

David Kemeny

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Overview

David Kemeny joined chambers in October 2021 following successful completion of pupillage under the tutelage of Luke Ashby, Nicholas Robinson and Hamish Dunlop. He now undertakes a broad range of common law instructions, encompassing personal injury and clinical negligence, commercial and criminal law. David represents Claimants and Defendants in civil proceedings and defends in criminal matters. He is available for court representation, written advocacy and advisory work.

David studied modern languages as an undergraduate and then international politics at postgraduate level, before completing the GDL where he excelled at mooting. He obtained an Outstanding award on the BPTC, with particularly high marks in Civil Litigation and Civil Advocacy. Prior to commencing pupillage, David worked as a paralegal in a London firm specialising in personal injury claims, followed by over a year as a freelance county court advocate conducting infant approval hearings and small claims trials (including credit hire). His experience also includes volunteering at the Free Representation Unit and the Employment Tribunal Litigant-in-Person Scheme.

Outside work, David enjoys running, chess and other strategy games, and science fiction. In simpler times he also enjoys travelling, scuba diving, and attending live music performances.

Languages spoken

- French (Fluent)
- German (Fluent)
- Danish (Working)
- Hungarian (Basic)
- Portuguese (Basic)

Academic qualifications

- BPTC (City University Law School)
- GDL (BPP)
- MSc International Politics (School of Oriental and African Studies)
- BA (Hons) French & German (University College London)

Scholarships

- Lincoln's Inn Buchanan Award
- Lincoln's Inn Lord Denning BTPC Scholarship
- BPP Internal Mooting Competition winner
- Westminster University Mooting Shield winner

Expertise

Personal Injury

David Kemeny is instructed to advise in Multi-Track Personal Injury matters, and regularly appears in Fast Track trials on behalf of both Claimants and Defendants. He is frequently instructed to appear in a variety of other interlocutory and disposal hearings. In addition to oral advocacy, David advises on liability and quantum and is regularly instructed to draft pleadings, statements of case and schedules of loss.

David's experience incorporates the following areas of law:

- Road traffic accidents
- Employer's liability
- Occupier's liability
- Public liability
- Highways Act
- Fatal Accidents Act
- Clinical Negligence

Articles

David Kemeny reviews the regulatory regime concerning the use of electric scooters, in light of their growing popularity and the increasing number of trials taking place in the UK, from Truro to Teeside and Copeland to Canterbury.

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Crime

David Kemeny regularly appears on behalf of Defendants in both Magistrates' and Crown Courts. His practice covers preliminary hearings, sentencing hearings, trials and all preparatory and advisory work in-between.

Appellate Work

R v A

Successful appeal against the level of a Compensation Order following a conviction for Criminal Damage.

Offences Against the Person

R v M

Assault and Witness Intimidation. Acquittal following successful submission of no case to answer.

Drugs

R v JW

Possession with Intent to Supply of Class B and Possession of Class A. Suspended sentence.

R v CW

Concerned in the Supply of Class A. Prolonged dealing to expunge a drug debt. Suspended sentence.

Acquisitive offences

R v G

Acquitted of Fraud by False Representation having helped a co-Defendant to carry items to a Cash Converters.

R v L

Burglary and Criminal Damage. Defendant committed offences when too intoxicated to remember. Suspended sentence.

Weapons offences

R v G

Possession of a Bladed Article in a Public Place. Case discontinued following service of Defence Case Statement.

Sexual offences

R v N

Sexual Assault and Stalking. Psychological assessment. Suspended sentence.

Motoring offences

R v BR

Inconsiderate Driving. Acquitted after trial.

R v DR

Dangerous Driving, Driving Without Insurance and Failing to Report an Accident. Defendant evaded police whilst intoxicated and crashed into a residential property, fleeing the scene on foot. Suspended sentence.