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David’s practice spans information and media, employment, commercial, sport, regulatory and disciplinary law. He is ranked as a leading junior in Defamation & Privacy, Data Protection, and Employment Law. David was shortlisted for “Technology and data junior of the year” at The Legal 500 Bar Awards 2022. Previously, he was a member of the Attorney General’s A panel of junior civil counsel.

Areas of expertise

Information and Media

Employment

Commercial

Sport

Regulatory and Disciplinary

Administrative and Public

Commercial

David acts and advises in commercial litigation involving contractual claims, partnership disputes, civil fraud, directors' disputes and breaches of fiduciary duties.

David is used to acting on short notice in urgent injunction proceedings involving misappropriation of confidential information and in applications for Norwich Pharmacal orders.

Recent work includes:

- *Reid & Reid v Warner Music UK Ltd* - acting for the founding members of The Jesus and Mary Chain in a royalty dispute with the defendant recording company.
- *Kea Investments Limited v Eric John Watson (Fladgate LLP intervening)* [2023] EWHC 1768 (Ch) & [2023] EWHC 1830 (Ch) - for LLP in application to protect commercial confidentiality of settlement agreement.
- *Pharmacosmos A/S v The University of Glasgow* - pharmaceutical manufacturer's claim concerning the commercial exploitation of clinical trial data. For defendant university.

Recommendations

'An excellent junior.' - Employment - The Legal 500 2024

'David's tenacious and robust approach in his advocacy, together with his considered strategy, achieves success in complex cases.' – Data Protection – The Legal 500 2024

"David is an outstanding advocate and his ability to grasp complex areas of law second to none." Employment - The Legal 500 2023

"Able to grasp complex cases quickly. Great advocacy skills." Administrative Law and Human Rights - Legal 500 2023

"David is a charming but robust advocate and is an asset to his clients." Immigration (including business immigration) - Legal 500 2023

"A very approachable barrister with clients and a strong background in high value claims." The Legal 500 2022 – Defamation and Privacy

"Has a wide employment law practice that is bolstered by his knowledge of media and public law." "He takes a pragmatic approach and is a thorough cross-examiner." "His knowledge of the law is first-rate and he's an excellent advocate." Chambers & Partners 2021 – Employment

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"David excelled at providing practical and thorough technical advice which, in conference with our lay client, he was competently able to condense and explain." The Legal 500 2021 – Defamation and Privacy

"A strong advocate who is very pragmatic and excellent at handling a judge." "He has broad knowledge of all aspects of employment law and is a fierce advocate who will fight for the client." Chambers & Partners 2020 – Employment

"An excellent barrister with all the key ingredients: a good mind; being tactically astute; knowledgeable in the law and a compelling manner with clients." The Legal 500 2020 – Employment

"Attracting attention in both defamation and privacy matters." The Legal 500 2020 – Defamation and Privacy

"Really thorough in his preparation. Excellent on his feet and well-liked by clients." Chambers & Partners 2019 – Employment

"His work is always of a high standard. He is always well prepared and extremely approachable." The Legal 500 2019 – Defamation and Privacy

"Sharp and incredibly focused. He has a finely tuned moral compass and is excellent on his feet." Chambers & Partners 2018 – Employment

Memberships

- Employment Law Bar Association
- Employment Lawyers' Association
- Discrimination Law Association
- Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers
- Administrative Law Bar Association
- Bar Human Rights Committee
- Index on Censorship

Qualifications

Education

- 1996-1999 Manchester University BA(Hons) History II.i.

Additional Information

Pro bono

- Mary Ward Legal Centre, Holborn
- Employment Law Appeal Advice Scheme (ELAAS)
- Advocate

Appointments

- 2019-2023: Re-appointed to Equality and Human Rights Commission – B panel
- 2016-2021: Attorney General's Junior Counsel to the Crown – A Panel
- 2015-2019: Equality and Human Rights Commission – B panel
- 2012-2016: Attorney General's Junior Counsel to the Crown – B panel
- 2009-2012: Attorney General's Junior Counsel to the Crown – C panel

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