David Beatson



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Solicitor: 2017
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Overview

David Beatson is a family barrister, who earlier was admitted as a solicitor in January 2017 after training as a family lawyer with a well-known Top 200 law firm in the South-West of England. David continues to specialise in family law and, specifically, the law in relation to children.

During his nearly 9 years with the law firm, David appeared almost daily in court representing parents, children, and other members of the family, in a vast number of diverse and seminal cases in both public and private law. David undertook the majority of his own advocacy during this time, developing a reputation within the legal community as an extremely proficient advocate with an in-depth knowledge of the law and procedure. He attended court on a regular basis across the South-West and further afield.

David was accredited by the Law Society in Children Law after a short period of time post-qualification, allowing him to represent children in court proceedings, evidencing his strong expertise in that area.

David joined 3PB in March 2023 and is now a member of chambers having completed a shortened six-month pupillage, after receiving dispensations from the Bar Standards Board in recognition of his experience and ability as an advocate.

Alongside his extensive technical experience, David brings the added advantage of having the insight and awareness of the challenges faced by solicitors, from his hands-on experience with the Legal Aid Agency, to the logistics of case and client management.

Outside of work, David has a keen interest in the outdoors, and can regularly be found trail running with his dog, as well as attending as many music events and rugby games as his work commitments allow.

Academic qualifications

- Bar Transfer Test (Achieving the highest grade of all students for Advocacy), BPP University
- Legal Practice Course, Commendation, University of Law, Bristol
- LLB, 2:2, University of Law, Bristol
- Graduate Diploma in Law, University of Law, Bristol
- BA (Hons) English Literature, 2:1, University of the West of England, Bristol

Professional bodies

- Member of the Association of Lawyers for Children (ALC)
- Law Society Children Law Accreditation (formerly known as the Children Panel)
- Member of Inner Temple