



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

Licensing

David has considerable experience in licensing matters. His pedigree in this niche area includes many cases up to High Court level.

David is a member of the Institute of Licensing and holds the Professional Licensing Practitioners Qualification. He has also had the invaluable experience of spending time observing and working with the licensing department of a local authority area which has enhanced his existing skills.

He has a particular interest in taxi and firearms licensing but takes instructions in all areas:

- Licensing Act 2003
- Firearms
- Gambling Act 2005
- Taxi
- Street trading
- Sex establishment
- Scrap metal dealers

Licensing Cases

R (on the application of the Chief Constable of the Lancashire Constabulary) v Reedley Magistrates Court [2004]EWHC 677 (Admin)

Re A – taxi licensing appeal – for the Licensing Authority – issues around sexual offences and the fit & proper test.

Recommendations

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.