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Memberships

- Northern Circuit
- Criminal Bar Association
- Gray's Inn

Education

- St Bede's College, Manchester and Urmston Grammar School for Boys LLB (Hons) degree
- Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law 1989

Police Law

David is a first-class and highly regarded Barrister with over 30 years' experience of dealing with serious and high-profile cases. He is a senior and important member of Chambers' Police Team. He is able to provide expert advice and representation to Police Officers facing Misconduct Proceedings (including Appeals) as well as criminal charges in both the Crown & Magistrates Courts. He has previously represented Officers from Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Merseyside, South Yorkshire and Humberside.

David's reputation for dealing with such matters properly and sensitively, and very often successfully has resulted in him having an excellent reputation in this area of work and being greatly in demand.

Police Law Cases

Re ER – represented serving Police Officer at Misconduct Hearing involving serious allegations relating to the arrest and treatment of a foreign male whilst in Police custody. The officer was allowed to keep his job.

Re AC – represented serving Police Officer at Misconduct Hearing. Officer cleared of serious allegations of dishonesty in dealings with a victim of crime and allowed to keep his job.

<https://www.exchangechambers.co.uk/news/steven-crossley-and-david-toal-successfully-represent-police-officers-at-misconduct-hearing>

Re PH – represented serving Police Officer charged with data protection offences relating to her alleged misuse of the Police computer system. The Officer was acquitted.

<http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/merseyside-pc-cleared-looking-police-9708362>

Re JS – represented serving Police Officer charged with serious sexual offences on two female colleagues. The Officer was acquitted. <http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/smutley-policeman-is-cleared-of-sex-attacks-861768>

Re LT – Represented serving Police Officer charged with downloading indecent images

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/shamed-police-officer-jailed-for-child-porn-1-2838572>

Recommendations

“David is very approachable and responds very quickly. He is an experienced and very well-prepared barrister, who is an excellent jury advocate.”

“David is a go-to for any manner of case.”

Chambers and Partners 2025

“David is a phenomenal barrister and an excellent and articulate advocate. He is well respected by all on the circuit, he is able to absorb a great deal of information in complex cases at short notice, and he is incredible with clients and able to put defendants at ease regardless of the case before them.”

The Legal 500 2025

“David is an excellent jury advocate.”

Chambers and Partners 2024

“David is a dedicated barrister and a great advocate. He always masters his case, is extremely well regarded by the judiciary, and he commands the respect of his clients and solicitors through his measured and thorough approach.”

The Legal 500 2024

“David is extremely approachable, good with clients and fantastic before a jury.”

“He is a top-class act.”

Chambers and Partners 2023

‘David is hard working and thorough, has excellent client care and is approachable and proactive in case preparation.’

The Legal 500 2023

“He is very conscientious, and an extremely forceful and good advocate. He takes very strong legal arguments and goes the extra mile for his lay clients.” “He is one of the best for closing speeches – he really hits the point and the jury takes notice of what he is saying.”

Chambers and Partners 2022

“An extremely effective jury advocate. He is very approachable and provides excellent client care to both the professional client and lay client.”

The Legal 500 2022

“He is a favourite of solicitors and is always very well prepared. He is unflappable in court.” “He is very experienced and realistic. He’s good on his feet and very hard-working.”

Chambers and Partners 2021

“One of the circuit’s best jury advocates.”

The Legal 500 2021

“A fantastic advocate – he’s really excellent, always very well prepared and brilliant in a courtroom.” “An excellent jury advocate.”

Chambers and Partners 2020

“A great jury advocate.”

The Legal 500 2020

“He does very serious crime and is an excellent performer with an excellent client manner. Solicitors love him.” “He is a master tactician at trial.”

Chambers and Partners 2019

“He can use his gentle approach to devastating effect in court.”

The Legal 500 2018/19

“He is a good advocate, who’s good with clients and on the law.”

Chambers and Partners 2018

“A persuasive and very eloquent advocate.”

The Legal 500 2017

“He is hard-working, intelligent, measured and an extremely safe pair of hands.”

Chambers and Partners 2017

“I can hardly convey in words my heart felt gratitude to you for your excellent professional representation of my case. Both you and Louise are a formidable and supportive team!”

Client testimonial

“Mr Toal is nothing short of brilliant.”

“Your help in ensuring PC R retained his livelihood is something I can never thank you enough for and I could never articulate just how grateful we all are that you were there for the Officer during this difficult time.”

Helen Collier (Branch Board Secretary) – Humberside Police Federation

Beyond the Bar

- Interested in all sports but particularly football