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Year of call: 2013

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"David is an excellent advocate and one of the best juniors in this area. His written and oral submissions are compelling, and he is great on his feet when dealing with questions from the bench." The Legal 500 UK 2024

David is a senior junior whose practice spans commercial, construction, and financial services disputes, professional discipline and regulation, and public law. David is regularly instructed in proceedings in the Commercial Court, the Chancery Division, the Technology and Construction Court (TCC) and the Administrative Court and before regulators' disciplinary tribunals. A substantial proportion of David's practice has an international element, particularly in the field of international arbitration, where he has acted in disputes subject to the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA), Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) and Abu Dhabi Commercial Conciliation and Arbitration Centre (ADCCAC) rules. He is a Technology & Construction Bar Association (TECBAR) accredited adjudicator and accepts appointments via the TECBAR adjudication scheme.

David is recommended as a leading junior in Chambers and Partners, The Legal 500, Chambers Global, and The Legal 500 Asia Pacific. He is a contributing editor of the Auction, Bailment and Banking and Bills of Exchange volumes of Atkin's Court Forms (2023 and 2018 issues) and the chapter on determination clauses in Wilmot-Smith on Construction Contracts (4th edn, 2021). Prior to coming to the Bar, David worked in the City for five years as a foreign exchange and interest rates derivatives structurer.



Areas of expertise

Administrative and Public

Banking and Financial Services
Commercial
Construction
Energy and Natural Resources
Property
Regulatory and Disciplinary
Sport

Administrative and Public

David's administrative and public law practice is wide-ranging. He acts on behalf of claimants and defendants in judicial review claims, advises local authorities and other organisations on their public law duties and was instructed in the Grenfell Tower Inquiry. Much of his recent work directly complements his financial services, construction and regulatory practices.

Cases of note

- ***R (Kneale) v General Medical Council (GMC)*** – Acting for the claimant, Dr Kneale, challenging the GMC's decision not to refer to its Case Examiners the conduct of Dr Aseem Malhotra, who Reuters Fact Check described as having used a BBC News interview to "spread misinformation about COVID-19 vaccines". The GMC conceded the claim following grant of permission and a costs capping order.
- ***R (Martin) v Professional Standards Authority (PSA)*** – Acting for the PSA, successfully defending a judicial review claim concerning medical education policy.
- ***R (Alexander-Theodotou) v Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal (SDT) v Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA)*** – Acting for the SRA, the interested party, responding to a solicitor's claim for judicial review of the SDT's decision to make no order as to costs following an interim hearing at the SDT.
- ***R (Goodall) v Financial Ombudsman Service*** – Acting on behalf of the Financial Ombudsman Service opposing a claim for judicial review of a final decision of one of its ombudsmen.
- ***R (Freeman & Ors) v Lincolnshire County Council*** – As junior counsel to John Pugh-Smith, acting for the claimant owners of a quarry in a judicial review of a planning authority's decision to take enforcement action under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- ***Confidential Local Authority*** – Advising a local authority on public law matters in relation to education, health and care (EHC) plans and the drafting of their Trans Inclusive Education Guidance.
- ***The Black Owned Business Alliance*** – Advising the Black Owned Business Alliance on the Equality Act 2010 (pro bono).

Recommendations

Directory rankings:

- Construction, Energy and Infrastructure, Leading Junior – Tier 1, Legal 500 Asia Pacific
- Construction, Leading Junior – Band 4, Chambers and Partners
- Construction, Leading Junior – Band 4, Chambers and Partners Global
- Construction, Leading Junior – Tier 4, Legal 500 UK
- Professional Disciplinary and Regulatory Law, Leading Junior – Tier 4, Legal 500 UK

Recommendations:

- *"David is a pleasure to work with and combines technical excellence with nous and hard work."* Chambers and Partners Global 2024
- *"David provides excellent service, particularly when participating in conferences with lay clients. He will bear in mind the overall commercial issues and the big picture, as well as the fine detail of the points in dispute."* Chambers and Partners Global 2024
- *"David is an excellent advocate and one of the best juniors in this area. His written and oral submissions are compelling, and he is great on his feet when dealing with questions from the bench."* The Legal 500 UK 2024
- *"Solid application to the facts, and a good manner in applying the legal framework."* The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2023
- *"His particular strength is advising in a way that is very client friendly, he cuts out legal jargon and gets to the point."* The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2021
- *"Sharp, driven, and a pleasure to work with."* The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2020
- *"Exceptionally capable and extremely versatile."* The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2019

Memberships

- AllBar, supporting those with a disability who are practising at the Bar in England and Wales, or aspiring to do so
- Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers (ARDL)
- Bridging the Bar mentor, 2022
- Chancery Bar Association (ChBA)
- Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR)
- Constitutional and Administrative Law Association (ALBA)
- Financial Services Lawyers Association (FSLA)
- International Bar Association (IBA)
- Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA)
- London Common Law and Commercial Bar Association (LCLCBA)
- Professional Negligence Bar Association (PNBA)
- Society of Construction Law (SCL)
- Technology & Construction Bar Association (TECBAR)

Qualifications

Education

- 2011–2013: BPTC, BPP Law School (part-time), Very Competent
- 2009–2011: GDL, BPP Law School (part-time), Distinction
- 2007–2009: MPhil, Economics, Oriel College, University of Oxford
- 2004–2007: BA, PPE, University of York, Starred First Class (first in year)

Scholarships and Prizes

- 2011 Inner Temple Exhibition Scholar (BPTC)

Additional Information

Appointments

- 2020–present: Member of the TECBAR adjudicators panel
- 2019: Member of panel appointed by the IAAF providing legal advice and representation to athletes and officials in disputes arising out of the 2019 World Athletics Championships in Doha

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