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David Juckes

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Overview

Named as a leading junior in Legal 500, David's practice encompasses clinical negligence, professional discipline, costs law, and personal injury. He acts both for claimants and defendants. He has appeared in many inquests where he has acted for bereaved families, NHS Trusts, and individual healthcare practitioners.

He has edited two editions of the Personal Injury Volume of Atkins Court Forms and contributed to the second volume of Friston on Costs. He was the general editor for the fourth volume of the APIL Guide to Clinical Negligence.

He is an advocacy trainer for Inner Temple, where he trains pupils and new practitioners on trial skills including cross-examination of expert witnesses. David has also delivered advocacy training in Hong Kong with the Hong Kong Advocacy Training Council.

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. He has appeared in trials at the High Court and the County Court. His cases include:

Matheson v Swansea Bay University Health Board (Cardiff CC, 2022): acted for the

successful Health Board in a trial involving a death from cardiac arrythmia. The court had to decide whether the deceased would have been given an implantable defibrillator if seen at a further appointment before his death.

Lovell v Aneurin 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 tissued 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, on behalf of the Royal British Legion.

Regulatory and disciplinary

David has appeared before various regulators, including the General Medical Council, General Dental Council, Nursing and Midwifery Council, the Health and Care Professions Council, the Chartered Governance Institute and the Conduct Committee of the Council of the Inns of Court. He has also appeared before the High Court in applications arising from regulatory procedures and has advised on appeals from regulatory decisions.

Personal injury

David has extensive experience of personal injury cases, ranging from simple falls and trips to catastrophic injuries. He has also appeared before the Criminal Injuries

Compensation Tribunal.

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, as well as issues arising in solicitor/client disputes. He has advised on and acted in cases involving the enforceability of CFAs and CBAs and the recoverability of ATE insurance premiums.

Notable cases:

Finnan v Candey Ltd [2024] EWHC 2157 (Ch): acted for the successful solicitors in the appeal of their former client against a costs judge's decision to permit enforcement of a contentious business agreement.

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 excellent at written advice and conferences. In a trial, he is very calm, considered and measured in his approach. Experts find him impressive and clients are reassured by him." *Legal 500, 2025*

"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
- London Bar Association
- Tampa Bay American Inn of Court (Honorary Member)

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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