

# David Sandiford

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## Appointments

Attorney General's "A" Panel of Regional Counsel

## Memberships

APIL  
AVMA  
Friends of Headway  
Spinal Injuries Association

## Education

- Educated at Bolton School and Oxford University (St. Edmund Hall) PGCE Cambridge University (Homerton)
- Called 1995 (Grays Inn), Karmel Scholar and Junior Award Winner

## Overview

In personal injury David has enormous experience in high value claims. He has a particular expertise in multiple orthopaedic injuries and brain injuries arising from motorcycle and cycling accidents. He has huge experience in pedestrian cases and has a particular interest in accident reconstruction. He has developed a significant and growing following in the niche field of Functional Neurological Disorder which compliments and sits alongside his wider pain practice. More widely he deals with amputations, brachial plexus injuries, serious upper and lower limb injuries and psychiatric injury in which he has a specialist experience in secondary victims.

In his police work he has over 25 years of experience across the whole range of civil actions involving the police, from false arrests & malicious prosecutions through to issues around the right to peaceful protest and the investigative duty.

In licensing he has a particular interest in taxi licensing and firearms. He holds an IOL Practitioner qualification and his licensing experience ranges from advising on and appearing in licensing appeals in the Crown Court up to JR in High Court

In inquests, he appeared as junior counsel for the new police investigation in the Hillsborough Inquests and has huge experience in inquests arising from prison deaths and deaths after police contact. He accepts instructions from all PIPs including families.

In his immigration work he has particular expertise in unlawful detention claims.

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## Recommendations

“David is a very good practitioner. He’s very reasonable and deals with complex cases very sensitively.”

“Sandiford is a very pleasant advocate and opponent. His low-key demeanour works very well in inquest settings.”

**Chambers and Partners 2025**

“David is very thorough. He explains the law and relevant factors in a way that the client can understand and appreciate.”

**The Legal 500 2025**

Ranked tier 2 for Personal Injury

Ranked tier 2 for Administrative and Public Law (including Civil Liberties and Human Rights)

Ranked tier 2 for Inquests and Inquiries

**The Legal 500 2024**

‘David is always thoroughly prepared and gets to the detail of each case. His calm and measured approach helps to achieve some excellent results and makes him extremely popular with clients. He is an excellent advocate, approachable and responsive.’

**The Legal 500 2023**

“David handles bereaved families with great respect and compassion. He is impressive on his feet and families are immensely reassured by his presence in conference and in the hearing.” **The Legal 500 2022**

“David has undertaken a number of Joint Settlement Meetings for high value military claims, has produced sound advices and produced good results. David is a good advocate.”

**The Legal 500 2022**

“David is cool, calm and collected. He is very approachable and always willing to help.” **The Legal 500 2022**

“Extremely effective at explaining complicated matters in straightforward terms for clients, articulate and personable at all times. Cuts through medical terminology in a straightforward manner when dealing with medical experts. Gives concise direct advice on paper with a thorough grasp of all the issues.”

**The Legal 500 2021**

“Well-prepared with great attention to detail.”

**The Legal 500 2021**

“Particularly strong in inquests involving the criminal justice system. He represented the National Probation Service at an inquest into the death of a man who was killed by an individual that was on license for another murder at the time of the attack”.

**The Legal 500 2020**

“Well versed in handling high-profile inquests involving police forces and deaths in custody”

**The Legal 500 2019**

“Noted for his expertise in inquests involving the police”

**The Legal 500 2017**

## Beyond the Bar

A lover of sport, culture and the arts. Oxford cricket Blue 1991 (HS 83 v Yorkshire) and playing member of the MCC for over 25 (MCC ‘A’ Tour to Fiji and Hong Kong 1997). Keen skier. Supporter of girls’ and boys’ sport. Away from sports he has an appreciation of art, collecting the work of local 20th century artists and new emerging talent. He has a love of landscape and, as a proud Lancastrian, the industrial architecture and heritage of the North West of England.