

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.

Clinical Negligence

David is a specialist clinical negligence practitioner. As a former Emergency Medicine doctor he has a complete understanding of medical practice and what goes wrong. He acts for both Claimants and Defendants (Trusts, NHSLA, MPS/MDU, MOD, and Private Hospitals/Consultants) in all aspects of clinical negligence and in particular high value cases and those which are difficult and/or complex in terms of liability and causation.

He has particular expertise in trial advocacy engaging with medical expert witnesses. His recent cases involve cerebral palsy, obstetric injuries, causa equina injury, missed spinal abscess, failure to recognise sepsis, delayed diagnosis of cancer, surgical complications, and stroke caused by a retained IVC filter.

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