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Memberships

The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn

Personal Injury Bar Association

Education

Barrister Training Course – outstanding (BPP 2022-23)

Graduate Diploma in Law – distinction (Nottingham Law School 2020-22)

BA English, Worcester College Oxford – first class (2004)

Public Law

David is drawing on his 15-year career as a civil servant to develop a public law practice advising and representing central and local government. Recent cases include:

- Led by Louis Browne KC, appearing in the Court of Appeal to represent the defendant coroner in a challenge to a decision on causation and scope in the inquest into the death of Linda O'Brien.
- A successful application to strike out a claim brought against the Crown Prosecution Service pleaded at £5m and alleging malicious prosecution in connection with a restraining order.
- Defending data breach claims brought against local councils.
- Immigration judicial review work for the Home Office, including responses to applications for urgent interim relief.
- Representing the defendant coroner in an application before the Divisional Court seeking an order for a fresh inquest into a drug related death in the community.
- Representing the defendant public authority in a series of judicial review claims brought by a prisoner touching upon the interception of communications in prisons.
- Led by Louis Browne KC, two successful defences of challenges to decisions made by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority
- Led by Louis Browne KC, representing the holder of a shotgun certificate in a judicial review touching on the use of a closed material procedure in firearms appeals.
- Diverse advisory work for local government, in cases ranging from to library bans to the duty to prevent homelessness.

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Publications

Bar Council Law Reform Essay Prize 2020 (GDL category): 'Medieval Institutions and God-Like Technology: Reforming the *Carltona* Doctrine'

Do political parties ever carry out "public functions"? Tortoise Media v Conservative Party [2023] EWHC 3088 (Admin)

Quantum of solace: Supreme Court to hear appeal on assessing PSLA in "mixed injury" whiplash claims

"Not a question of process but a matter of substance": Court of Appeal provides guidance on assessing proportionality

Beyond the Bar

In his spare time, David enjoys hill walking and choral singing. He has had more success introducing his primary school age son to the former than the latter.