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David's practice encompasses all aspects of property litigation, costs and professional negligence.



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Practice Summary

The core of David's practice is all forms of property litigation. He also practises in the areas of professional negligence and costs.

David is one of the best known practitioners in his field. He has immense experience of litigation and advocacy in front of all types of court and tribunal all the way up to the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court. He acts for all types of clients in all types of disputes within his specialist areas. His clients range from individual householders to the largest property developers and landowners. He has represented local authorities, firms of solicitors and representative bodies. David can accept instructions under the Bar Council's Public Access scheme.

David has been ranked in the legal guidebooks as a leading practitioner in his fields for many years and is currently ranked in the highest band/tier in both Chambers and Partners and Legal 500 for property litigation. He was previously named the Real Estate Silk of the Year at the Chambers and Partners Bar Awards. In the Chambers and Partners Guide 2025 for Real Estate Litigation, David is described as "*an excellent silk and a brilliant team player*" and as "*incredibly knowledgeable on property law and...an absolute delight to work with*". In the Costs Litigation section of the Chambers and Partners Guide he is described as

having “quicksilver intelligence and brilliance on his feet”.

David has had experience sitting as a Deputy High Court Judge in the Chancery Division and also as a Recorder and a part-time Judge of the First-tier Tribunal (Property Chamber). He also acts as an arbitrator and expert.

David is a member of both the MCC and Surrey CCC. He is also an Arsenal season ticket holder and has recently taken up golf again.

Property

As his list of cases demonstrates, David has immense experience of litigating at all levels of court. Notable highlights include:

- Acting for the successful Respondent in the Supreme Court case of **Candey v Crumpler** [2022] UKSC 35.
- Representing the Appellant in the recent Supreme Court case of **TW Logistics v Essex CC**.
- Acting for the Law Society as Intervening Party in the appeal in **Dreamvar v Mishcon de Reya**.
- Acting for the Law Society in many of the more significant costs cases in the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal over the last 10 years including, most recently, **Budana v Cam Legal**, **Haven v Gavin Edmondson**, **Budana v Leeds Hospital** and **Denton v White**.
- Acting in a significant case involving mooring rights in the Thames.
- Acting for a former landlord in a dilapidations claim against a well-known multi-national company which settled just before trial with the payment of over £5 million in damages.
- Acting for the landlord in the largest and most significant 1954 Act renewal case for many years.
- Acting for TV personality Noel Edmonds in a claim against a former business partner.
- Successfully arguing in the High Court that an AGA given by an original tenant's guarantor was void.
- Acting on behalf of a landowner in successfully claiming a prescriptive right to park.

Recommendations

"David Holland is an excellent silk and a brilliant team player.", "David is incredibly knowledgeable on property law and is an absolute delight to work with.", "He is a very safe pair of hands who can give confident, direct and targeted advice."

Real Estate Litigation, Chambers and Partners, 2025

"Calm and measured in his approach. he's excellent.", "David is able to cut through a huge amount of paperwork and tackle complex issues.", "The excellent David Holland KC impresses with his quicksilver intelligence and brilliance on his feet."

Costs Litigation, Chambers and Partners, 2025

"David is extremely knowledgeable in niche areas of law which gives clients a huge amount of confidence in him. He is a marvel in the court room."

Property Litigation, Legal 500, 2025

"A superb advocate and lovely to deal with.", "the barrister that you want by your side for highly complex matters. He is an excellent advocate and brilliant when dealing with cross-examination."

Real Estate Litigation, Chambers and Partners, 2024

"a master in the courtroom - he's an incredible advocate" and as having "a great ability to cut through masses of detail and find a way to the heart of the case. He is fantastic both in his paperwork and on his feet in court."

Costs Litigation, Chambers and Partners, 2024

"David is a great team player: he rolls up his sleeves with the rest of the team and always performs."

Property Litigation, Legal 500, 2024

"David gives clear written advice and is very approachable." "David Holland is a very good cross-examiner."

Real Estate Litigation, Chambers and Partners, 2023

"Fantastic silk to work with, David's energy level and work ethic is incredible."

Property Litigation, Legal 500, 2023

"A very knowledgeable and experienced property barrister whose immediate grasp of a case and attention to detail is very impressive."

Real Estate Litigation, Chambers and Partners, 2022

"He's very good and he gets to the point."

Costs Litigation, Chambers and Partners, 2022

"David provides clear and concise advice and is very quick to reach the core of the argument. However, David's greatest ability is in court and particularly on cross-examination of witnesses and experts where he can be ferocious."

Property Litigation, Legal 500, 2022

"David always brings high energy levels to the table as well as being approachable and providing clear advice." "He is someone who instils huge confidence in clients. He has that ability to speak to clients on their level but at the same time be able to get straight to the point with his legal advice in a no-nonsense way." "In terms of gravitas he's the best I've come across."

Real Estate Litigation, Chambers and Partners, 2021

"A man of razor-sharp intelligence who identifies the key points in a case quickly." "He knows the background to all of the reforms in this area intimately and is able to direct the client in an assured way."

Costs Litigation, Chambers and Partners, 2021

"Clients particularly enjoy the clarity with which he advises in conference; he is tenacious when on his feet." "David always brings high energy levels to the table as well as being approachable and providing clear advice."

Chambers and Partners, 2021

"A confident and assertive advocate who is very commercial and good with clients." "He adds a touch of brilliance to everything he does." "He has an excellent eye for detail."

Real Estate Litigation, Chambers and Partners, 2020

"He is the go-to person for the Law Society and regularly appears in appellate cases."

Costs Litigation, Chambers and Partners, 2020

Cases and inquiries

21 10 24	David Holland KC appears in important Court of Appeal case on the ownership of a large mosque in East London
09 09 24	AP Wireless v On Tower UK Limited [2024] UKUT 263 (LC)
14 05 24	High Court hands down important judgment on section 37A of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954
25 04 24	Strack: Court of Appeal confirms inspector fell into error when he assumed that the public have right to use Town and Village Greens
08 12 23	Court of Appeal delivers important judgment in Holland Park dispute as to parking rights
07 06 23	Court of Appeal hands down judgment in Avondale Park Ltd v Miss Delaney's Nursery Schools Ltd [2023] EWCA Civ 641
01 01 23	Aucott v Martin
21 12 22	Candey Ltd. v Crumpler [2022] UKSC 35
27 10 22	Belsner v Cam Legal [2022] EWCA Civ 1387
10 10 22	Campden Hill gate v Duchess of Bedford House [2022] EWHC 2489 (Ch)
05 08 22	CTIL v London Borough of Hackney [2022] UKUT 210 (LC)
22 04 22	William Simon Fattal v Elias Simon Fattal [2022] EWHC 950 (Ch)

10 12 21	Docklock v Christo [2021] EWHC 3343 (Ch)
26 08 21	Ahuja Investments Ltd v Victorygame Ltd [2021] EWHC 2382 (Ch)
05 07 21	Ahuja v Victorygame [2021] EWCA Civ 993
12 02 21	TW Logistics v Essex CC [2021] UKSC 4
05 08 20	Mills v Partridge [2020] EWHC 2171 (Ch)
22 05 20	Michael Wilson and Partners Ltd v Sinclair [2020] EWHC 1249 (Comm)
20 04 20	Ahuja Investments v Victorygame [2020] EWHC 1152 (Ch)
23 01 20	Candey v Crumpler [2020] EWCA Civ 26
15 02 19	Candey v Crumpler [2019] EWHC 282 (Ch)
19 11 18	GBM Minerals Engineering Consultants Ltd v Michael Wilson & Partners Ltd (2018)
07 06 18	Crane Road v Hundalani [2006] EWHC 2066 (Ch)
05 06 18	Zenith Trustees v Secretary of State
15 05 18	P&P Property Ltd v Owen White & Catlin LLP / Dreamvar (UK) Ltd v. Mishcon de Reya [2018] EWCA Civ 1082
15 05 18	P&P v Owen White; Dreamvar v Mishcon de Reya [2018] EWCA Civ 1082
18 04 18	Gavin Edmondson v Haven Insurance [2018] UKSC 21
28 03 18	Gorst & Anor v Knight [2018] EWHC 613 (Ch)
28 03 18	Gorst v Knight [2018] EWHC 613 (Ch)
13 03 18	Warborough Investments Ltd v Lunar Office SARL [2018] EWCA Civ 427
26 01 18	Iraqi Civilians v Ministry of Defence [2018] EWHC 690
05 12 17	Budana v The Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust [2017] EWCA Civ 1980
19 05 17	Grimes v Trustees of the Essex Farmers and Union Hunt [2017] EWCA Civ 361

13 01 17	Michael Wilson & Partners v Sinclair [2017] EWCA Civ 3
17 12 16	Ghising v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2015] EWHC 3706 (QB)
25 11 16	National Grid Transmission Plc v Hllam [2016] WL 07377400 Chancery Division District Registry (Leeds)
25 05 16	Various Claimants v Ministry of Defence [2016] 3 Costs LO 477
19 04 16	South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust v Laindon Holdings Ltd [2016] EWCA Civ
13 04 16	Redrow Homes v Martin Dawn [2016] EWHC 934 (Ch)
03 02 16	The Gulf Agencies v Ahmed [2016] EWCA Civ 44
23 07 15	Michael Wilson & Partners Ltd v Sinclair [2015] EWCA Civ 774
10 07 15	Pentecost v John [2015] EWHC 1970
18 03 15	Magnic Ltd v (1) Mahmood UI-Hassan (2) Nasim Akhtar Malik [2015] EWCA Civ 224
20 11 14	Assaubayev v MWP [2014] EWCA Civ 1491
18 07 14	Cohen v Teseo Properties [2014] EWHC 2442 (Ch)
18 07 14	Cohen v Teseo Properties Ltd & Anor [2014] EWHC 2442 (Ch)
04 07 14	Denton v White [2014] EWCA Civ 906
14 10 13	The Port of London Authority v Tower Bridge Yacht and Boat Club Limited [2013] EWHC 3084
10 04 13	Flatman v Germany [2013] EWCA Civ 278
13 03 13	Relicpride Building Co Ltd v Cordara [2013] EWCA Civ 158
04 12 12	Tweedie v Souglides [2012] EWCA Civ 1548
22 05 12	HOTT v ABP [2012] EWHC 1336 (Ch) (18/5/12)
10 05 12	HOTT V ABP [2012] EWCA Civ
12 03 12	John Zeno Souglides v (1) Thomas Cunningham Tweedie (2) John Matheson Tweedie [2012] EWHC 561 (Ch)

30 11 11	Brown v Pretot [2011] EWCA Civ 1421
24 11 11	Lejonvarn and another v Cromwell Mansions Management Co Ltd [2011] EWHC 3838 (Ch)
11 11 11	European St Pancras v Glynn [2013] PLSCS 67 Central London County Court Chancery list
08 09 11	Camertown Timber Merchants Ltd v Sidhu [2011] EWCA Civ 1041
11 08 11	Hirose Electrical UK Ltd v Peak Ingredients Ltd [2011] EWCA Civ 987
02 08 11	Humber Oil Terminal Trustee v ABP [2011] EWHC 2043 (Ch)
11 05 11	HOTT V ABP [2011] EWHC 1184 (Ch)
09 02 11	MW Trustees Ltd (2) Robert Posel (3) Pamela Posel v Tellular Corporation [2011] L&TR 19
22 01 11	LB SOUTHWARK V SIBTHORP AND MORRIS [2011] EWCA Civ 25
21 01 11	SSRA v ST GEORGE [2011] UKUT 13 (LC-HHJ Reid QC)
21 10 10	Hirose Electrical v Peak Ingredients [2010] All ER (D) 198 (Oct)
17 06 10	Tel-Ka Talk v The Commissioners to HM Revenue and Customs (SCCO-Master Hurst 17/6/10)
24 02 10	Good Harvest V Centaur [2010] EWHC 330
23 02 10	Richard Buxton Solicitors v Mills-Owen [2010] EWCA Civ 122
26 11 09	BHATTI v BHATTI Ch D
15 10 09	SAFESTORE V RSN [2009] PLSCS 292 CLCC
11 12 08	Kier Tankard v John Fredricks [2008] EWCA Civ 1375
15 08 08	Langham Estate Management Ltd v Hardy [2008] 3 EGLR 125
06 08 08	Hodsoll v Hanbury [2008] EWHC 1970 (Ch)
23 07 08	Leonora Investment Co Ltd v Mott MacDonald Ltd [2008] EWCA Civ 857
25 01 08	Kalatara Holdings v Andersen [2008] EWHC 86 (Ch)
01 01 08	Hanbury v Hodsell Arbitration Hearing October 2007 Award January 2008

04 12 07	Waltham Forest London Borough Council (Appellant) v Davis Maloba (Respondent) & Law Society [2007] EWCA Civ 1281
17 10 07	Watermoor v Walker QBD 17/10/07 (MacKay J)
22 06 07	Cochrane v Chauffeurs of Birmingham Central London County Court
14 05 07	Walbrook Trustees v. Liberty Centre Trustee (Chancery Division)
15 03 07	Bridlington Harbour Commissioners v East Riding of Yorkshire
18 07 06	Myatt v National Coal Board [2007] 1 All ER 147
18 07 06	Garrett v Halton BC [2006] EWCA Civ 1017
14 07 06	Scottish Widows v Stewart [2006] EWCA Civ 999
02 03 06	Kent v Kavanagh [2007] Ch 1
25 01 06	Chapter Group v LRT [2006] R.V.R. 242
01 01 06	Stephens v Cannon [2006] RVR 126
01 01 06	Agassi v Robinson [2006] 1 WLR 2126
01 01 05	Ungi v Liverpool CC [2005] 1 WLR 2657
01 01 04	Mount Cook v Media Business Centre [2004] 2 P&CR 25
01 01 04	Albany Construction v Cunningham [2004] EWHC 3392
01 01 03	Mount Eden v Folia [2003] EWHC 1815 (Ch)
01 01 03	Hollins v Russell [2003] 1 WLR 2487
01 01 02	Duarte v Mount Cook [2002] L&TR 21
01 01 01	Walji v Mount Cook [2001] 1 P&CR 13
01 01 01	Callery v Gray (Nos 1 & 2) [2001] 1 WLR 2112 and 2142
01 01 01	Petersson v Pitt Place (2001) 82 P&CR 21

01 01 01 Prudential v McBains Cooper [2001] 3 All ER 1014

01 01 00 Clarke v O'Keefe (2000) 80 P&CR 126

01 01 99 El Naschie v Pitt Place (1999) 78 P&CR 44
