


David Sandiford

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Appointments

Attorney General's "A" Panel of Regional Counsel

Memberships

APIL
AVMA
Friends of Headway
Spinal Injuries Association

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

Clinical Negligence

Throughout his 25 year career David has advised on a wide range of clinical negligence claims. He receives instructions in claims arising from both General Practice and hospital medicine.

He has extensive experience in handling the larger more complex quantum disputes and has built up significant experience in medical inquests, most recently involving issues touching upon the work of the Infected Blood Inquiry.

Recent cases include:

AA v BBL: Failure to appropriately counsel treatment. Poorly differentiated squamous cell carcinoma of the lower right alveolar ridge. Subsequent poorly differentiated squamous cell carcinoma lower left. Left rim resection and left neck dissection. No reconstruction. Failure to appropriately counsel free flap reconstruction which, on the balance of probabilities, would have been successful.

CC v DD: Failure to properly investigate. Concurrent investigation of symptoms potentially arising from in the lower spine. Alleged failure to diagnose concurrent septic failure in the hip and to promptly investigate hip as a potential source of symptoms.

EE v FF: Delay in treatment and failure to recognize changing condition. Emergency admission with right arm weakness. No thrombolysis or thrombectomy. Significant deterioration in conscious level not recognized. Malignant middle cerebral artery syndrome. Hemicraniectomy. Persisting significant neurodisability.

Recommendations

“David is a very good practitioner. He’s very reasonable and deals with complex cases very sensitively.”

“Sandiford is a very pleasant advocate and opponent. His low-key demeanour works very well in inquest settings.”

Chambers and Partners 2025

“David is very thorough. He explains the law and relevant factors in a way that the client can understand and appreciate.”

The Legal 500 2025

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 2021

“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.