

Dr. David Sharpe KC

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Sport, Clinical Negligence, Personal Injury, Industrial Disease, Professional Negligence, International & Travel, Product Liability, Inquests, Property, Property Damage, Construction, Mediation, Arbitration, Other

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Legal Chair Valuation Tribunal: 2008 to present

Dr David Sharpe KC specialises in sport, clinical negligence, professional negligence, serious personal injury, construction, inquests & inquiries and property law. David practices within all areas of England & Wales and works for claimants and defendants.

He practiced as a doctor to Consultant level in Emergency Medicine (and is a Fellow of both the Royal College of Surgeons and Royal College of Physicians) prior to qualifying as a Barrister and retains an exceptional knowledge of scientific, medical and technical matters relevant to his current legal practice.

David is also admitted to the Inner Bar in a number of other jurisdictions, has developed expertise of jurisdictional issues and has built a strong international aspect to his practice. He regularly receives instructions from overseas.

He has fully embraced ADR and is a qualified arbitrator and mediator. As such he is equally happy to act either as arbitrator/mediator or as counsel in such proceedings.

Sport

With a unique blend of expertise in medicine and law, Dr David Sharpe KC is a distinguished barrister who has established an exceptional career in sports law. His extensive experience and knowledge in the medical field, coupled with an impressive array of sports-related roles and accomplishments, sets him apart as a leading authority in the field.

Professional Background

- 1990 qualified as a medical doctor.
- 1990-1999 practised medicine progressing to Consultant level in Emergency Medicine and Sports Medicine.
- 2002 achieved the prestigious title of Fellow of the Faculty of Sports & Exercise Medicine (FFSEM). Also admitted as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (FRCP) and the Royal College of Surgeons (FRCS).
- 2004 Accredited Mediator
- 2016 Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

David specialises in handling serious sports injury (including clinical negligence), concussion cases, and anti-doping matters, relying upon his medical knowledge to provide unparalleled insights and representation.

Legal Expertise



David's experience as counsel has grown rapidly over recent years and counsel is able to assist with a wide range of sports law, including but not limited to:

- Football Transfers
- Arbitrations
- Mediations
- Regulatory Matters
- Contractual disputes
- Athlete Selection
- Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence
- Challenging Regulatory Bodies (including public law aspects)
- Anti-Doping Cases
- E-Sports

David has conducted cases at first instance and appellate level in the following sports:- football, rugby, boxing, equestrian, cycling, athletics, triathlon/ironman, judo, golf, ice-hockey, swimming, para-sports, sailing, floorball, Aussie-rules football, and angling.

Chambers are members of Law in Sport, as is David and he often speaks at events as he is linked with many other organisations as their go to counsel. David is a member of the following organisations.

- Sports Resolution UK Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators
- UK Anti-Doping Panel
- Sports Disputes Solutions Ireland Panel of Arbitrators
- Board of Appeal for Classification and Anti-Doping Panel of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC)
- Judicial Board of World Sailing
- Chair of Player Status Committee of IFA (Irish Football Association)
- Panel member of World Athletics Disciplinary and Appeals Tribunal
- Chairman of the International Bar Association (IBA) Sports Law Subdivision
- Court of Arbitrators for the Commonwealth Games in 2022

If you would like to discuss David's sports law experience or potential instructions, please feel free to call the sports law clerks – George Boggis or Robert Palumbo – to discuss this further.

Qualifications & Awards

Admitted to the Bars of England & Wales (Inner Temple), Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, British Virgin Islands, St Vincent & The Grenadines, and St Lucia

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Obstetrics (Distinction) Queen's University of Belfast 1990

DPH (University of Cambridge) 1995

Bachelor of Legal Science (Hons) (QUB) 1998

Certificate in Professional Legal Studies 1999

Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (FRCS) 2000

Accredited Mediator 2004

Member Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine 2006

Direct Access Training Course 2014

Masters in Construction Law, UWE Bristol 2018

Fellowship of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) 2017

Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians (FRCP) 2018

Fellowship of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators (FHKI Arb) 2020 and Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (FSI Arb) 2021

Appointments & Memberships

Legal Assessor MPTS 2009 to 2018

Legal Assessor NMC 2011 to 2018

Arbitration, mediation and pro-bono panels of Sports Resolutions, 2018 plus

Legal member of the Judicial Board of World Sailing, 2021

Legal member of the Board of Appeal of the International Paralympic Committee 2020

Vice Chair of the IBA Sports Law Division. 2022

Attorney General's Panel of Counsel – Panel A & Senior Panel 2012 plus

Non-Executive Director HTA 2005-09

Professional Negligence Bar Association

Personal Injury Bar Association

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association

British Irish Commercial Bar Association

TECBAR

Society of Construction Law

Publications

Expert Psychiatric Evidence, 2nd Ed, Cambridge University Press (Editor and Contributor)

Psychiatric Harm and the Boundaries of Primary Victimhood, Sharpe, D and Kelly, G. Medico-Legal Journal of Ireland (2018) 24(1).

Regular articles on Property Law Lexis PSL

Lawyer Monthly – Article on ADR December 2015