

David Berkley KC

Head of Chambers

Year of Call: 1979

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Recommendations

"Has a diverse practice which encompasses commercial and chancery litigation. He also has extensive experience with banking and insolvency matters and entertainment law disputes."

Chambers UK 2019/Chancery

Strengths: "A calm, collected and measured barrister, he is an excellent orator and he fights his client's corner."

Chambers UK 2018/Chancery

'David Berkley QC has more than 20 years' experience in chancery work. He is known for commercial property disputes, employment, professional negligence and regulatory law.

Strengths: "A very nice chap; he is a very eloquent speaker with good advocacy skills."

Chambers UK 2017/Chancery

'David Berkley QC Has a strong commercial and chancery practice. He is experienced in company and commercial work as well as banking and insolvency matters. He also handles landlord and tenant and partnerships disputes and is an accredited mediator.'

Chambers UK 2016/Chancery

'An absolute master, in cross-examination and an indescribably approachable silk. Very strong analytical skills and an ability to isolate the legal issues very quickly and efficiently.'

Legal 500 2021/Chancery, Probate and Tax/Leading Silks/Tier 1/Leading Silks

'Excellent advocate, orator and communicator. Formidable in court with the ability to quickly capture an audience and the attention of the judge. Calmness under fire. Ability to digest large volume of material, identify the key issues and its application to the facts and law.'

Legal 500 2021/Commercial Litigation/Leading Silks/Tier 1/Leading Silks

'His technical knowledge, expertise and approach are exemplary, and he is an extremely effective advocate.'

Legal 500 2020/commercial, banking, insolvency and chancery law - Leading Silks

'Noted for his expertise in directors' disqualification matters.'

Legal 500 2018/19/commercial, banking, insolvency and chancery law - Leading Silks.

'His technical knowledge is exemplary.'

Legal 500 2017/commercial, banking, insolvency and chancery law - Leading Silks.

'Highly experienced in banking and commercial litigation.'

Legal 500 2016/commercial, banking, insolvency and chancery law - Leading Silks.

"David is an excellent mediation advocate and team leader."

Mark Mattison, Mediator

"David is an excellent public speaker and advocate for the causes with which he is associated."

Dr Yaakar Wise, retired academic

Academic qualifications

- LLB (Hons), University of Manchester
- BVC, College of Law

Professional qualifications & appointments

- 2000 Appointed Deputy District Judge
- 2001 Appointed Recorder (Civil)
- 2007 Appointed Honorary Teaching Fellow, Manchester Metropolitan University
- Qualified mediator (College of Law accredited)

Professional bodies

- Professional Negligence Bar Association
- Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association (Chairman)
- Northern Chancery Bar Association