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David Taylor



Year of call: **2025**
Degree: **BA/LLB (University of Auckland, First Class Honours), LLM (LSE, Distinction)**

David accepts instructions in all areas of Chambers' practice.

Before being called to the Bar of England and Wales, David practised as a barrister and solicitor in New Zealand in commercial, public law and regulatory litigation, and as a Crown Prosecutor. He also practised as a solicitor in commercial litigation at a London Magic Circle firm and in Sydney.

David recently completed a PhD in Law at the University of Cambridge (graduation pending).

EXPERIENCE

Public & Regulatory

David has significant experience as an advocate in public law in New Zealand prior to moving to the UK, holds a specialised Masters in public law, and has completed a PhD in public law at the University of Cambridge (pending graduation). He accepts instructions in all areas of public and regulatory law.

Cases

Health and Safety Executive v Information Commissioner's Office & Wildfish
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A claim by an environmental campaign group concerning the Health and Safety Executive's duties in respect of information on pesticide usage under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (assisting Ravi Mehta, for the HSE).

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AFM and SAG-AFTRA v Secretary of State

One of the final claims for Francovich damages before the English courts, alleging defective implementation by the UK of certain requirements of EU law relating to copyright (assisting Ravi Mehta, led by Ewan West KC of Monckton Chambers, for the Secretary of State).

AA v Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority and others

[2026] EWHC 317 (Fam)

Fifteen applications heard together, in which the High Court (Family Division) decided that it was lawful for embryos and gametes to continue to be stored where relevant written consents to storage had expired and had not been renewed within the statutory timeframes introduced under the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 (assisting Ravi Mehta, for the HFEA).

R (River Action) v OFWAT

[2026] EWHC 586 (Admin)

Judicial review proceedings concerning the rationality of OFWAT's approach to allocating enhancement expenditure to water and sewerage undertakers for the purposes of achieving environmental outcomes (assisting Ravi Mehta, for OFWAT).

R (Mandarin) v HM Commissioner for the BIOT (Human Rights Watch intervening)

An appeal against a decision of the BIOT Supreme Court that an Order in Council providing that there is no right of abode for Chagossians in the Chagos Islands was and/or is unlawful (assisting Natasha Simonsen, led by Ben Jaffey KC, for Human Rights Watch).

Advice on motor finance redress scheme

Advising a financial services provider on a potential challenge to the Financial Conduct Authority's motor finance redress scheme (assisting Daniel Burgess, led by Jonathan Hough KC of 4 New Square Chambers).

Civil Liberties & Human Rights

David accepts instructions in all areas of civil liberties and human rights.

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Cases

[Prisoner] v Ministry of Justice

(County Court, 26 June 2026)

A successful prisoner's claim for failures to make reasonable adjustments, indirect disability discrimination and violations of Articles 3, 8 and 14 ECHR. After a 4.5-day trial, the Claimant was awarded substantial damages, including aggravated and exemplary damages, plus indemnity costs (assisting George Molyneaux, for the claimant).

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Re: complaint to Investigatory Powers Tribunal

Advising an international human rights charity on a possible complaint to the IPT concerning extraordinary rendition (assisting Natasha Simonsen).

False imprisonment claim

A claim for aggravated and exemplary damages for false imprisonment against the Ministry of Justice (assisting Natasha Simonsen).

Commercial

David accepts instructions in all areas of commercial law.

Cases

ASGC Holding LLC v Innovo Holding Ltd

A complex fraud claim concerning the alleged diversion of assets, data and staff from a major UAE company group (assisting Harry Adamson, led by Andrew Green KC, for the Eighth and Ninth Defendants).

Fraud claim

A very high value claim alleging unlawful means conspiracy and breaches of contract linked to a major corporate restructuring (assisting Harry Adamson, led by Andrew Green KC and Fraser Campbell KC).

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RS Lender IV S.A.R.L. v Gil Marin

A debt claim for c. EUR 85m relating to funding for a Spanish property development. The case involves parallel Spanish criminal proceedings and a Luxembourg-law share pledge, raising complex issues about the operation of exclusive jurisdiction clauses (assisting Harry Adamson, led by Andreas Gledhill KC, for the Claimant).

Breach of warranty claim

Advising in relation to a potential claim for breaches of warranties under an Asset Purchase Agreement (assisting Harry Adamson, for the claimant).

Fraud claim

Very high value proceedings in which are alleged unlawful means conspiracy, bribery, procuring breach of contract, dishonest assistance, deceit and breach of contract. The proceedings include a counterclaim for contribution and part 20 civil fraud claims (assisting Harry Adamson, for one of the defendants).

Re: a motor racing team

A multi-million dollar claim in the Commercial Court arising out of the sale of a motor racing team. The proceedings settled after the claimant served a strike out application (assisting Daniel Burgess, for the claimant).

Breach of contract and civil fraud claim

Commercial Court proceedings alleging breach of contract, inducing breach of contract and unlawful means conspiracy in relation to alleged misappropriation of assets (assisting Harry Adamson, led by Andrew Green KC).

Competition

David accepts instructions in all areas of competition law.

Cases

Evans v Barclays Bank Plc

An application to the Competition Appeal Tribunal to dismiss the proceedings and opposing an application to file an amended claim form following the Supreme Court's decision in Evans v Barclays Bank Plc [2025] UKSC 48, [2026] 2 All ER 733 (assisting Natasha Simonsen, led by Daniel Beard KC of Monckton Chambers and Sarah Ford KC of Brick Court Chambers, for Barclays Bank Plc).

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Collective proceedings

Assisting with the draft CPO response on an opt-out collective proceedings claim in the Competition Appeal Tribunal.

Civil Fraud, Asset Recovery & Injunctive Relief

David accepts instructions in all areas of civil fraud, asset recovery and injunctive relief.

Cases

ASGC Holding LLC v Innovo Holding Ltd

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Public International Law

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Re: complaint to Investigatory Powers Tribunal

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Data Protection, Freedom of Information & Privacy

David accepts instructions in all areas of data protection, freedom of information and privacy law.

Cases

Judicial Appointments Commission v Choudhury

[2026] UKFTT (GRC)

Application for costs and opposition to cross-application for costs following the withdrawal of the respondent's application to certify an offence to the Upper Tribunal (assisting Natasha Simonsen, for the applicant).

Health and Safety Executive v Information Commissioner's Office & Wildfish

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Environment

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Education

- PhD in Law (pending graduation), Downing College, University of Cambridge
- LLM (Dist) Public Law, London School of Economics
- BA/LLB (1st Class Hons), University of Auckland

Prizes and scholarships

- Squire Postgraduate Studentship in Law (2024)
- Cambridge Law Journal PhD Scholarship (2024)
- Wright Rogers Scholarship in Law (2023)
- First in The International Law of Self-Determination (2015)
- Senior Scholarship (2014)
- EUCN Honours Dissertation Scholarship (2014)
- Australian National University Research Scholarship (2012)
- First in Public Law Honours (2012)
- Auckland University Summer Research Scholarship (2011)

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