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Appointments

- Deputy District Judge (Civil)
- Legally Qualified Chair of Disciplinary Tribunals, England Boxing

Education

- Saint Edward's College, Liverpool
- University of Liverpool
- L'Université Paris 1 – Panthéon-Sorbonne
- Nottingham Law School

Healthcare (Presenting for General Medical Council)

“David’s attention to detail is extraordinary.” (Legal 500, 2023)

“His patience and understanding make him stand out from others.” (Legal 500, 2023)

“Nothing is ever too much trouble” (Legal 500, 2023)

For almost a decade David has presented countless cases for the General Medical Council, often against Kings Counsel. He has conducted numerous clinical misconduct cases involving expert witnesses. He is able to call upon his experience and expertise when instructed to represent doctors and other professionals facing disciplinary proceedings.

Married to a hospital doctor, David has a good grasp of medical practice and procedures. He is keenly aware of the seriousness of, and stress caused by a disciplinary investigation to a professional person. Whether acting for the regulator or for the professional, David is sympathetic, sensitive, and scrupulously fair.

David enjoys good relationships with instructing solicitors. He provides a first-rate service, making himself available to offer advice and assistance, including at very short notice.

Healthcare Cases

Dr P (2023). Fitness to practise. Allegations of clinical mismanagement in a private weight loss clinic. Application for voluntary erasure ultimately granted.

Dr P (2023). Fitness to practise. Allegation of dishonesty in a hospital setting.

Dr P (2021). Fitness to practise. Allegation of dishonesty. GP obtaining medication for himself, including controlled drugs.

Dr N (2021). Restoration hearing for a Dr who had been erased for domestic violence.

Dr C (2021). Fitness to practise. Allegation of domestic violence and associated dishonesty (covering up).

Dr A (2021). Fitness to practise. Allegations of dishonesty, racism and homophobia.

Dr W (2021). Fitness to practise. Allegations of dishonesty during appraisal process.

Dr B (2019). Fitness to practise. Allegations of sexual misconduct by a consultant cardiologist against a patient.

Dr M (2019). Fitness to practise. Unexplained absenteeism in breach of a warning for the same behaviour.

Dr A (2019). Fitness to practise. Overseas determination case. Clinical misconduct by a senior consultant oncologist in private practice in Singapore. Application for Voluntary Erasure ultimately granted.

Dr A (2019). Fitness to practise. Persistent dishonesty.

Dr S (2019). Fitness to practise. Allegations of clinical misconduct by GP who provided private cosmetic surgery.

Dr M (2018). Fitness to practise. Allegations of clinical misconduct by consultant neurosurgeon.

Recommendations

“David can master a case immediately upon instruction and is always fully prepared in advance of conference, having digested all evidence in the case and having identified the issues immediately. He is always available to deal with issues on a case or to provide advice, his preparation of his cases lead to successful legal argument, and his advocacy is incredible.”

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Beyond the Bar

- David runs marathons and ultramarathons
- He enjoys cooking and dining out.
- Having lived, studied and worked in Paris, David speaks French fluently.