

## David Sandiford

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### Clerks

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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

### Civil Actions involving the Police

David has 25 years experience of appearing in civil actions involving the police, ranging from malicious prosecution, misfeasance in public office, false arrest/imprisonment and assault through to human rights cases including the right to peaceful protest. He has advised in Equality Act cases and alleged breaches of the investigative duty.

His work also covers EL/OL claims often involving substantial quantum disputes, and also 'fleet' claims from arising from emergency vehicles being involved in RTAs.

He has advised on a range of operational matters and issues arising from human trafficking, slavery and servitude.

He acted in one of the first Slavery and Trafficking Risk Orders to be sought nationally.

## Police Cases

*A flavour of practice:*

*Re Y* – Misfeasance in public office, issues of vicarious liability, QDB

*Re X* – Equality Act, policing of protestors

*Re H* – false arrest, false imprisonment, football related disorder

*Re A* – false arrest, false imprisonment, drug related

*Re S* – claim arising from alleged breach of the investigative duty – child slavery

*Re X* – claim arising from alleged harassment and assault by fellow officers

*Re S* – false arrest, malicious prosecution, breach of confidence

*Re C* – custody time limits, mental health, issues around delay, inter agency protocol & procedure.

*Re H* – injury to officer in course of search, liability and pension loss issues;

*Re F* – human rights, Data Protection Act, issues of privacy around photographic witness appeals;

*Re A* – advice on execution of warrants, human trafficking, prostitution;

*Re B* – issues around lawfulness of notification requirements for sex offender, human rights, damages;

## 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.