
- Queen's Counsel (2021)
- Inner Temple Advocacy Trainer (2021)
- Member of the Bar Advisory Board, BPP University Law School (2021)
- Chair of Northern Circuit Continuing Education (2020)
- Recorder (2018) authorised to try serious sexual offences (2019)
- Visiting Lecturer in Professional Discipline at the BPP University on the Bar Professional Training Course (2015 - 2017)
- Trainer for Northern Circuit Pupil Supervisors (2016)
- Northern Circuit Advocacy Trainer (2016)
- Approved Pupil Supervisor (2014)

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers

Police CV

Overview

David regularly represents police officers at all ranks before the criminal courts and in misconduct proceedings before the disciplinary panel. Over the last decade, he has enjoyed an extraordinary success rate, particularly in allegations of misconduct in public office and computer misuse.

The UK's Legal Directories regularly recommend David as "a superb advocate" who is "very hardworking" with "exceptional" client-care skills (see Recommendations section).

David's expertise in professional disciplinary law and procedure led to his appointment as Visiting Lecturer in Professional Discipline at the BPP University (2015-2017). He has conducted training courses for police officers and Police Federation representatives across the north of England.

Recommendations

Legal Directories

“He is a lovely person to work with who goes above and beyond. He’s great with lay clients.”

“He is very well accepted by juries.”

Chambers and Partners 2022

‘David’s attention to detail is extraordinary. The patience and understanding shown with sometimes difficult individuals makes him stand out from others. Nothing is ever too much trouble.’

The Legal 500 2022

“A superb advocate.”

“He is a smooth performer and is great with clients.”

“He is thorough, meticulous and courageous.”

Chambers and Partners 2021

“Widely and rightly regarded as the model senior junior of the circuit, he is an extremely effective communicator.”

The Legal 500 2021

“His client-care skills are exceptional and he is so diligent in his preparation. He’s always refreshingly calm.”

“Extraordinarily good, with a very friendly and affable manner.”

Chambers and Partners 2020

“Knowledgeable with regards to all aspects of the law and an exceptional jury advocate.”

The Legal 500 2020

“A great advocate; judges respect him.”

The Legal 500 2018/19

“Very hardworking and a great lawyer.”

The Legal 500 2017

Instructing Solicitor Testimonials

“David Temkin is one of the brightest barristers I know.”

“David is our first choice to instruct in our most complex cases.”

“The meticulous preparation that David undertakes for each and every case has proved absolutely invaluable time and time again.”

“The assistance David provides to us as instructing solicitors and the rapport he establishes with clients reaffirms our decision to instruct him.”

“The case involved the assimilation of a plethora of expert evidence and David impressed us with his unflappable style and clear presentation.”

“David is always willing to go the extra mile to deliver advice via email and telephone out of office hours.”

“It was largely due to David’s expertise and tenacity that the case was finally resolved.”

“David is good at putting people at their ease, is able to explain matters in layman’s language and is refreshingly “down to earth”.”

“Nothing seemed like too much trouble for him. He was professional yet extremely personable.”

Beyond the Bar

Trainer on courses around the UK for Healthcare Professionals and Medical Expert Witnesses

Junior of the Northern Circuit (2003)

Past winner of The Times Newspaper/Thomson Holidays Young Travel Writer of the Year

Drumming

Education

Oxford University, BA Hons, Modern History, 1991-1994

Open University, Post-Graduate

Certificate In Education, 1995

City University, Graduate Diploma In Law, 1997-1998

Inns of Court School of Law, Bar Vocational Course, 1998-1999

Cases

R v A (2021) – ongoing case – officer facing trial for serious violence in a city-centre nightclub (defending)

R v C (2021) – ongoing case – officer facing Crown Court trial for possessing extreme pornographic images on his work mobile telephone (defending)

R v C (2021) – ongoing case – misconduct in public office, computer misuse and allegations of perverting the course of justice – officer accused of tampering with evidence and giving a false statement in order to protect those close to him (defending)

Constable W (2020) – successfully represented a family liaison officer at his disciplinary hearing – the officer had engaged in a lengthy romantic relationship with a civilian in his charge – David persuaded the panel to reject the Appropriate Authority’s submissions – the officer retained his job and was issued with a final written warning (defending)

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Constable G (2020) – David’s detailed Reg 45 response successfully brought about a reversal of the Appropriate Authority’s decision to fast track Constable G at a Special Case Hearing – David’s cogent written submissions led to the Appropriate Authority conceding that fairness and natural justice required a Standard Hearing under Part 4 of the Regulations (defending)

R v M (2020) – conspiracy to commit misconduct in public office by accessing and disclosing intelligence (defending)

R v E (2020) – police officer facing trial for historic sexual offences against family members (defending)

Constable F (2020) – allegations of breach of professional standards – discreditable conduct/fitness for work, based on officer’s alleged drunken and abusive behaviour at a nightclub (defending)

R v T (2020) – misconduct in public office and unlawful accessing of police database to obtain personal information and to facilitate meetings with sex workers for no policing purpose (defending)

R v C (2020) – the UK’s second prosecution under s.26 Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 – improperly exercising the powers and privileges of a police constable by accessing police databases - sharing intelligence with the criminal fraternity for financial gain (defending)

R v M (2019) – successfully represented police officer facing trial for rape, controlling/coercive behaviour and perverting the course of justice – allegation of sexual offences against a police colleague – David’s carefully-drafted defence statement and, in conjunction with his instructing solicitor, continuous pressure for full disclosure led to the Crown offering no evidence against his client (defending)

R v M (2019) – represented one of a number of police officers at trial for conspiracy to pervert the course of justice by manipulation of an identification procedure (defending, as led junior counsel)

Constable R (2018) – successful result after full misconduct hearing – allegations of breach of professional standards - theft of equipment from police station – found not proved (defending)

R v B (2017) - misconduct in public office – client had failed properly to investigate a number of crimes, had recorded false information on police logs and had fabricated witness statements (defending)

R v H (2016) – senior detective constable acquitted on all charges of computer misuse after trial; the Crown identified a total of 896 audit records that were relied upon to suggest that the detective had accessed the police computer system without authorization and for his own purposes between 2013 and 2015 (defending)

R v M (2016) – serving police officer facing seven counts of misconduct in public office arising from allegations of sexual activity with female witnesses in domestic violence cases he was investigating (defending)

R v C (2015) – successful abuse of process argument ensuring the acquittal of a senior detective constable facing serious allegations of stalking (defending)

R v C (2015) – unanimous acquittal by the jury of serving detective constable charged with

11 offences under the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Computer Misuse Act 1990 arising from her alleged abuse of police computer systems between 2010 and 2014 (defending)

R v F (2010) – multi-handed conspiracy: serving police officers supplying large volumes of illegal drugs to the criminal fraternity (defending)

R v C (2010) – unanimous acquittal of serving police officer charged with dangerous driving following serious multi-vehicle collision (defending)
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