

David Bennett

Call year: 2005

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David is developing his practice in all areas of Chambers' work, but his principal speciality is the field of professional discipline. He is regularly instructed to appear before a range of regulatory and disciplinary committees and tribunals, considering the issues of misconduct, competence, health and fitness to practise.



David has particular experience of appearing before committees of the General Medical Council, the General Dental Council, the Nursing and Midwifery Council, the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, the General Chiropractic Council and the General Social Care Council.

David has also appeared in the High Court on a number of occasions in connection with the extension of Interim Orders and before Registration Appeal Committees in connection with decisions by regulators to refuse registration. He is experienced in dealing with applications for costs in regulatory proceedings and has dealt with a number of cases before Health Committees, where expert evidence has been required.

He also regularly represents practitioners, Trusts and families at Coroner's inquests.

David's other areas of practice include providing advice on personal injury and clinical negligence matters.

David has a particular interest in mental health tribunal law and considerable experience of representing clients with mental health issues, before various tribunals, including Prison Adjudications and Parole Board hearings'.

Practice Profile

Professional Negligence

David is happy to undertake work in all areas of professional negligence and has a particular interest in clinical negligence.

Regulatory and disciplinary

David has extensive experience before Fitness to Practise committees of a range of healthcare regulators.

Personal injury/Civil

David has extensive experience of conducting personal injury trials in County Courts for both claimants and defendants. He also provides advice on quantum and liability. David also has experience of conducting possession hearings, final charging order applications and winding up applications in the Companies Court.

Further Information

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Specialist areas: professional negligence; regulatory and disciplinary; personal injury; medical law

Education:

Inns of Court School of Law Very Competent (2004 - 2005)

London School of Economics LLB 2:1 (2001 - 2004)

Committees

Equality and Diversity Committee of the Bar Council of England and Wales - Disability Group.

Recent Cases

GMC v Sibson [Representing Dr in a 5 day clinical misconduct case - no impairment found]

NMC v Benson [Representing RGN in a 5 day sexual misconduct case - no impairment found]

Inquest re: Baby Ebony McCall (Milton Keynes Maternity Unit) [Representing obstetric registrar]

Publications and lectures

David was recently instructed to deliver a series of 10 bespoke lectures to the Drs, Dentists, Dental Nurses, Nurses, Health Visitors, Physiotherapists, Psychologists and other Allied Healthcare Professionals working for Hampshire Community Health Care, in the Winchester Guildhall, as part of a Trust wide initiative to promote Professional Accountability, during which he spoke on a range of subjects including:

- Professional Accountability;
- Record Keeping;
- Supervision and Delegation;
- Whistleblowing.

David has also provided training sessions to solicitors, investigators and paralegals on the following subjects:

- Fraud in Personal Injury Claims
- Abuse of Process in Regulatory Proceedings;
- Investigating Allegations of a Lack of Competence.

Memberships

Member of ARDL

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