



David Illingworth

Call 2023



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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)

Overview CV

David is developing a broad civil practice following the completion of his pupillage under the supervision of Sara Sutherland in September 2024. His practice comprises:

- Inquests: for both bereaved families and public authorities. This includes Article 2 inquests held with a jury. David recently represented a family at a two-week inquest involving a young person's suicide whilst admitted to hospital.
- Judicial review: David is led on a range of judicial review work and is also developing his own advisory and court practice.
- Competition: David is led on several complex and high value competition claims, in both the Competition Appeal Tribunal and the Commercial Court.
- Personal injury: small claims and fast track trials, applications, quantum hearings, CCMCs, and written advice.
- Credit hire: small claims and fast track trials.

Before coming to the Bar, David had a 15-year career in the Civil Service, working in a range of national security roles across central Government. From 2018-2022, he worked for the Investigatory Powers Commissioner (Sir Adrian Fulford, succeeded by Sir Brian Leveson) as an Inspector, overseeing the use of investigatory powers by the intelligence agencies. David led inspections on some of the most difficult and contentious powers, including bulk interception and detention operations overseas. He also led an investigation into serious compliance failings in a technology environment at MI5, the findings of which were later used in proceedings at the Investigatory Powers Tribunal and summarised in Parliament by the Home Secretary.

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.