

David Juckes

Call: 2008



Overview

David has a broad practice including clinical and professional negligence, professional discipline, and personal injury. He has been instructed on inquests, civil trials and regulatory hearings. He drafts pleadings and advises in personal injury, clinical negligence and professional negligence disputes, and has also advised on matters of professional indemnity.

Professional liability

David has been instructed in claims involving accountants, surveyors and solicitors. His solicitor's negligence practice encompasses conveyancing, family and employment law. He undertakes both claimant and defendant work.

Medical law

David is regularly instructed in claims involving allegations of medical, dental and nursing negligence. His work ranges from cases involving general practitioners to hospital trusts and private healthcare. Reported cases include:

Lovell v Anaerin Bevan University Health Board (Cardiff CC, 2018): acted for the successful Defendant in the trial of a 'nervous shock' secondary victim claim arising from the delayed diagnosis of congenital adrenal hyperplasia suffered by the Claimant's child

Thornton v Abertawe Bro Morgannwn University Local Health Board (2014): High Court case involving alleged failure to treat vascular injury.

S (a Child) v East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (2012) LTLPI 11/1/2013: approved infant settlement concerning a tissue cannula causing infection and permanent scarring

KH (by his Mother and Litigation Friend, LH) v University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust LTLPI 23/2/2012: approval of damages, acute renal failure

ND v Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust LTLPI 26/9/2011: out-of-court settlement, damage to radial nerve following surgery to left humerus.

Inquests

David has acted in inquests both for bereaved families and other interested parties, including general practitioners. His practice encompasses deaths in hospital settings and in care. Although his experience in medical law gives him particular insight into deaths occurring in that context, he accepts instructions to appear in inquests arising from any situation. He has also been instructed in inquests concerning military personnel.

Regulatory and disciplinary

David is regularly instructed in fitness to practise hearings before various regulators, including the Nursing and Midwifery Council and the Health and Care Professions Council. He has appeared at the Interim Orders Panel at the General Dental Council. He is instructed both by defence unions and private clients. He has also been appeared before the High Court in applications arising from regulatory procedures.

Personal injury

David has experience of trials in the County Court, as well as interim applications and costs and case management conferences. He has also appeared before the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal. He regularly drafts pleadings in personal injury matters and provides written advice.

Reported cases include:

Morris v Cosby CLMD (2012) 5 C L 252 (assessment of damages in whiplash).

Commercial law

David has been instructed on contractual disputes in the County Court.

Costs

Since joining the Costs Group in 2015 David has advised on a wide range of matters including points of law in detailed assessment proceedings, the enforceability of CFAs and recoverability of ATE insurance premiums, as well as issues arising in solicitor/client disputes.

Notable cases:

Read v Parkinson (Leicester CC, 14/01/16): acted for successful paying party in a dispute as to the recoverability of an ATE premium incurred after proceedings had been settled.

What others say

"David is very conscientious, has excellent attention to detail and his knowledge is extensive." *Legal 500, 2024*

"David is an exceptionally bright junior with an acute ability to concisely identify the key aspects of any case." *Legal 500, 2023*

"Great to discuss tactics with and good with clients." *Legal 500, 2022*

"David is excellent at unravelling the complexity of causation." *Legal 500, 2022*

"Thoroughly analyses the evidence and commands a presence in conference. Has a good manner with clients" *Chambers UK 2018*

"He is very bright, has an excellent manner with clients and is very quick as turning around advice to a consistently high standard." "His strengths lie in having an eye for detail and the ability to forensically analyse medical reports." *Chambers UK 2017*

Further information

Education

- 2008 – 2009: Bar Vocational Course (ICSL), Very Competent (Outstanding in Civil Procedure)
- 2006 – 2007: Common Professional Exam, University of Westminster
- 2003 – 2006: BA(Lond): First, King's College London

Awards & Scholarships

- Florida Trial Lawyers Section: 2013 Advanced Trial Advocacy scholarship Inner Temple
- Exhibition and Allan Levy QC Award
- King's College London: 2004 Hanson Prize

Memberships

- Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers (ARDL);
- Professional Negligence Bar Association (PNBA); South-Eastern Circuit

Personal: David was a member of the Inner Temple Drama Society whilst reading for the Bar and appeared in productions of The Devil's Law Case and Lady Windemere's Fan.

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